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Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of *Transport* in 2005. As the new incoming Chairman of the journal's Editorial Panel, I thought it would be opportune to introduce myself to the readership. My background is in the railway industry, in particular from the London Underground sector—I have spent my entire career to date working on the network. A particular career highlight was to undertake the role of Resident Engineer on the controversial scheme to refurbish Brunel's Thames Tunnel from 1995–97; readers with good memories may recall that I wrote a paper describing the project which was published in this journal in 1998. Although new to the chair, I have already served as a member of the Editorial Panel for the past four years, so the journal is not unfamiliar to me.

My predecessor, Keith Thomas, stood down last autumn at the end of his three-year tenure, and I would pay tribute to him for the excellent work he did in taking the journal forward. I am in the favourable position of having inherited sufficient papers in a state of readiness to produce the next few issues, and many more at various stages of drafting. The challenge is now to maintain this healthy situation, but with the help of our other Panel members, I am sure we can do so.

Also completing their terms of office at the end of 2004 were two other dedicated members of the Panel, Andy Theobald and Jonathan Foster-Clark; Peter Borrough also stood down owing to health reasons: I am grateful to them all for their contributions. I am very pleased to welcome their replacements: Daniel Hopgood of Mott MacDonald, Leigh Jones of Trans4m, Chris Hardwick of Atkins, and Martin Lynch and Nick Fenton, both from the Highways Agency. We also welcome Rick van Barneveld and William Lam as Overseas

Corresponding Members, from New Zealand and Hong Kong respectively. We therefore have a full complement on the Panel, which will be of great benefit as we move forward into 2005.

I am also pleased to report that three of our papers won ICE Prizes in 2004:

- *Engineering in the UK motorway system 1950–2000* by Bridle and Porter (published in the August 2003 issue) won the Rees Jeffreys Award for Best Paper on Highway Engineering.
- *Tests on a two-layered ballast system* by Claisse, Keedwell and Calla (May 2003) won a Webb Prize for the Best Paper on Railway Engineering.
- *Watford matchday parking scheme* by Thomas (February 2003) also won a Webb Prize for the Best Paper on General Transportation. This paper was also of special interest to me, as one who lives within the parking scheme area described in the paper.

I am aware that our readership encompasses many different strands within the transportation field: transport planning and infrastructure; industry and academia; roads and railways; air and water. My main challenge as incoming Chairman of the Editorial Panel is to try to ensure that during the course of a year's issues, our journal will publish papers drawn from across all these strands, so that you will all find something of interest, and will spread the word among your colleagues. And if your particular area is unrepresented, why not consider writing a paper yourself? We are always grateful for suggestions for future issues. I look forward to hearing from you.