
Editorial

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Biographical notes: George Dikos holds an SM in Shipping, Trade and Finance from Cass University Business School and an SM and PhD in Ocean Systems Management from MIT. He has been an Associate Visiting Professor at the Frederick University in Cyprus and a Lecturer at the University of Patras. He has worked as Project Manager for RayCap Corporation and is currently running Supply Chain Optimization and Planning for Lafarge Cement in Greece. He has consulted regularly for the shipping industry and has published several papers in Maritime Economics and Management Science.

Welcome to the *International Journal of Ocean Systems Management*, focused on research into various aspects of managing ocean systems. We aim to cover issues from the business and government management aspects of ocean systems and activities, including ocean transportation, marine resource development, environmental management, public policy and ocean use, ocean mining, ports, ocean energy and fisheries.

We particularly encourage work that successfully integrates theory, methodology and experience in the fundamental disciplines that constitute the ocean systems management area, such as engineering, economics, business administration, operations research, public policy analysis and law.

Rather than focusing on how to apply the theories and methods from financial economics to maritime data we particularly encourage research in sustainability and safety, strategy, globalisation, technological innovation and business development. Research in the field has mainly focused in applying results and methods that are relevant to high frequency financial data with aggregate shipping investment data. (After all if there is any message from empirical work with maritime economic data one should use it to make profit.) Therefore, having identified the need for contributions to the core management of ocean systems we decided to launch this Journal.

For each volume an Editor-in-Chief will draft a Call for a specific topic of interest, supervise and coordinate the task. By rotating duties we aim to ensuring a flow of fresh and different views on the fascinating field of managing, regulating and doing business with the ocean resources- first of all sustainable and safely.

So, here you go- let us make it happen: The field of Ocean Systems Management in the top of the agenda of every business school!