

# Editorial Policy

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This Journal is a source of information and research results in the transportation and communications science: transport research, transport technology, transport economics, transport logistics, transport law.

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**Main topics of articles include the following areas:**

- road transport, rail transport, air and space transport, sea and inland transport,
- municipal transport, transport issues of smart cities,
- bicycle, motorbike and motorcycle transport,

- industrial transportation,
- load preparation, organization and coordination of cargo handling,
- logistics centers, integrated transport systems,
- intermodal, multimodal and combined transport,
- computer systems aided design of transport facilities,
- means of transport production,
- technical diagnostic of means of transport,
- active and passive vehicles safety,
- transport systems safety,
- traffic forecasting and region requirements, statistical research,
- influence of the law regulations on the transport security,
- transport management in urban area,
- modelling and simulation transport systems, road traffic controllers,
- automation in transport,
- transport economics,
- ecological problems in transport,
- influence of transport on health and ergonomic problems,
- transport infrastructure,
- education in transport industry,
- more specific transport issues (at the discretion of the editorial board).

### **Publication frequency**

Transport Problems is a quarterly international scientific journal. Beginning from 2007, the journal is published regularly at the end of each following quarter: No. 1 - March, No. 2 - June, No. 3 - September, No. 4 - December.

Sometimes it is possible the publication of individual issues, which will consist of several parts. This is due to many articles that may be of interest for readers.

The special editions are published as an exception. Usually, it is the result of co-operation between the editorial staff and program committees of international conferences, congresses, or symposia on transport issues. In this case, the recommendations of program committees are considered as one of the positive reviews. However, the requirements that apply to this kind of article are like the requirements for the articles in regular issues.

Due to significant interest from authors in various countries, there is a waiting list for paper publication. The average publication time is 18 months from the time the editors accept an article.

Participants in the International Scientific Congress "Transport Problems" receive preferential consideration for their submitted papers, subject to a positive recommendation from the Congress Scientific Committee.

## **Financing**

Since the second half of 2016 the journal is a commercial edition. The main source of financing are the fees of the authors. Payment shall be subject only for articles, which positively passed the review process. Specific information on this subject is contained in the instructions for authors and description of the review procedure.

Authors of publications in journal, reviewers and members of International Programming Council do not get honorarium.

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## **Geography**

The Journal was created as a regional edition. Currently, the journal published articles by authors from more than 60 countries. The editors try to provide an opportunity to acquaint readers with the scientific advances in the field of transport from different continents. The editors considered it important to exchange information, taking into account regional peculiarities of different countries.

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