

Editor's Report 2014

It is a pleasure to present a new issue of SORT–Statistics and Operations Research Transactions. I am sure that readers will enjoy all the articles in this number, as much as they have enjoyed previous issues.

SORT–Statistics and Operations Research Transactions was indexed in the Web of Science on January 1st, 2007. Since then, the journal has become more popular among scientists and has gained reputation. Thomson Reuters regularly publishes impact factors of its indexed journals. In 2014, our journal will receive its best figure for impact factor¹, as it would be stated in the Journal Citation Reports, much above the average for journals of similar origin. SORT holds an excellent position compared to the past and has a very prominent rank as an academic journal in the field of Probability & Statistics.

I am enormously satisfied to see how our journal has grown up and how it succeeds every day. SORT–Statistics and Operations Research Transactions has evolved over the past from a local journal to a global publication, something that is reflected by the increasing number of submissions and by the number of authors from all over the world.

SORT is now characterized by all the ingredients for excellence.

- The FECYT seal of maximum quality for publication provided by the Spanish Ministry. This distinction is awarded every three years to top publications in recognition of their high standard.
- Participation of an increasing number of Catalan universities as co-editors of SORT who have now joined the original founders.
- An increasing number of submissions (88 in 2013).
- A reasonable review time of four months on average.
- Timely publication of two issues per year, where accepted articles are published within less than 12 months and are available online soon after acceptance.
- An electronic system for managing manuscripts, which was established in 2013 and is now fully functional.

I would like to warmly thank the editors, reviewers, authors and readers of the journal for their cooperation.

I do wish that the future will be as challenging and, at the same time, as rewarding as these past eight years have been for me as Chief Editor of SORT.

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1. Unofficial impact factor in May 2014: 0,857.