

From Editor-in-Chief: Exploring Frontiers in Maritime Research

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Dear readers,

We hereby present you with Volume 14, October regular issue no. 28 of Transactions on Maritime Science (ToMS).

I hope that readers from different branches of a multidisciplinary field such as maritime will find something of interest. In this issue, we explore cutting-edge topics in maritime law, which include trade, military, and labour issues. Also, the leading papers include current AI limits in situation awareness and human control. This ToMS issue explores frontiers in current maritime logistics, featuring seven papers that each tackle this subject in their own way.

Following the question of one author, I have recently noted that, while certain journal metrics may appear similar, they can significantly differ. For instance, SJR rates our journal as Q3, whereas Scopus categorises it as Q2. Notably, SJR is based upon the data from Scopus. If the [Scopus source](#) is consulted ToMS misses Q1 by five points (323/1105, 70th percentile). For example, this is often used in the USA as a relevant metric. On the other hand, in Croatia SJR metric is employed. Therefore, everything depends on the viewpoint.

Graph available at the link above shows that our CiteScore is currently improved for evaluation in the next year.

As always, we have continued to promote the Croatian historical and cultural heritage by publishing poems and songs in dialects, primarily those pertaining to the Croatian Adriatic coast and its islands.

The author Vinko Kalinić, whose two poems are presented in this issue, has been included in world anthologies of poetry. In the French “Le Post”, the anthologist, novelist, and publicist Marc Galan included him in the series “Poètes d’Europe” in which the best contemporary European poets were selected. It was translated from Croatian to French by the French poet Athanase Vantchev de Thrac. Fernando Sabido Sánchez, a prominent Spanish poet and anthologist from Madrid, included him in the anthology of world poetry “Poetas para el siglo XXI” (Poets for the 21st century). Professor of literature at the Universidad de Chile, Chilean poet and anthologist Andrés Morales, included him in his anthology of poetry. The Secretary General of the World Association of Poets “Poetas del Mundo”, Luis Arias Manzo, appointed Kalinić as the ambassador of this association to Croatia.

Finally, I would like to apologize to authors whose reviews take a long time. The reason for the lengthy review process is our commitment to high-quality reviews. Therefore, it is necessary to give reviewers time to thoroughly consider the submitted article. We strive to select high-quality reviewers who are relevant to the specific topic of each article, rather than to the broader subject areas. I hope the wait is worthwhile and that authors are satisfied with the feedback. Also, I would like to extend my gratitude to all those involved in any contribution to this issue, including authors, reviewers, editors, language editors, and others. I hope we will try to continue our mission in exploring frontiers in maritime research.

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