# **Preface**

The international scientific conference LOGI has been held since 1997, i.e. in the 2015, it was already  $16^{th}$  Volume.

In the previous volumes of this conference, the issues focused on the establishment, construction and operation of logistics centers, the issues of introduction of co-modality in the transportation and logistics chains, the support of intermodal transport and the reinforcement of the logistics as an independent field within the departments of government executives have been discussed.

The topics of the LOGI conferences have been focused on emphasis of the issues of new trends and expectations in transport and logistics, logistics activities and services and progressive technologies utilized within the logistics processes.

The international scientific conference **LOGI 2015** dealt with the issues of current situation and anticipated development of manufacturing, transport and information technologies in industrial logistics. The LOGI 2015 conference was organized on the ground of the Clarion Congress Hotel České Budějovice, Czech Republic on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The individual papers in the LOGI 2015 Proceedings (published as a Special issue of **Scopus indexed** Journal with the main theme "**Development of manufacturing, transport and information technologies in industrial logistics**" - "**Applied Mechanics and Materials**" which is online available via platform <a href="https://www.scientific.net">www.scientific.net</a>) presented the following areas:

- Organization of Production, Transport and Logistics Systems;
- Development and Research of Technological Equipment and Machines

In the invitations to Conference, sent half a year before the Conference starts, the basic information about the Conference as list of topics, Conference website, members of the committees as well as the Conference sponsors and partners were indicated.

A primary goal of Conference was to present the highest quality research results. A key element in attiring goal was the evolution and selection procedure developed by the Conference Scientific and Organizing Committee.

All papers (manuscripts), presented in the Conference and published in Proceedings, underwent this procedure. Instruction for manuscripts submission (Paper General Instructions) could be found on the Conference website <a href="http://logi.upce.cz/conference.html">http://logi.upce.cz/conference.html</a>.

All submissions were directed to appropriate reviewers. The particular reviewers reviewed the submissions much them to the expertise according to the interests and subsequently forwarded them to the editor.

At least two reviewers examined each submission in details. Selection of papers for the Conference was highly competitive, so participants had to ensure that their submissions met all Conference requirements and were of the highest possible quality.

All Conference participants prepared their manuscripts according to the requirements (Paper General Instructions) that made the LOGI 2015 Proceedings to be valuable recourse of new information which allows evaluating investigations of the scientists from different countries.

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