

# From Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Readers,

I would first like to take the opportunity, on behalf of my most esteemed colleagues and collaborators, as well as in my own name, to say how proud I am due to the publication of the 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the international scientific journal ToMS (“Transactions on Maritime Science”), published by the Faculty of Maritime Science of the University of Split. As has been the case before, the papers have been submitted to three double-blind reviews, some of them as many as five, of which at least one comes from abroad, i.e. a country different from the one in which the author lives.

This issue is the first one to fully implement the so-called Open Journal System. It was by no means an easy thing to achieve: however, we have finally succeeded, primarily due to enormous efforts of our executive editors and the technical staff.

This issue brings thirteen papers, the largest number so far. Among the authors, apart from the Croatian ones, this issue boasts a cooperation of as many as twenty-one foreign scientists, coming from four continents. We take it as a good omen for our

journal to be recognized and to establish a reputation all over the scientific world.

The papers hereby presented deal with topics pertaining to a number of scientific areas and fields, such as marine engineering, navigation, safety systems, hydrography, marine information systems, maritime law, management of marine systems, education, and operation of submarine vessels.

Furthermore, we once again take the opportunity, as we have done before, to present the Croatian cultural heritage by publishing two poems, written in the idiom of the Island of Brač, by the late Ive Marković Kora, poet, painter, and sculptor. This contribution comes in a bilingual form in the inspired translation of Mirna Čudić Žgela, our long-standing collaborator. Readers of the electronic edition will be able to listen to the poems in the striking rendition of Ante Božanić Pepe Kalafot of Komiža, as a special tribute to his late colleague and old friend.

As always, we remain in the hope that the papers we publish will encourage your cooperation.