

Editor report

The editorial board is pleased to announce that SORT – Statistics and Operations Research Transactions – has been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuters products and custom information services.

Beginning with volume 31, issue 1, 2007, SORT will be indexed and abstracted in the Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch[®]) and Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition. This is excellent news and a scientific recognition of the quality and academic standards of the journal. It is also important for authors because articles and their citations will be tracked by Thomson Reuters, formerly called Institute for Scientific Information. Citation reports will be produced and the impact factor will be calculated for SORT. This will provide us with a measure of the relevance and the influence of SORT on building up new scientific knowledge. The impact factor is calculated as a ratio between citations and recent citable items published, that is by dividing the number of current year citations by the source items published in that journal during the previous two years. Becoming a selected journal means that the publication guarantees peer-revision of manuscripts, international diversity of authorship, timeliness and care for editorial content. The selection process is constantly under review and journals are monitored to ensure that they maintain high standards and a clear relevance to the products and lists in which they are covered. SORT has been classified in the Statistics and Probability category that covers resources concerned with methods of obtaining, analyzing, summarizing, and interpreting numerical or quantitative data. Resources on the study of the mathematical structures and constructions used to analyze the probability of a given set of events from a family of outcomes are also covered. With SORT, there are currently 101 journals around the world included in the Statistics and Probability category of Thomson Reuters master journal list.

The editorial board hopes that authors will find SORT more attractive when it is more efficiently indexed and cited, so that the number of submissions will increase.

In addition to this good news, the current issue of volume 32 comes to you with a revised cover image, which I hope that you like as much as I do. Our publisher, the Statistical Institute of Catalonia has recently unified the functionality of communication resources within the framework of an integrated corporate image. This key action includes a new design for printed publications and the web site, which now use a regenerated modern and fashionable style. Experts agree on this new look as being more appealing and effective than the previous one. This general overhaul also implies a revolution for the cover page of SORT. Academics are usually reluctant to such alterations, if they are not significant improvements. In the present case, I think that we really gain from the

new presentation. It is definitely more lively and colourful, as a result of the many possibilities that modern printing production offers nowadays, as well as the expertise of the design and communications professionals at the Statistical Institute of Catalonia.

The publisher and the board of sponsors have decided that from this issue on, SORT will be a fully open-access journal in order to offer timely delivery and electronic availability free of cost. Printed paper copies will continue to be distributed to subscribers, and subscription rates will only reflect printing costs. The editorial board is grateful to the publisher and sponsors for their generosity and to all authors, associate editors and referees who have been involved in SORT in the past, and to whom we are indebted.

In 2008, we are going to celebrate the 30th anniversary of publication of *Qüestió* (*Quaderns d'Estadística i Investigació Operativa*), which is linked to the genesis of SORT. I wish that we all share the joy of this long-standing contribution as a tribute to the founders.

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