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From the Editor...

This issue of the *Journal of Transportation Management* is dedicated to Dr. Donald J. Bowersox, a pioneer in the discipline of logistics and supply chain management. Don Bowersox started his career at Michigan State University in the early 1960's and went on to hold the John H. McConnell Chair in Business Administration, before additionally serving as Dean of the Eli Broad Graduate School of Management at MSU. Dr. Bowersox was a visionary leader that thousands of academics and practitioners were inspired by and this discipline and profession will sorely miss him. For me personally, and many other Michigan State Ph.D. students, Dr. Bowersox was a life changing force that encouraged us to excel in what we did while moving the discipline forward. Those of us that were his students will try to carry on his mission and live up to his high expectations, however, the profession has lost an irreplaceable leader who gave his life to the field he loved.

At the *Journal*, we are continuing to make a number of changes that will improve the visibility of JTM, and improve its position in the supply chain publishing world. These include registering and updating journal information with several publishing guides, placing the journal content with the EBSCO, Gale and JSTOR databases faculty have access to, registering the journal with Google Scholar, and placing abstracts of all past journal articles on an open area of the DNA Journal web page. We are in the process of uploading all past issues to these various sites. Full journal article PDF's continue to be available to subscribers on the web page at www.deltanualpha.org with password: dna4education.

This issue of the *Journal* contains five articles on various aspects of transportation management, with three focusing on freight and logistics management, and two focusing on passenger transportation. The first freight related article focuses on truckload carrier management and investigates the relationship between various operating efficiency measures and financial success. The second article offers managerial guidelines for the use of artificial neural network software for use in transportation decision-making. The last logistics related article focuses on Air Force Logistics Readiness Officers and investigates the types of analytical tools that are of most use to logistics officers, with implications for military and industrial logistics education. The fourth article addresses benchmarking and evaluation of the efficiency of urban paratransit systems in the U.S. The final article examines passenger trip patterns in Akure, Nigeria.

I look forward to continuing my service as Editor of the *Journal*, and hope to hear from you our readers; with questions, comments and article submissions.

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