

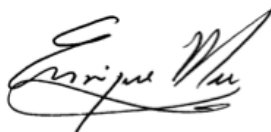
Making Decisions in the New Normal



Dear *IJAHP* Reader:

Welcome to our second *IJAHP* issue in 2020. This issue is being published at a very special moment for our community and the world. The challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic highlight the need, more than ever, for making rational decisions in the face of multiple conflicting objectives (e.g., legal, health and economic outcomes). Multi-criteria decision-making has never been more important than in the current crisis. The AHP/ANP methodology is particularly suitable for the challenge of incorporating health issues within a structured decision-making framework, so we should expect more applications in this area during the following months.

We are currently operating in the so-called “new normal.” We will certainly not be back to study or work in the same way as before the pandemic. The essay in this issue titled “What if Classroom Instruction Becomes a Thing of the Past?” reflects this idea. Important changes have also taken place in academic and professional meetings. For the time being, the emphasis will be on virtual gatherings. [ISAHP2020](#) will take place December 3-6, and will have a virtual format. This will allow many professionals to participate who, due to time or financial constraints would not have been able to participate in a traditional physical gathering. For this reason, the theme for the conference this year is “AHP/ANP: The New Generation.” As in previous years, *IJAHP* will play a major role in the organization of this event and will offer participants the opportunity for their best work to be reviewed for fast publication. Hope to see you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Enrique Mu". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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