

# From Editor-in-Chief:

## Change is the Only Constant

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Dear readers,

We hereby present you with Volume 13, No. 2 of Transactions on Maritime Science (ToMS). Before the articles, we have some organisational and scientific information to share with you.

To start with, we want to mention our organisational additions, upgrades, and changes, which have been introduced in order to be more efficient in editorial procedures. I would like to welcome **Michael Boviatsis** from Greece as Associate Editor, and also our new Editor, Associate Professor **Tina Perić**. On behalf of the Editorial Board, we would like to extend our wishes and hopes for fruitful and successful future collaboration.

Secondly, we proudly announce that we have added more quality reviewers, also increasing their number, in the firm belief that high-quality reviewers are “investments” necessary to pave the way to a respectable and prestigious Journal, regardless of formal metrics. For this Volume, we had 205 reviewers from 49 countries all over the world (Australia, the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa). Compared to the previous volume, we have an increased spatial spread of reviewers. For instance, we have expanded to three more countries, one continent, and ten more reviewers. The list of reviewers is provided at the end of this issue.

Thirdly, there have been a lot of changes in our publisher structure at the Faculty of Maritime Studies, which, naturally, reflects on us. We welcome the new Dean of the Faculty, Associate Professor Ivan Peronja, along with his team. At the same time, we take this opportunity to thank the previous administration, with Professor Pero Vidan as the former Dean and journal Senior Editor, for understanding and providing support. We hope the new Administration will further improve the good relationship.

Before writing this Editorial, I checked our Open Journal System (OJS). As defined by OJS: “The percentage for the selected date range is calculated for submissions submitted during this date range and have received a final decision. Using OJS methodology, our OJS calculated on 21 October 2023- 18 October 2024: rejection rate 66%, days to accept 156, days to reject 146, days to first editorial decision 10. If I should choose only the year (2024), the rejection rate is 71%.

In the “Engineering” section, we have six articles from five countries. The “Maritime Law” section this time consists of three valuable contributions from two countries. The “Maritime Economy and Logistics” section comprises five papers from six countries. The “Ecology” section covers three papers from two countries. From other topics, we have five papers from three countries, including underwater vehicle research and women in the maritime business. We hope that this covers most of the topics that are interesting to our readership.

Finally, consistent with our practice, we present two poems by Vinko Kalinić. He is a Croatian poet from Komiža, on the Island of Vis, born in Split in 1974. Along with the poems in standard Croatian, he writes in an ancient dialect of Komiža. His poems have been translated into several foreign languages. Apart from poetry, Mr. Kalinić is involved in journalism as the editor of a number of literary magazines and websites.

The two poems have been selected and translated by Željka Zanchi, our former colleague and long-standing collaborator, and recorded by the author himself.

In the end, I would like to extend my gratitude to all those involved in any contribution to this issue, including authors, reviewers, editors, language editors, proofreaders, and others.

**Editor-in-Chief**