

JOURNAL OF TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

The Department of Transport and Supply Chain Management at the University of Johannesburg is proud to bring you this first edition of the *Journal of Transport and Supply Chain Management*.

The Journal serves as an independent publication for scientific contributions in the field of transportation and supply chain management, i.e. logistics, operations management, purchasing management, distribution management, warehousing management, transportation (all modes), production planning and related fields. Theoretical, empirical and applied articles are considered for publication. It is the challenge of the Journal to present a diverse range of articles covering a variety of subject matter within the arena of transport and supply chain management.

The improved management of transport and supply chains can make significant contributions at both company and national level. Companies are under pressure not only from customers for increased quality and service, but also from shareholders for increased market share and profitability. They are being forced to seek innovative ways in which to increase their competitive advantage and improve their profitability. Furthermore, as efficiency and effectiveness are improved with respect to transport and supply chains, the economies of the countries involved are positioned to improve and contribute to the national welfare. Transport also plays a critical role with regard to the economic, social and political development of a country and nation, and the planning, policy and provision thereof, from an infrastructural and regulatory point of view, must be carefully considered.

We invite practitioners to submit articles for publication in the Journal that will contribute to expertise, growth and productivity in the fields of transport and supply chain management. By considering the latest practices, processes, trends and issues in these critical sectors, participants will be able to keep abreast of the requirements of this dynamic industry.

It is with pleasure that we present this first issue of the Journal to you.

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