

ANZJS Editors' Report to the 2015 AGM

ANZJS Editors

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1. Overview

The ANZJS Editorial Team is in a transitional state. Alan Welsh is stepping down as Editor in Chief, to be replaced by James Curran. James's role as Applications Editor will be filled by Chris Triggs.

The journal impact factor continues to be rather disappointing. It is currently 0.415, placing ANZJS 113th out of 122 journals in probability and statistics as listed in the ISI journal database. We hope for improvements over the next few years, in part because of the publication of a number of invited papers by leading Australasian researchers.

2. Editorial Meetings

The Editors met face-to-face in Melbourne in February this year. Subsequent meetings were by Skype.

3. Acceptance Rates

In the 12 month period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, 167 manuscripts were submitted to ANZJS. Of these, 38 were accepted (22.8%). These figures mean that we have seen a decrease in the number of submissions (247 in 2013-14) and the ANZJS acceptance rate has gone up (from 7%).

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. Reproducible Research

The Editors are now pushing for authors to provide data and computing code as supplementary material for accepted papers.

6. ANZJS Invited Speaker

Professor Richard Boys (University of Newcastle, U.K.) is the ANZJS Invited Keynote Speaker at the 2015 NZSA Conference. His travel and accommodation expenses are covered by the journal. In addition to presenting at the conference, the ANZJS Invited Speaker is required to provide the journal with an invited paper.

Martin Hazelton
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