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From the Editor…

Welcome to the Summer Fall 2020 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management (JTM), being Vol. 31 No 1. Unfortunately this will be the last issue of the Journal! Times have changed and the demand for a Journal with a practical bent, but that is not in the Social Science Citation Index, has passed. So this is farewell to the Journal of Transportation Management at least for now! But our last issue is a good one with 4 articles.

The issue starts with an article on the truck driver labor market. The second article examines scheduling and delivery issues for bio-perishable goods. The third article looks at cross cultural differences in logistics practice using the Russian market and a German logistics services provider. While the fourth article comments on the national benefits that resulted from railroad land grants in the 1800’s.

Our first article explores the relationships among factor market rivalry, factor market myopia, and strategic blind spots in the context of the labor market for truck drivers. In the trucking industry, factor market myopia and strategic blind spots may mean that managers overlook competition for workers who not only can drive trucks, but can also do many other jobs. The objective of the second article was to identify any gaps in the academic and professional literature regarding the logistics scheduling of perishable biopharmaceuticals. They find a considerable gap and report on findings that may be of interest in the context of COVID vaccine and treatment logistics. The third article explores obstacles to doing business related to the logistics industry in the emerging Russian market, ways of dealing with these obstacles and the role of culture in problem definitions and solutions. The fourth article comments on the benefits provided to the country by the 1800’s practice of making land grants to the railroads. The authors find that the land grants were very valuable to the development of the country with those benefits occurring in a variety of fields.

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Thank you for your submissions and readership over the years! It has been a great run!

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