

## Editorial

The editors are pleased to report some good news regarding *Statistical Modelling*. To start, the journal is now within reach of its 20th volume—or two decades in the making! With this, our five-year Impact Factor is at an all-time high of 1.65. Concerning our one-year Impact Factor, the journal now ranks near the median (63rd of 123) among Statistics and Probability journals (and last year we hit our best ranking which was in the top tercile). Downloads for journal articles are up more than 35% from last year, with over 36 000 visits from 169 countries, and these downloads were primarily recent works, giving indication of publication relevance. Online First is running smoothly and brings accepted papers online roughly within six weeks after acceptance (while allowing colour figures). As always, our goal is to make *Statistical Modelling* the primary research resource for statistical modellers, as well as an attractive outlet for statistical modellers to submit their own quality manuscripts (within the journal's aims and scope found at [www.statmod.org/smij](http://www.statmod.org/smij)). In return, the editors promise our authors a timely and professional review.

A signature feature of the journal—certainly for the past decade—has been special and discussion issues, and this year brought no exception. Issue 19(1) carried over another special issue on Sports Modelling (continued from 18(5–6)), with guest editors: Andreas Groll, Paolo Zuccolotto, Marica Manisera and Gunther Schauburger. We are also pleased to announce that the special issue on ‘Statistical Modelling in Demography’ has appeared in 19(3), with guest editors Jutta Gampe and Carlo Giovanni Camarda. Further special issues are in the pipeline, so stay tuned, and *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.

Like nearly every year, this one has also brought a few more changes to our editorial board. First, Peter van der Heijden and Thomas Kneib have stepped down as Associate Editors (AEs). A special thanks goes to both: Peter has been with the journal ever since our 2001 launch; and Thomas's diversity and reliability were truly valued. Yet with these departures come new AEs, and the editors look forward to working with Andreas Groll, Maria Kateri, Andreas Mayr and Elisabeth Waldmann (all four from Germany). We welcome them aboard.

The editors also wish to congratulate Andrea Sottosanti of University of Padova, Italy, on his first place student competition award for his paper ‘Continuous Time Hidden Markov Models for Astronomical Gamma-ray Light Curves’ (with co-authors) that was presented at the International Workshop on Statistical Modelling in Guimarães, Portugal, during July 2019. Among Andrea's awards, the journal offered a fast-tracked review process, subject to refereeing. Congratulations!

Please remember that this is your journal, so along with reading it, the editors encourage you to promote its worldwide image and visibility. Further, we value any of your constructive input. As an additional service to authors, note that SAGE

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also offers an open access option (for a fee) through its *Sage Choice* programme. See [www.statmod.org](http://www.statmod.org) for online data, code and e-appendices associated with most of our published articles (with a newly completed search functionality), as well as a variety of general information regarding the Statistical Modelling Society. Our sincere thanks goes out to Jochen Einbeck, Daniel Bonetti and Thomai Tsiftsi for their enduring and volunteer efforts with the web.

We look forward to yet another great decade of modelling.

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