

Thank you – from the award-winning Journal of Transport and Health

On 4th February 2016, the Journal of Transport and Health was awarded the ‘Best New Journal in Social Sciences and Humanities’ at the 40th annual PROSE Awards. The Professional & Scholarly Publishing Association of American Publishers’ PROSE awards are the Oscars of the publishing world, recognising “the very best in professional and scholarly publishing by bringing attention to distinguished books, journals, and electronic content” (<https://proseawards.com/>). The award judges include publishers, librarians and medical professionals.

In lieu of an acceptance speech, I should like to take this opportunity to thank a number of groups of individuals who made this all possible. In no particular order, they are:

▣ the associate editors (named on the inside cover), for the many hours they give to the journal, organising reviews, making decisions, and helping me, as well as taking over my role for manuscripts where I have a personal interest;

- the guest editors, for their work in bringing ideas for topic-specific ‘Special Issues’ to fruition;
- the board members (also listed on the inside cover), for their helpful advice on direction, principles, and specifics where we have options to consider or difficulties to negotiate;
- the authors, who have shown their faith in this new journal by submitting more manuscripts than we could have expected in its first two years and confirming that this was indeed an important niche waiting to be filled;
- the production team at Elsevier, ably led by the ever-helpful Mr Rohit Balan; and
- Chris Pringle, the executive publisher, for his support, reassurance, and timely guidance.

The biggest thanks must go to our reviewers. Their work is as essential as that of all those listed above, but is generally unacknowledged and sometimes considered a thankless task. This issue includes a list of people who conducted one or more reviews for us in 2013/14, and a separate list of those who reviewed manuscripts in 2015. It is our intention to publish such a list in the first issue of each volume from now on. Without these individuals, the journal would struggle to publish the high quality articles that have led to this most recent award as well as earlier recognition of the journal’s quality, such as inclusion in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) and the European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (ERIH) .

As a new journal, one limitation was no pre-existing pool of reviewers so initially we were relying on the same people repeatedly, for which I apologise. We now have a much larger pool but we should like to expand this further, so please feel free to volunteer, ideally by completing the online form at (www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-transport-and-health/reviewer-sign-up-form-journal-oftransport-health). The more information you give us, the better able we are to link the right reviewer with the right manuscript, helping us send you manuscripts that are of interest to you and where you can give us your expert assessment.

As a more tangible thank you, reviewers are given the following:

- Free 30-day access to Scopus and ScienceDirect from acceptance to review a manuscript

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- Access to reviewer resources (<https://www.elsevier.com/reviewers/tools-and-resources-for-reviewers>)
- A personal profile page on Elsevier's Reviewer Recognition Platform (<https://www.reviewerrecognition.elsevier.com/>)

We thank our reviewers for their advice to the editors and to the authors. The papers we publish – and no doubt those that are rejected but are later published elsewhere – are improved considerably by their comments. Thank you!

Dr Jennifer Mindell

Editor-in-Chief