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# From the Editor...

Welcome to the Fall, 1998 issue of the *Journal of Transportation Management*. As always, I offer my sincere gratitude to the members of the Editorial Review Board who contributed to the success of this issue. I also offer praise to my able and dedicated Associate Editors, Brian Gibson and Steve Rutner. This issue of the *Journal* offers more cohesion in topical coverage than previous issues - by accident rather than by design. The result is an interesting combination of well-written articles that I hope you find useful.

The lead article in this issue, by Alexander Ellinger, Patricia Daugherty and Chad Autry, profiles logistics-related usage of automatic replenishment programs and compares required resource support to ARP performance. The second article, by Blaise Waguespack, Aleksandar Savic and James Baker, examines the impact of an apparent shortage of aviation maintenance technicians upon the growth potential of the air transportation industry. The shortage, if severe, could significantly alter air transportation service characteristics in both domestic and international trade. Richard Jones, in the third article, analyzes the air industry from a different perspective. The study investigates the impact of airline deregulation upon the levels of air transportation service provided in non-hub airport locations. As many opponents of deregulation in the industry feared, service levels have declined in the non-hub airports represented in the study. David Menachof and Anthony Damian take an interesting look at the historical development of corporate mergers and alliances in the ocean shipping industry in the fourth article. Their study demonstrates that merger/alliance activity among ocean shipping firms closely follows such activity in general industry. In the final article of this issue, Stephen Parker and John Kent continue to investigate the ocean shipping industry from a distinctly different vantage point. Their article seeks to identify the key determinant criteria used by import and export shippers when going through the process of selecting an international containership carrier. Take the time to evaluate each offering in this issue. I think you will be glad that you did.

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