Editorial

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The International Workshop on Applied Probability, IWAP, has grown into a healthy 10-year-old in 2012. This year the meeting is scheduled for July in Jerusalem, and perhaps it is time to take a brief look at the history that led us to this moment.

This workshop was conceived as a forum to exchange ideas and to foster collaboration among the probabilists who published in, were editors of, or simply read and were interested in the subject matters of the journal *Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability*. A small group of brave souls, enthusiastically met at Simón Bolívar University, Caracas, Venezuela, in January 2002 and had a successful meeting amidst a rarified political atmosphere that led to a coup d'état a few weeks after the end of this first workshop.

The second IWAP convened in 2004 in University of Piraeus, Greece, with a larger group of participants and a feeling in the air that something big was coming up, namely the Athens Olympic Games.

For the third IWAP 2006 the meeting was held in Storrs, Connecticut, the peaceful site of University of Connecticut, with yet a larger crowd.

Back to Europe for the 2008 meeting: this time the workshop took place in an unusually cool summer in Compiègne, France, a vibrant town with old castles representing past history and a modern Technical University representing the future.

For the fifth IWAP, the site chosen was the Colmenarejo campus of Carlos III University, in the summer heat of 2010. Undoubtedly, one of the key points was the gala dinner in Círculo de Bellas Artes, in Madrid, where the large crowd in front of twin sets of screens roared its approval, or disappointment, when Spain scored the winning goal against Germany in a semifinal match of the FIFA World

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Championship. This victory sent the home team to the final game and eventually to the title of World Champion.

This issue of *Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability* is dedicated to IWAP 2010 in Madrid. You will find in it the current research in our field, which exhibits both depth and diversity. It was a privilege to work on both sides of the Atlantic under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Joseph Glaz, and we must express our gratitude to him and to all anonymous reviewers who took their time to read and to make suggestions and criticisms that resulted in better articles. Our final wish is that both MCAP and IWAP continue flourishing and getting even better in the future.

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