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Editorial

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After the first issues of the IJHSD, Green Lines Institute now publishes a new issue of the Journal, thus continuing a consistent path in the publication of original scientific contributes in the field of heritage and sustainable development. The main objective originally presented - "making these two sometimes separated subjects [heritage and sustainable development] a common object of analysis and research" - remains and is reinforced with this new contributions. This issue gathers some of the most significant contributions presented at some of Green Lines last Conferences (namely the international conferences on intangible heritage and building rehabilitation). After assessment by the scientific committee in order to identify the most significant contributions for the purposes of this issue, authors were invited to rewrite their papers into Journal articles that were then submitted to peer-review. In reading throughout these articles the relationship between sustainable development and heritage regains a new strength and the interdependence between both is proven even more tightly. Furthermore, this issue also includes some original contributions submitted directly by Authors with relevant research in the field.

Yet, the main areas of research and discussion covered by the Journal remained the same as originally proposed, for their research worthiness and thematic coherence: a) heritage and sustainable economics, b) heritage and governance for sustainable development, c) sustainable preservation of natural heritage, d) sustainable preservation of cultural heritage, e) heritage and communities development, f) heritage and sustainable tourism and g) sustainable preservation of built heritage, this issue covering a vast area of research. Because of unforeseen reasons the Journal delayed the publication of this issue that should have been ready in 2014. Consequently the number of articles increased and a total of twenty texts is being now published. The sequence of the papers was organised in author's last name alphabetic order.

The Editor wishes to thank all Authors who contributed to the issue and patiently waited for its publication and hopes that it will contribute to foster the discussion on heritage and sustainable development, given the relevance of the contributions being published. The Editor also wishes to thank all members of the Editorial Board for their kind and permanent contribution.

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