

Editorial

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Dear

Associate Editors,
Members of the Editorial Board,
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Authors,
and friends of

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First of all I would like to thank Professor Andrea Benedetto for the great confidence he has placed in me entrusting me the part of Editor in Chief of our loved journal, *Advances in Transportation Studies*. I am deeply delighted, honoured and proud to assume such role for ATS. A role that was first of Professor Carlo Benedetto who imagined, planned, designed and created such journal, realizing an ambitious, exciting and challenging idea. Then, Professor Andrea Benedetto took the leadership and we all know where he was able to bring our journal, reaching amazing objectives, unbelievable results and remarkable accomplishments, thanks to all the efforts and the hard work he has always done with great enthusiasm and passion allowing ATS to be nowadays one of the most renowned and appreciated scientific journal in the area of transportation.

Obviously, I would also like to thank all the Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board, without their invaluable and precious contributions all this would have not been possible. Thanks for the kind words of appreciation about Andrea's decision and proposal to candidate me as new Editor in Chief of ATS. Thanks for the esteem and confidence that all of you have shown me, it is really a huge satisfaction that gives me the strength and courage to take the leadership of ATS for bringing it to new goals and continuing the great growth work that has been done in all these years. I am sure that I can always count on your essential help, contribution and passion, hoping to deserve all your esteem for me.

I want to thank all the authors and reviewers who collaborated with us for reaching such unbelievable results, all with a common and pervasive aim: contributing to the dissemination of researches, results and applications in the field of transportation. Surely, in 2003, thirteen year ago, when the first issue of ATS was published, nobody of us, even the most optimistic, could have expected such remarkable accomplishments.

In fact, since 2003, 485 papers have been published in ATS. All these papers have been referred by at least two reviewers through a blind peer review process. On average, from 2003 to now, 10% of papers submitted to the Journal for possible publication have been accepted in the original form, 40% have been accepted after one or two round of reviews and about 50% have been rejected after review, with a rejection rate that has grown from 30% in the early years up to almost 60% in the last year, making ATS a very selective journal.

We continue to focus on publishing high-quality papers with long-term reference value based on timely management of paper reviewers. Time of publication varied from three months to maximum one year from the date of submission.

More than 1000 authors from over 60 different Countries all over the world have been contributed to ATS success, publishing their research in one or more issues among the 39 ordinary issues and 16 special issues published in ATS up to date.

All these few data here presented provided you just a picture of the great success and excellent improvements of ATS during these past years. However, it must be seen as one step in a long journey and not as an end in itself.

Thank you for everything you have always done in the past and for all that you will do in the future to reach our common objectives and lead to ever higher goals and results our loved ATS journal, disseminating the most recent and effective outcomes of advanced research in the field of transportation.

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