

*Dear readers, dear authors,*

*First, I am pleased to point out that the Impact Factor for our journal Promet – Traffic&Transportation has increased in the latest WoS classification for 2020 and is now 0.898. For the five-year period, the IF is 1.102. This is a remarkable achievement for all of us who produce our journal on a daily basis, especially given the circumstances, which include the finances and infrastructure at our disposal. However, our thanks go first and foremost to the authors who choose to publish their original scientific work in our journal.*

*In this issue we publish a paper that proposes a new statistical algorithm in the field of traffic flow theory that aims to estimate the basic graph in actual traffic and subdivide the traffic state. In addition, there are two papers dealing with radar trajectory evaluation and economics of air traffic, in particular the commercialization of air traffic control services, which we consider a quality leap in the field of air traffic management. These and all other contributions fall into the category of original scholarly work and make a measurable contribution to the development of transportation science in a wide range of subject areas.*

*The abstract is the first thing editors read to evaluate the quality of the paper and the research itself. A well-written and structured abstract is essential for any significant research paper published in the form of a scientific paper. Therefore, it is important that the abstract puts the topic of the paper in the context of the existing situation. This means an explanation or answer to the question of why the topic was considered in the first place and why the paper was written in the first place. This explanation should be structured to briefly describe any shortcomings in the research to date and make clear which gaps are to be filled. The abstract should also include information about the innovations proposed in the paper, i.e. some kind of statement about the specific scientific contribution of the authors of the paper. It should show that the submitted work is different from previously published scientific work in the same field. If this is the case, we can place the paper in the category of original scientific work.*

*Often papers are submitted that use an already known methodology to solve a (specific) traffic problem, so a case study is added in the title. This is not what we look for in a journal and consider an original scientific contribution. It would be desirable to summarize the results in the abstract and mention at the end the possible implications of the research conducted and possible future research in the area where the research was conducted.*

*And all this must be done in 200 words! Of course, this is not easy, but if all the above information is structured according to the described model, then the editorial board's decision whether to forward the paper for review is relatively simple and quite easy. Therefore, I would like to thank all authors who follow the usual structures when writing scientific papers for facilitating our work and helping to increase the impact of the journal Promet – Traffic&Transportation by publishing their relevant and original scientific research papers.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Prof. Doris Novak, Ph.D.*

*Editor-in-Chief*