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## Editorial

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The International Conference “Sustainable Energy Use and Management” is dedicated to provide an opportunity for academics and professionals from a variety of fields to meet and exchange ideas and expertise on matters related to the green economy, sustainable energy use, energy efficiency and energy management, to provide a place for academics and professionals with inter-disciplinary interests related to economics-engineering to interact with members within and outside their particular disciplines.

This issue consists of seven selected papers that were presented during the conference. The papers focused on different aspects of the green economy and sustainable energy use: green economy as a vision for competitive and sustainable development, the education system, human resources and the labour market in the green economy, traditional vs. green energy use, environmental and technical evaluation of the use of alternatives fuels,

Selecting the seven best papers, which were presented at the conference, was a great honour as well as a highly demanding task for the editor of this special issue, due of the large number of exceptional papers.

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Enjoy reading!