

Dear readers, dear authors,

I am pleased to welcome you to a new year, which we start off with a somewhat changed composition of the editorial and scientific board of our journal Promet – Traffic&Transportation.

This first issue in 2021 will thus herald a new era for the journal, based on best practice and collaboration between authors, readers and academic institutions across Europe and beyond.

In return, I would like to express my appreciation to the previous Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Mario Anžek, for his many years of service and dedication to the journal. I am also pleased that Prof. Anžek will remain with the journal as a special advisor and will continue to stimulate and inspire us all.

The journal Promet – Traffic&Transportation is an internationally indexed scientific journal, published by the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb. The mission of our journal is to provide high-quality communication of research results, which is crucial for the effectiveness of scientific research, the promotion of scientific information and new ideas and original research in the field of traffic and transportation engineering.

Our vision is to publish relevant scientific papers to become a focal point for the promotion of scientific activity in the global environment and among our readers and authors. Therefore, the journal will continue the long tradition of open access to make scientific papers available to all interested parties.

The editorial policy of the journal Promet – Traffic&Transportation will be based on providing timely, high-quality, and competent information so that accepted papers will be published in the shortest possible time. Our focus will be on finding good and interesting articles and helping authors prepare potentially valuable papers for international review. In doing so, we will adhere to the criteria of scientific excellence and to the highest standards and international editorial conventions that apply in scientific publishing.

In this way, we want to create a synergy between the articles and the journal because we believe that quality articles will make our journal more valuable, and our journal will be a place where quality articles are published.

In this issue, you will find papers dealing with transportation planning and the spatial distribution of travel activities, a study on profitable shared parking management based on a day-to-day evolution model, a case study connectivity contribution to an urban hub network based on supernetwork theory, and the potential reduction of travel time with autonomous vehicles for different types of travelers. There are also papers dealing with robust variants of integer flow problems with uncertain arc capacity, railway capacity pricing, and queue length in freeway work zones on freeways.

In the area of transport logistics, we have prepared a review paper on cost and performance optimization in the technological phase of parcel delivery. In the area of transportation infrastructure, ITS and information and communication technologies, there are papers on the spatial distribution of travel activities, robust variants of integer flow problems with uncertain arc capacities, the construction of composite indicators of road safety, the optimization of car flow organization for freight trains, and signal estimation timing of actuated signal control using pattern recognition under a connected vehicle environment.

In the traffic engineering category, there is a review paper on railroad capacity expansion using advanced signaling systems.

As you can see, there is already a wealth of topics in this year's first issue. I am pleased to note that we continue to receive a large number of original papers for publication in our journal. This is just one of many indicators that traffic and transportation are expanding and that we can expect better times in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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