

EJTIR now a free electronic journal

Dear reader,

Starting from Volume 5, issue 1, the European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research (EJTIR) has become a free electronic journal. From now on, everybody world wide has access to EJTIR through the internet only. The hard copy version will no longer be published. For the Editorial Board, this is something we have strived for, for a long time. The transition is made in full cooperation between the Editorial Board and Delft University Press. As of volume 5, the Editorial Board will take care of the entire review-monitoring and publishing process.

As a reader of EJTIR, we wish to inform you personally about this transition and the advantages it brings to you, the authors and other readers of our journal. Please note that in no way this transition affects the high standards of the double blinded peer review system that were always applied to submitted manuscripts.

Please take a look at the Appendix for further information about our motivation to take this step towards a fully electronic and free journal, and to explore the opportunities this transition may provide to you and your fellow researchers.

In future correspondence we will keep you informed about additional services that are currently being developed for the readers' benefit, such as an EJTIR alert system that will keep readers updated on the publication of new issues.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix

EJTIR why now a free electronic journal?

Until and including 2004, EJTIR was both a hard copy journal and an electronic (internet) journal for which one had to pay. Only subscribers had access to the electronic version. From 2005 on EJTIR will be a free, electronic-only journal, available for everybody through the internet only. The main reasons for this change are:

- Authors can send unlimited PDF-files of their articles to people in their network without copyright-restrictions from their publishers.
- Due to the free access, EJTIR papers are easy to use for educational purposes: they are for free and their use requires no administration by the publisher.
- EJTIR papers will be easier to access for people, doing literature research (including masters and PhD students, university staff and other researchers).
- Due to the free and electronic access everybody has always and everywhere access to the papers, hopefully leading to more readers.
- Due to the likely increase in readers, EJTIR will be more often referred to, leading to more citations of EJTIR papers and a higher impact of the papers and journal.
- Due to the increased attractiveness for authors to publish in EJTIR we expect to get more papers submitted. The increase in papers allows us to further increase the quality of the papers and focus more on the scope of the journal.
- Electronic-only publishing saves the costs made for printing and sending hard copies of EJTIR.
- It will be easier for the EJTIR board to monitor and evaluate its audience and, if necessary, take focused actions to expand this audience

Due to free access the authors benefit from the increase of readers and citations; readers benefit from the free and easy access to the papers; and the reviewers face an increase of the impact of their work.

The change to a free, electronic journal perfectly fits in the general and global trend that internet becomes more and more the medium to make information easily available world wide at any time and always up to date and to search for information via the internet. Moreover, it appears that free and electronic publication poses no barrier for eventual being awarded an impact factor.

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If you have questions or remarks regarding the change to a free internet journal, please contact us.

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