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The traditional 5<sup>th</sup> GMC congress, GMC'24, was held on 20-21 May 2024 at Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty Tuzla campus. The congress, where a total of 185 papers from 15 different countries were presented in 6 parallel sessions for 2 days, was very successful. The topics of “Autonomous Ships”, “Artificial Intelligence” and “carbon emission and energy” were discussed intensively at the congress. It has been decided that the next GMC will be held in Izmir/Turkey in 2026, hosted by Dokuz Eylül University.

It gives me great pleasure to present JEMS 12 (2) to our esteemed readers. Every day, more people are becoming interested in JEMS, and the editorial board and reviewers are becoming pickier. This issue includes some interesting and worthwhile studies. Without a doubt, the maritime area will benefit from these studies. I would like to thank the following people: the publishers, who produced high-quality publications by carefully adhering to our publication policies; our reviewers; the editorial board; the section editors; and the authors, who submitted their insightful studies for publication in this issue.

Best regards,

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