

Editorial Note from the Chief Editor

In early 2007, the International Organising Committee of the 9th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICCS-IX) and the publisher of JAPS, Dixie W Publishing Corporation accepted the proposal of the Chief Editor of JAPS to publish selected articles presented in the conference in a special issue through normal peer-review process. The conference was jointly organised by the Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) and Institute of Statistics Malaysia (ISM). It was held in the Concorde Hotel in Shah Alam, Malaysia during 12-14 December 2007.

The conference attracted a large number of participants from all over the world and around 240 papers were presented on diverse topics in various areas of theoretical and applied statistics. Articles published in this issue were selected for publication after going through the usual review process. Several other papers selected for the special issue are still in the review process, and would be published in another issue of JAPS, if accepted. The rest of the papers presented in the ICCS-IX have been published in the conference proceedings.

Several photos reflecting various activities of the conference have been included in this issue. A report highlighting the organisation and programs of the conference has also been included.

Publication of this special issue has been an example of excellent cooperation between the researchers and publisher to promote high quality research communication. I believe this initiative will be beneficial to everyone involved and encourage similar collaboration in the future.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the ICCS-IX and JAPS, particularly to the reviewers, for their valuable support and contributions.

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