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Editorial

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Welcome to the November 2007 issue of *Transport*. This is my opportunity to bid farewell to the journal's readership, as I come to the end of my three-year tenure in the chair. I had previously served on the editorial advisory panel for four years prior to that, so I am now ending a seven year association with the journal. It has been an enormous privilege to have been involved for such a lengthy period, and I have enjoyed it immensely. Succeeding me as chairman will be one of our current panel members, Professor Andy Collop from the University of Nottingham: I am sure Andy will introduce himself in the editorial for our next issue in February 2008.

Four other members of our editorial advisory panel are also about to complete their terms of office, namely Chris Hardwick, Dan Hopgood, Leigh Jones and Martin Lynch: I am grateful to them all for their contributions. I am also very pleased to welcome their replacements: Dr Tom Cherrett from the University of Southampton; Martin Collett from Tube Lines Ltd; Phil Evans from Atkins Rail; and Chris Harvey from Mott MacDonald. Dr Bill Buttler from the University of Illinois, USA also joins us as an overseas corresponding member. We therefore currently have a full complement on the panel, drawn from across various different strands of the transport industry, which will be of great benefit to the journal going forward into 2008 and beyond.

I am also pleased to report that the authors of three papers published in this journal during 2006 have been awarded the following prizes, to be presented at the ICE Awards Ceremony on 5 October 2007.

- *Road User Charging and taxation* by David Bayliss (published in the November issue) won the Rees Jeffreys Award for best paper on highway engineering.
- *Development of German non-ballasted track forms* by Roger Bastin (February issue) won the Webb Prize for the best paper on railway engineering.
- *Using waste to reduce slope erosion on road embankments* by de Oña and Osorio (also published in February) won a Telford Premium.

Looking ahead into 2008, a dedicated issue of the journal is planned in August on the theme of road user charging, which is of course a very topical subject. This issue is being co-edited by two members of the panel, Stephen Ison and Howard Potter, who are both specialists in this area.

An analysis of our readership indicates that it encompasses the many different aspects of the transport industry: transport planning and infrastructure; industry and academia; roads and railways; air and water. The ongoing challenge for Andy and the new editorial advisory panel is to try to ensure that during the course of a year's issues, the journal will publish papers drawn from across all these elements, so that you will all find something of interest in each issue and will make the journal known among your colleagues. If your particular strand is unrepresented, why not consider writing a paper yourself? We are always grateful to receive synopses for consideration.