

From the Editor's desk

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1. To provide a stamp of quality and be indicative of the fact that the article is worth reading. The blind peer review process by researchers active in the field while being judgmental on quality and standing at one level, is also developmental and provides feedback and advice to authors.
2. To partner with the research community and through its selected papers both on empirical and theoretical findings, stimulate debate about particular topics and issues.
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4. To provide a means of managing intellectual property rights and permissions.

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AMET moves ahead on this journey based on the strengths of its conviction, its proven capability and abiding vision to put industry before institution in creating enduring value for the maritime domain.

Suresh Bhardwaj

Editor

Guest Editorial

It is a rare event to have the opportunity to write a Guest Editorial for what will become a top quality, peer-reviewed international academic and professional journal and it is a task that I anticipate with much pleasure. This first edition of the AMET Maritime Journal represents an enormous accomplishment in bringing together professionals and academics from the maritime shipping and ports sector in a wide-ranging and topical discussion of issues that matter to the field. It is particularly valuable and has special relevance to the globalised maritime sector in all its forms as it originates from a premier university in India, a country with an increasing role to play in the maritime sector and one where future developments are likely to be as important as anywhere. It also benefits from the individual efforts and talents of Professor Dr Suresh Bhardwaj whom I have known for some years and without whom it could not have been created. The papers presented here are a significant contribution to the literature and it is welcome that they should address such a range of maritime topics and issues. They provide much thought provoking debate required to ensure that an industry remains alert, responsive and meaningful. Academic journals in themselves do not solve much but provide the intellectual and philosophical background necessary for a sector to retain its professional credibility and adaptability and to be able to understand the factors that drive its progress or decline. The AMET Maritime Journal does just this.

I have no doubt that the AMET Maritime Journal will in time become a leading voice in the industry and it is consequently with both pleasure and respect that I will look back at the opportunity afforded to me to write this Guest Editorial with substantial pride.



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