Editorial

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The aim of this special issue has been to bring novel researches in logistics operations management not only from a technology standpoint but also from a social sciences perspective. This multi-disciplinary approach examines the current state of the art focusing on new techniques and models relevant to the management of various logistics operations.

Supply chain is a complex system with numerous sets of interconnected entities to include physical, financial and information flows. Researchers and professionals are faced with the challenge of acquiring, analysing and managing these flows.

The open call for this special issue has attracted 27 papers covering several topics of logistics. After two rounds of double-blind peer reviews, 12 papers have been selected for publication in this special issue.

To conclude, we would like to thank all the reviewers for their time and efforts.