

## Editorial Note from the Chief Editor

I am very pleased to write this editorial report for the second issue of the fourth volume of the Journal of Applied Probability and Statistics (JAPS). It marks the fourth year of regular publication of JAPS. On this occasion I congratulate the JAPS family, particularly the authors, dedicated and expert team of associate editors and reviewers, as well as the staff at the publication office for their superb work.

Our commitment to the profession is to continue publishing high quality original research outputs in any area of applied probability and statistics. In the process, we make sure that every submitted article is read by at least one associate editor of JAPS prior to deciding if the manuscript is suitable enough to be sent to at least two independent reviewers to assess the suitability of publication. Articles submitted to JAPS are only accepted if two reviewers, who are expert in the field, support its acceptance and the associate editor recommends its publication based on the review reports after the authors make all suggested changes and address any issues raised in the review process. In the previous year, less than forty percent of the manuscripts submitted to JAPS were accepted.

In the last year three new associate editors had joined JAPS team. At the same time a very limited number of associate editors found it hard to continue serving JAPS due increased other professional commitments. We are currently reviewing the status of those associate editors, and plan to invite some new associate editors to strengthen the team to meet the requirements for diverse expertise in a growing discipline like statistics.

The immediate main aim of JAPS is to be included in all the major indexing agencies that cover statistical sciences. We are confident that JAPS meets all the requirements and criteria to achieve any such recognition. So, it is time for JAPS to apply for the official recognition to further its quality and enhance its professional standing. We believe, by now, due to its very strong editorial team, regular on-time publication and quality of the articles it has published, JAPS has reached at a level to be acknowledged by all relevant institutions and organisations. It is a matter of time for JAPS to reach this aim.

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