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## Editorial

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The mission of logistics is to produce the appropriate goods or services in the right quality and quantity, and to distribute them to the right place at the right time. Applied logistics management is critical to the success of a company and is often referred to today as the supply chain management process which encompasses all operations, from the extraction of raw material through to manufacturing and also the recycling of products at the end of their life.

In view of these facts, the purpose of the international conference on advanced logistics and transport (ICALT) is to provide a platform for academics and engineers to meet, exchange ideas and establish new professional networks.

The number of papers submitted to ICALT'2016 has overwhelmed those of previous editions. The reviewing process was rigorous, including peer-reviewing from at least two qualified reviewers. The papers accepted are of very high quality and cover the wide range of topics of the conference. For this special issue, we selected only four quality papers from the large number of papers presented at ICALT'2016. These papers are representative of the main topics in logistics and management.

We would also like to thank Professor John Wang for his editorial assistance and for accepting the selected papers to be published as a special issue of *International Journal of Applied Management Science*. Finally, we would like to thank the authors of articles appearing in this special issue.