

## **Guest Editorial Preface**

# **Special Issue on Cross-Country Supply Chain Management Perspectives and Issues**

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This special issue has followed up the 4th International Conference on Supply Chains (Olympus ICSC) held at October 14th and 15th, 2019, in Katerini, Greece. More than 250 attendances, 44 presenters of research papers, and four keynote invited speakers have participated in the 2-Day Conference that it has been embraced positively by the academic and business community.

The Conference was organized by the Department of Supply Chain Management of the International Hellenic University, in collaboration with the: a) Laboratory of Quantitative Analysis, Logistics and Supply Chain Management of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), b) Greek Association of Supply Chain Management (EEL of Northern Greece), c) Municipality of Katerini, and the d) Supply Chain & Logistics Journal.

During the 2-Day Conference 44 research papers were presented covering the following thematic areas: (i) Transportation, (ii) Best Practices in Logistics, (iii) Information and Communication Technologies in Supply Chain Management, (iv) Food Logistics, (v) New Trends in Business Logistics, and (vi) Green Supply Chain Management. Initially, 58 research papers of them went into the review process (14 had to be either rejected at an early stage, because of a lack of relevance to the conference topics). Then, each of the 44 papers was reviewed by a minimum of two reviewers. In total, 88 reviews were collected in a double-blind peer-review process. Finally, five papers were accepted and submitted for the final review process to be published at the IJAL. They have been assigned to the journal's editor to ensure that the reviewer's comments were interpreted most beneficially. Three papers from the conference are published in this special issue.

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