

Editorial

The editors are happy to report that *Statistical Modelling* has had an upswing, now approaching its 18th volume. Both the one-year and five-year impact factors are moving in the right direction, at 1.1 and 1.4, respectively, while our ranking has nudged up into the top 45 per cent among statistics and probability journals. Online First is running well, bringing accepted papers online roughly within 6 weeks after acceptance (while allowing colour figures). As an additional service to authors, SAGE also now offers an open-access option (for a fee) through its *SAGE Choice* programme. Yet, perhaps our most significant change is the journal's migration to an online submission and peer review platform (SAGE Track). In all, *Statistical Modelling* continues to bring exceptional opportunity to all statistical modellers as a home for their quality manuscripts (within the journal's aims and scope found at www.statmod.org/smij) and in a timely fashion.

Similar to recent years, *Statistical Modelling* has continued to define itself in important and unique ways. Along with our regular contributed issues, 2017 has brought two discussion issues (which are each double issues). The first double issue is *A General Framework for Functional Regression Modelling*, by Sonja Greven and Fabian Scheipl (with six expanded discussant pieces), while the second double issue is *Statistical Contributions to Bioinformatics: Design, Modelling, Structure Learning, and Integration*, by Jeffrey S. Morris and Veera Baladandayuthapani (with seven very diverse discussant pieces). We also have more special issues in our 2018 pipeline: (i) Semiparametric Modelling (Guest Editors: Thomas Kneib, Andreas Groll and Andreas Mayr), and (ii) Sports Modelling (Guest Editors: Andreas Groll et al.). Additionally, on a longer horizon, you will find: (iii) Demographic Modelling (Guest Editors: Jutta Gampe and Carlo Giovanni Camarda). *Statistical Modelling* is always open to new ideas for future special issues related to discussions, workshops or tutorials; so do let us know if you have any ideas for us.

This year also brought a few very significant changes to our editorial board. First, after more than 11 years of service, Jeffrey Simonoff has decided to step down as editor. We would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thanks to Jeff, whose dedication to and vision for the journal has brought many significant improvements during his tenure, and working with Jeff was most enjoyable. We are happy to report that Jeff will now continue with the journal as a member of our advisory board. With this change brings in our new editor Vicente Núñez-Antón from The University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Spain. Vicente has really stepped up to this opportunity with much enthusiasm and look forward to growing the journal with him. We have had some additional rotation within the Associate Editor board. Specifically Marc Aerts, Harvey Goldstein, Johannes Ledolter and Simon Wood have stepped down, while Rolando de la Cruz, Maria Durbán and Konstantinos Fokianos have joined in. It should be noted that Marc's, Harvey's and Hannes's service to the journal as associate editors reaches back to the journal's launch in

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2001. Undeniably, their service have significantly shaped the journal. Thank you to all four. We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Rolando, Maria and Kostas in future, who add important expertise to our board.

The editors also wish to congratulate Mirko Singonerlli from Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands on his first place student competition award for his paper *Model-based Clustering for a Populations of Networks* (with co-author E. Wit). His work was presented at the International Workshop on Statistical Modelling in Groningen, Netherlands during July 2017. Among Mirko's awards, the journal offered him a fast-tracked review process, subject to refereeing.

Do keep in mind that this is your journal, so along with reading it, the editors encourage you to help with its visibility across the globe. Further, we always seek your constructive input and outreach to encourage appropriate submissions and special issues. See www.statmod.org for online data, code and e-appendices associated with most of our published articles (now with a newly completed search functionality), as well as a variety of general information regarding the Statistical Modelling Society.

Thank you for being part of the journal, and we wish you great modelling success.

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