

## Foreword

The International Journal of Systematic Innovation provides a unique international forum that can enable research and development of systematic innovation (SI) for problem solving and identification of innovative opportunities. The Journal's mission is to gather researchers, industrial practitioners, and students to share theoretical and technological advances in SI which include TRIZ, non-TRIZ human-originated systematic innovation as well as nature-inspired systematic innovation. In addition to research papers, the Journal commits to articles on new methodologies and developments, case studies, surveys, and tutorials on topics related to theoretical and technological advances in SI. By publishing quality refereed papers on the knowledge, tools, methods, or studies of SI, the Journal acts as a vital link between the research community and practitioners in all sections.

A special section is allocated in the current issue for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Systematic Innovation held in January 2010 in Hsinchu, Taiwan. To maintain the timeliness of publication, two of the best papers from the conference are included in this issue. More will appear in the later issue. In this issue, one regularly submitted paper have been carefully reviewed, revised, and selected under the Journal's regular publication guidelines. The other two papers have been selected from the First International Conference on Systematic Innovation. The Guest Editor and the Journal review committee invited authors of 25 most deserving papers presented in the conference to submit the extended versions of their papers. 18 papers were submitted timely. All the papers were then subject to the usual rigorous peer-review process. So far, two of the papers were rejected, four are accepted, two are published in this issue and the rest are still in the review process. The assembly of this issue has been a team effort. We want to thank the reviewers, the authors, and the committee for their tremendous help. We are confident that you will find these papers interesting and thought-provoking.

Finally, we would like to cordially invite you to submit your original papers to IJoSI electronically through the website at <http://www.IJoSI.org>. We'd also like to invite you to submit papers and/or participate in the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Systematic innovation to be held in Shanghai during May 25-28, 2011. For details, please check out <http://www.icsi-conf.org>. Any feedback, please send email to [editor@systematic-innovation.org](mailto:editor@systematic-innovation.org).

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