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# Editorial

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Three special issues of the IJRT (Volume 5(1), 5(2) and 5(3)) are to be devoted to the publication of the invited lectures to be presented at Railways 2016. These lectures provide: (1) A state-of-the-art review of a particular research area, or; (2) Summarise a body of previously unpublished significant research or knowledge. I am particularly grateful to the Invited Lecturers for the contribution of their papers to both the journal and the conference. Other contributed papers to be presented at the Railways 2016 Conference will be published in: "Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Railway Technology: Research, Development and Maintenance" edited by J. Pombo and published by Civil-Comp Press.

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