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Editorial

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Welcome to the February issue of *Transport* in 2009. It's been a year now since I took over from my predecessor Martin Roach, and I am pleased to report that the journal remains in a healthy position. Last year we published a Special Issue on Road User Charging (volume 161, issue 3) edited by Professor Stephen Ison and Howard Potter. A number of the important areas relating to road user charging were covered, including scheme design and technology, public acceptance, the experience of various cities with respect to road user charging and the issues surrounding the introduction of a national road user charge. This is a very topical area and I am pleased to report that the response to our call for papers was such that we have a number of additional papers that will form a second Special Issue on this topic to be published in August 2009.

I am pleased to welcome Professor William Young to our editorial advisory panel as an overseas corresponding member. William holds a Chair in Civil Engineering at Monash University in Australia and has wide-ranging interests in land-use/transport/environment interaction, parking, engineering management and education.

I am also pleased to report that the authors of the following four papers recently published in this journal received prizes at the ICE Awards Ceremony in October 2008.

- *The introduction of flexibility into a road ironwork installation* by Barry Brodrick, Andrew Collop, Stephen Brown and Roger Cooper (published in August 2007) won the Reed and Malik Medal for the best paper on practical aspects of a civil engineering project.
- *Explaining tunnel construction and joint mapping* by Jack Knight (published in May 2007) won a Telford Premium award for a notable contribution to civil engineering literature.
- *Comparison of noise impacts from urban transport* by Matthew Frost and Stephen Ison (November 2007) won the Rees Jeffrys Award for the best paper on highway engineering.
- *Geocomposite technology: reducing railway maintenance* by Meysam Banimahd (published in August 2007) won the Webb Prize for the best paper on railway or transport engineering.

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 honorary editor 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. If you find 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.