

## Editorial

Incredibly now in our 16th year, *Statistical Modelling* brings terrific opportunity for “Statistical Modellers” to publish their quality work that is within the journal’s aims and scope ([www.statmod.org/smij](http://www.statmod.org/smij)). In fact, the typical approximate time to print currently stands at roughly one year (including review). In addition, online first brings online access to accepted manuscripts in about 4–6 weeks, and now also allows color figures.

You may have also noticed that the journal recently has offered an interesting blend of special issues, discussion issues, along with regular contributions, all on contemporary and state-of-the-art modelling. The year 2015 brought *Statistical Modelling* a special topic issue in the area Compositional Data Analysis, with Guest Editor Peter Filzmoser, work that was based on presentations at the Fifth International Workshop on Compositional Data Analysis. Looking forward, we have additionally commissioned several exciting Discussion papers, for each of which we will dedicate an entire issue. These include: (i) Statistical modelling for bioinformatics data by Jeffrey Morris and Veera Baladandayuthapani; (ii) Discrete variable selection using the LASSO by Gerhard Tutz and Jan Gertheiss and (iii) Functional regression by Sonja Greven and Fabian Scheipl. We hope and aim for rich, interesting and even controversial exchanges of ideas among these authors and their discussants.

This year also brought one change to our board: we have gained Vito Muggeo from University of Palermo, who has agreed to join our team of associate editors. The editors look forward to the opportunity to work with Vito and wish him a warm welcome.

The editors of *Statistical Modelling* also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Moritz Berger from University of Munich (LMU), Germany, on his first place student competition award for his paper (with co-author Gerhard Tutz) “An Extended Adjacent Categories Model Accounting for Response Styles,” which was presented at the International Workshop on Statistical Modelling in Linz during July 2015, and has the opportunity to be “fast-tracked” in our review process.

As always, we encourage your constructive input. See [www.statmod.org](http://www.statmod.org) for online data, code, and e-appendices associated with most of our published articles, as well as a variety of other general information regarding your membership and the Statistical Modelling Society.

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