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Denos C. Gazis, a pioneer in the field of Transportation Science, has distinguished himself as a researcher, a research manager, and as a leader in the scientific community. As a researcher he was among the early key contributors in studies which established the foundations to traffic science, including traffic flow theory, the optimal control of congested store-and-forward networks, and the use of computer technology for traffic management, for example, the real time computer control of traffic in vehicular tunnels. As a manager, he initiated and led significant technical work at IBM Research from the early uses of computers to the current development of Intelligent Transportation Systems. As a leader in the technical community, he was a founding member of the Transportation Science Section. As its chairman he led the effort to establish the Transportation Science Journal and later became its editor. In 1974 he co-authored and edited the volume Traffic Science which to this day is one of the best sources in the field. He also spread the gospel of Transportation Science by organizing short courses at leading universities and initiating interaction with the engineering community through the Highway (now Transportation) Research Board. He is a prolific writer, a distinguished speaker, and one of the leading lights in the Transportation Science community.

For his outstanding contributions and service in the field of Transportation science, he is awarded the Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award of the Transportation Science Section of INFORMS.