

Editorial

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Statistical Methods and Applications has been accepted for Science Citation Index Expanded, and will appear for the first time in 2009 Journal of Citation Report, published in June 2010.

We are continuously trying to increase the number of published papers. After increasing the number of issues from 3 to 4 in 2008, and increasing the number of printed pages to 150 per issue in 2009, we ensure for this year a further slight increase, and in 2010 each issue consists of up to 168 pages, with a total of about 670 pages per volume, about a 10% increase.

The number of submitted papers exceeded 100 in 2009. Only 15 were by Italian researchers, usually members of the Statistical Society, but most of them come from Europe, America and Asia. Notably, 25 papers were submitted by Indian statisticians, and we are pleased to register submissions from China (7 papers) and from Iran (14 papers).

Statistical Methods and Applications was published in 2009 in four issues containing 33 papers. The rejection rate is currently between 65 and 70%.

The editorial board makes his best efforts to keep reviewing time as short as possible, in spite of the large number of submissions, and always allowing for at least two referees for each paper. The average time to first answer was about 80 days, though with a rather large variance. However, the adoption of an electronic management system using the Editorial Manager platform, allows now to speed up the entire process, so that the papers processed through the new system have shown an average time to first answer about 50 days only.

The editorial board has several new members, since the co-editor Silvia Biffignandi, and the associate editors V. Buratta, M. Gasparini, A. Giovagnoli, B. Liseo, P. Rigo and N. Tedesco terminated their long time appointment. It is a pleasure to thank these colleagues for their invaluable action in favour of the progress and the success of Statistical Methods and Applications.

Tommaso Proietti was nominated co-editor for the Applications Section, and six new associate editors were appointed: Cinzia Carota, Antonio Lijoi, and Alberto Lombardo for the Methods Section; Marco Bonetti, Stefano Campostrini and Orietta Luzi for the Applications Section. The Editor is pleased to welcome the new board members, with their help we shall be able to offer our audience an even more interesting and useful Journal.