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Preface

This supplement to the *Journal of Safety Research* is devoted to the issue of graduated driver licensing (GDL). It consists of papers prepared by acknowledged experts and presented at the "Symposium on Graduated Driver Licensing: Documenting the Science of GDL" held in Chatham, MA, from November 5 to 7, 2002.

These proceedings provide a comprehensive review of the research that has been done on teenage driver safety issues and the licensing measures that have been put in place to reduce their risk of crash or fatality while maintaining a reasonable level of mobility. Beginning with the genesis of this approach and concluding with a future research agenda, together, they make a compelling case for the adoption or strengthening of GDL laws in each state.

We are very pleased that the *Journal* can contribute in highlighting the state of the art of GDL and providing a viable outlet for this critical issue. We are especially grateful to Dr. Allan F. Williams, chief scientist at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, for serving as the guest editor for this supplement. I hope this special issue helps to promote more attention and trigger more discussion to further the research and implementation of GDL to ensure that our teenage drivers survive those high-risk years.

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