Editorial

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The purpose of this special issue has been to collect high-quality theoretical and practical research works highlighting the effects that logistics strategies and systems management have on organisational productivity and competitiveness in global logistics services, and more specifically the applications of sustainable guidelines developed by industries in logistics activities throughout their manufacturing, supply and distribution operations. The interdisciplinary researches from all methodological approaches with potential implications for policy and practices going forward were strongly solicited.

The open call for this special issue have inviting substantially extended versions of selected papers presented at the 4th edition of the Logistics Operations Management Conference (GOL'18) and also other experts to submit articles for review and potential publication. It has attracted 16 papers covering several focuses of sustainable logistics

strategies. After two rounds of double-blind peer reviews, nine papers have been selected for publication in this special issue.

Finally, we are very grateful to all the reviewers for their efforts in reviewing the papers and their highly accurate and constructive comments. We also address our sincere thanks to the editor of the *IJLSM* journal and the entire submissions team, for the interest they have shown towards our special issue and for the assistance very professional and of high quality.