

CREATIVE DECISIONS FOUNDATION SPONSORS AHP/ANP PRESENTATIONS AT 2019MCDM

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The 2019 Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) Conference took place at Istanbul Technical University (ITU) in Istanbul, Turkey from June 17 - 21. Grants that covered the conference registration fee were awarded by the Creative Decisions Foundation (CDF) to selected teachers, researchers with recent PhD degrees, and students studying for their PhD.

Applicants were first required to have already been accepted to make a presentation at the 2019 conference on a topic involving AHP or ANP, and then they had to submit a paper they had written about their topic along with their application to be considered for a grant. A joint committee formed of the MCDM2019 organizers and personnel from the Creative Decisions Foundation determined the award recipients.



CDF grantees displaying their awards at the awards reception

An award reception for the CDF grantees was held at the ITU pool overlooking the Bosphorus strait on Monday, June 17. Click here to see the pictures of the individual grantees receiving their awards:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kqv6tlrawf1kkro/AAA5jJ_G8dHGTOgBOOR2p16sa?dl=0

Twenty-one people from 13 countries received grants. At the reception they were presented with an award and a copy of what some say is the best book ever written on the subject of AHP/ANP by Thomas L. Saaty: *Principia Mathematica Decernendi* (Principles of Decision Making with the AHP).



Rozann Saaty, President of Creative Decisions Foundation and Ilker Topcu, Chairman of MCDM2019

Ilker Topcu, chairman of the MCDM2019 conference, received a special award for the way he supported the CDF sponsorship program. He helped the grantees all the way through the process, offering advice on everything from travel issues to the most affordable lodging accommodations.



Enjoying the pool and live music at the awards reception

One of the purposes of Creative Decisions Foundation is to help young researchers get started in the publishing game by helping them get their papers that are focused on AHP published. The papers covered a wide range of topics from theory to applications in various fields, and their quality was excellent, exceeding the expectations of the award committee. Our *IJAHP* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Enrique Mu, was present at the reception to personally invite CDF grantees to consider submitting their work to our official AHP journal. (www.ijahp.org).



Enrique Mu, Editor-in-Chief of the *IJAHP* journal, Milagros Pereya and Mónica García-Melón on the dinner cruise along the Bosphorus

The MCDM conference gave many opportunities to AHP participants to meet each other and one of most celebrated events was the dinner cruise along the Bosphorus where breathtaking views of Istanbul could be admired.



Creative Decisions Foundation display of books on AHP

Conference attendees could browse through the books on AHP that were displayed at the Creative Decisions Foundation exhibit table. Most are available for purchase as e-books from Amazon.com, Google Books or Apple itunes. Links to where to purchase them can be found on Creative Decision Foundation's book site: www.rwspublications.com.