

EDITORIAL

JOURNAL OF TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

The Department of Transport and Supply Chain Management at the University of Johannesburg proudly presents to you the sixth edition of the *Journal of Transport and Supply Chain Management (JTSCM)*, an accredited publication unique in South Africa.

The Journal continues to serve 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.

JTSCM has grown in popularity over the past six years and this year presents to its readers articles from authors on various matters relating to the fields of transportation and supply chain management. Thank you to all the authors who have worked so hard to make this an interesting publication full of variety.

From the beginning of 2012 we have changed the publication frequency of the Journal which means that articles that are approved will immediately be published. The Editorial Board is of the opinion that this step brings us in line with most other Journals and will benefit both authors and readers.

Ongoing gratitude must also be expressed in particular to the international editorial panel and reviewers, without whose dedication the annual publication of the Journal would not be possible.

The Journal continues to seek to align the academic and practical aspects of transportation, logistics and supply chain management and to disseminate information on important issues and recent developments in these fields. *JTSCM* also seeks to provide practical insight and guidance to the members of these industry sectors as they seek to implement processes and systems that will provide them with strategic and competitive advantages in their respective markets.

This edition of the Journal contributes articles that have been reviewed and revised by the national and international panel of acknowledged scholars and authors and that add value to the body of knowledge for academics, practitioners and policy makers in transport, logistics and supply chain management.



The various research topics will help to contribute to the development of the fields of transportation, logistics and supply chain management as a deeper understanding of the issues in the sectors is gained by global readers.

Papers are presented on current issues in logistics and transportation that involve various important social and economic ramifications, as countries globally have faced a couple of years of tremendous economic change and volatility together with ongoing globalisation. Successfully addressing the various issues remains a prerequisite for continuous improvement and growth in a competitive market place.

It is with pleasure that we present this sixth issue of the Journal to you in the hope that the articles therein will help to contribute to your knowledge.

Prof Stephen Kruger
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