

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics Editors' Report to the 2019 AGM

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1. Overview

Four issues published in 2019 as usual. Journal impact factor for 2018 is 0.642, up from 0.385 in 2017. The Editors hope that initiatives like the new Statistical Computing section, publication of read papers, and a planned festschrift (see 6 below) will lead to further improvements over the next few years.

2. Inaugural Read Discussion Paper

The paper "Testing random effects in linear mixed models: another look at the F-test" by Hui, Muller and Welsh was read at the 2018 NZSA Conference in Palmerston North. Chris Triggs and Geoff Jones were the invited discussants. The paper appeared in print in the first 2019 issue of the journal.

3. Appointment of Social Media Editor

Emi Takana (U. Sydney) has been appointed as Social Media Editor for the journal. The role is to raise the profile of the journal through Twitter and the like.

4. Other Changes to Editorial Team

The last 12 months have seen multiple changes to the editorial team. Martin Hazelton took over the reins as Editor-in-Chief on 1 July. Martin notes his gratitude to outgoing EiC, James Curran, on his excellent work in the role.

Michael Martin and Chris Triggs have finished their terms as handling editors. Martin notes his thanks to both for their fine service. Samuel Mueller and Hanlin Shang continue as Theory and Methods Editors. Barbara Holland has taken over as Applications Editor. Hien Nguyen covers the roles of Statistical Computing Editor and Technical Editor.

In addition to those changes among the handling editors, there have also been multiple changes to the list of Associate Editors.

5. Concerns over Production and Copy Editing at Wiley

Recently, proofs of papers produced by Wiley for the latest issues of the journal have included a significant number of errors, many introduced at the production stage. Martin has worked with

Wiley and have identified some possible causes (including change of staff at Wiley). Martin is hopeful that this will result in a return to the previous high standards of production at Wiley.

6. Festschrift for Professor Adrian Baddeley

An upcoming issue will take the form of a festschrift for Professor Adrian Baddeley, on the occasion of his 65th birthday. A number of top international researchers in spatial statistics have accepted invitations to contribute.

Martin Hazelton
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