

Editor's Report

Here is the new issue of SORT–Statistics and Operations Research Transactions and there are several items of good news that come with it.

I am very happy to announce that our journal is receiving increasing recognition by external evaluators. Last year, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation awarded the journal with the seal of excellence for scientific publications. This is the reason why you can now find the FECYT logo on our first page. In order to obtain this recognition of excellence, the journal had to follow a very strict auditing process by which the quality of our output was assessed. Many key features of our journal were carefully examined: peer-reviewing, editorial work, management flows, interaction with authors, rejection rates, publishing speed and presentation, citations and indexing among many others. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the Associate Editors and the Production Editor, as well as the remarkable contribution of all the staff, reviewers, authors and readers for their continuous support. I want to thank Prof. Albert Sorribas, who has been an excellent Associate Editor, taking care of many manuscripts submitted to SORT in the calls for papers in the meetings of the Spanish Section of the International Biometric Society.

SORT is now a joint publication of the Institut d'Estadística de Catalunya, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Universitat de Girona. The universities have become more involved in the journal in the form of publishers rather than sponsors.

SORT is becoming a well-known journal in the field and its impact factor is increasing. The editorial office receives on average about one submission every five days. The increasing number of manuscripts has forced the Editorial Committee to be much more demanding in the quality of the articles compared to the past, obliging us to be very selective when accepting articles. We only accept contributions with excellent content and presentation, giving priority to those showing an applied orientation.

In the last few months, the Editorial Committee has made a considerable effort to transform the submission and reviewal process from e-mail into an online electronic platform. The new system will certainly help to reduce delays and to make the Editors' and reviewers' deliberations much more fluid and efficient. Authors should now use the new web to submit their articles and all communication with authors, editors, reviewers and the publisher will be done through this new channel. I hope that this will further improve the journal in the future.

Finally, let me wish you enjoyable reading and let me share with you the joy of SORT.

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