

Editorial Note from the Chief Editor

The JAPS team is very pleased to see the second issue of the journal is ready for its readers. This issue contains 7 articles. We are very encouraged by the steady flow of good quality submissions to JAPS from across the globe as well as from diverse areas of applied probability and statistics.

I believe that the JAPS team has been very professional in handling the submissions. Except for a very small number of cases, the processing time was as per plan. As it is with any international journal, due to some unavoidable circumstances, processing of a very limited number of manuscripts took longer than anticipated time. Although this is not unusual for international journals, our intention and efforts are to minimise any such delay. We fully understand the urge of the authors to publish their good quality work as soon as possible.

So far we have received 58 submissions, and 24 of them after the publication of the first issue in December 2006. Recently, we have increased the number of Associate Editors of JAPS to meet the growing needs of the journal. This has added to the diversity of expertise of the team as well as coverage of various geographical regions.

The Dixie W Publishing has been continually promoting the journal. Recently, it has agreed to publish selected number of articles to be presented in the 9th ISOSS Conference to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-14 December 2007 (see the link at <http://ismy.math.um.edu.my/iccs/iccs2007>). I hope that the initiative would add to the promotion of JAPS and reflect on the professional commitment of the publisher.

The JAPS is now reviewed and indexed in the Mathematical Reviews, MathSciNet, and Zentralblatt fur Mathematik databases. Our aim is to include JAPS in all relevant major citations within the shortest possible time.

I thank all the reviewers who have spent valuable time and efforts to help JAPS. We recognise their contributions and look forward to their on going support. The associate editors have done a fantastic job. I congratulate them all. Finally I thank all those who have directly or indirectly contributed to the growth and elevation of JAPS as a professional peer-reviewed international journal. I look forward to hearing comments and feedback from our readers and well-wishers. Specific suggestions to improve the quality and impact of JAPS are always welcome.

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