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Preface

This book contains most of the papers presented at the 14th International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment in the 21st Century, which was held in 2008 in Malta. The Meeting has always attracted a substantial number of delegates from all over the world and is now the premier annual event of its type. The Conference started in Southampton (1995); followed by Barcelona (1996); Aquasparta, Italy (1997); Lisbon (1998); Rhodes (1999); Cambridge, UK (2000); Lemnos, Greece (2001); Seville (2002); Crete (2003); Dresden (2004); Algarve (2005); Prague (2006) and Coimbra (2007).

The success of the Conference is driven by the considerable amount of research taking place in the field of transportation in cities. The quest for better urban transportation systems and healthier environments is reflected in the papers presented at the Meeting, which have been classified in the following sections:

- Transport planning and management
- Public transport systems
- Intermodal transport systems
- Transport sustainability
- Environmental and ecological considerations
- Land use and transport integration
- Transport technology
- Intelligent transport systems
- Road pricing
- Transport modelling and simulation
- Safety issues
- Safety of users in road evacuation

All these topics are important for analysing the complex interaction of urban transport systems and the environment and for establishing policies that will improve city transportation and traffic systems.

The organisers of this Conference, and in particular the Editor of this book, are grateful to all authors for their contributions and to the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee who helped to put together the Volume.

The Editor
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