

Editorial

First off, the editors hope that this reaches everyone well and safe during this unusual COVID-19 year. We also invite you to act individually, under these extraordinary circumstances, to renew your subscription for the current year. You can act at the website: <http://www.statmod.org/join.htm>, where you can get a variety of modelling information. We want to ensure uninterrupted delivery of our journal to your home!

Additionally, the editors would like to share some recent news related to *Statistical Modelling*. We are now finishing the journal's second decade in print and approaching its 21st volume! This year our metrics have improved, with our five-year Impact Factor at 1.735 and our one-year Impact Factor at 1.419, which places our journal in the top 38% (47th of 124) among Statistics and Probability journals. Our Cite Score is also quite strong at 1.48, putting us in the top tercile or at 60/206 (Statistics and Probability). Downloads for journal articles remain high too: up 19% from last year (which were already up 35% from the year prior). Online First is running smoothly and generally brings accepted papers online within 6 weeks after acceptance (while allowing colour figures). Like past years, our goal and mantra is to make *Statistical Modelling* the primary research resource, 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). In return, the editors ensure to do their best towards a timely and professional review for authors.

In the spirit of years past, we have two new special issues to offer you. Appearing in this issue, you will find: Bayesian Inference for Joint Models in Survival Analysis with guest editors Carmen Armero and Virgilio Gómez-Rubio. Also on the horizon in 2022, we have a Special issue in Honour of Murray Aitkin's 80th Birthday with guest editors John Hinde and Brian Francis. As always, *Statistical Modelling* is 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.

Keep in mind 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 also offers an open access option (for a fee) through its Sage Choice programme. See 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. A genuine thank you goes out to Jochen Einbeck, Daniel Bonetti and Thomai Tsiftsi for their outstanding volunteer efforts with the web.

We look forward to yet another great decade of modelling.

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