The Editorial Board of Transactions on Maritime Science hope that the journal will contribute to the scientific recognition of our publisher, the Faculty of Maritime Studies, University of Split. This issue continues with the practice of international double-blind peer review. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our publisher on its 60th anniversary. Our Dean, Pero Vidan, a former Senior Editor of the journal, and Ivica Kuzmanić, the journal's former Editor-in-Chief, are the editors of the Faculty’s monography, to be published in December 2019 to mark the institution's 60th anniversary. As always, the journal is available in printed and electronic, open-access form.

There have been some changes since the previous issue. The number of Advisory Board members increased to include new members from Australia, Germany, Sweden and the USA. Since we already had regional editors on three continents, the journal is now present on all continents, which additionally contributed to its internationalization.

In order to enable our authors to disseminate their research between issues, ToMS implemented “web-first”.

This issue presents researches from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, India, Malaysia, Poland, South Africa, and Spain – three continents. The papers deal with topics from a variety of scientific areas and fields: marine engineering, naval technology, autonomous ships, hydrographic forensics, with special focus on port management.

Staying true to our mission to preserve Croatian cultural heritage, this issue of ToMS brings you two poems by Ante Božanić Pepe, written in the idiom of the Island of Vis. The contribution comes in bilingual form, in the inspired translation of Mirna Ćudić Žgela, our long-standing collaborator. As a special bonus for the readers of the electronic edition, ToMS made available audio recordings of the poems in the striking rendition of the author.

ToMS encourages contributions in the fields of ocean engineering, marine engineering, and marine electrical engineering.

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

Please note that the journal is not liable for the contents of papers and contributions. Rather, it is the author's obligation to obtain all permissions requisite for publication.

Finally, I would like to thank our reviewers on their assistance with the selection of papers and the improvement of their content. I likewise thank the authors who were willing to listen to the reviewer's advice to make their papers better.