

## Editorial Note from the Chief Editor

On behalf of the Editorial team, I am very pleased to see the publication of the first issue of the Journal of Applied Probability and Statistics (JAPS). This is a significant event that marks the realization of an idea to launch a scientific journal committed to promote state-of-the-art research in various fields of Applied Probability and Statistics.

Like other top-rated journals, JAPS is committed to excellence through publishing high quality research articles. We attempt to make decision on the submitted papers within three months of the date of submission. Associate Editors are assigned to handle the review process of the submitted manuscripts. The Chief Editor decides on the acceptance or rejection of manuscripts based on the recommendation of the relevant Associate Editor and the review reports of two referees. Our immediate aim is to be recognised by all major citation agencies that cover the disciplines of Probability and Statistics, including SCI (Science Citation Index), within the shortest possible time.

In the last six months, since the beginning of the promotion of JAPS, we have received 34 submissions from different parts of the world and we accepted 9 articles for inclusion in the first issue.

Everyone associated with the editorial works of professional journals recognises the needs for good and committed reviewers. As a new journal we are in the process of building a database of potential referees to make the peer-review process manageable. My sincere thanks are to those colleagues who have worked as referees and/or expressed interests to be included in the database of reviewers. The JAPS team highly values the contributions of the referees, which have made the journal more useful to our readers.

We wanted to have a solid start of JAPS, and hence initially invited a very limited number of Associate Editors. The small team has done an excellent job. However, as the number of submissions is growing larger, the need for the expansion of the editorial board has become essential. I would be happy to see some more energetic reputed scholars on the editorial board of JAPS in the near future.

I am particularly indebted to the authors who have chosen to publish their valuable research outputs in JAPS. It is expected that these authors would serve as promotional agents of JAPS and encourage more scholars to consider publishing their works in JAPS.

My unreserved thanks and appreciation are to the Dixie W Publishing Corporation for taking up this novel venture of publishing the new journal and putting full trust on the

Editorial Board for making decisions on the processing and suitability of publication of submitted manuscripts.

Last, but not the least, I take this opportunity to thank many colleagues and well-wishers who have encouraged us to bring out this new journal and have been continuously supporting the publication of JAPS in various capacities. We hope we will be able to meet their expectations.

We welcome any constructive suggestions to improve the quality and standing of JAPS as a professional international journal.

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