

ANZJS Editors' Report to the 2014 AGM

ANZJS Editors

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1. Overview

Publication of 2014 issues has been (almost) on schedule, although some of the early issues were somewhat thin. However, a significant number of accepted papers are working their way through the publication process, which should result in a relatively large December issue.

The journal impact factor continues to be rather disappointing. It is currently 0.42, placing ANZJS 106th out of 119 journals in probability and statistics as listed in the ISI journal database. However, we hope for improvements over the next two years, in part because of the publication of a number of invited papers by leading Australasian researchers.

2. Editorial Team

The Editors met face-to-face in Auckland in February this year to discuss a number of the matters covered elsewhere in this report. Subsequent meetings were by Skype.

Alan Welsh has indicated his intention to stand down next year as editor-in-chief. The editorial team has begun to give thought to a suitable replacement. I note for the record that Alan has done an excellent job in his role.

3. Acceptance Rates

The acceptance rate for submissions in 2013 was around 25%.

4. Associate Editors

Changes have been made to the list of Associate Editors. Inactive or hopelessly tardy AEs were pruned from the list, and replacements appointed.

5. Plagiarism

The journal is receiving an increasing number of manuscripts that are heavily plagiarised. Fortunately the Associate Editors and referees do a fine job, by and large, in spotting such submissions.

6. Presentation at ASC/IMS 2014, Sydney

Michael Martin (co-Theory & Methods Editor) made a presentation at the ASC/IMS 2014 meeting in Sydney on getting published in ANZJS. This was part of a conference session focused on publication and related issues, with a particular emphasis on helping new and upcoming researchers.

7. Publishers

The journal's publication contract with Wiley is due for renewal in 2016. The Management Committee have taken a lead in surveying NZSA members regarding possible future publishing models. Issues include (i) whether to discontinue publication in hard copy (at least as a standard option), and (ii) whether to pursue an open access model.

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