Greetings from the Editor-in-Chief
The past year has been unusual and difficult for everyone. I would like to thank the whole editorial team for the dedication and hard work to keep Stat running smoothly and getting better day by day!

2020 Publication Statistics
• 353 submissions, with 87 papers accepted
• 59 articles were published, including 4 Open Access papers
• More than 21,500 full text downloads to Stat articles in 2020

Top 3 downloaded papers of 2018-2020:
• Fast covariance estimation for multivariate sparse functional data by C. Li, L. Xiao and S. Luo (597 downloads)
• A bivariate life distribution and notions of negative dependence by P. Bhuyan, S. Ghosh, P. Majumder and M. Mitra (488 downloads)

Special Issue News
• We launched the special issue “Deep Learning from Statistical Perspectives,” co-edited by Yufeng Liu and Helen Zhang. The issue includes 11 high-quality articles covering a broad range of topics in deep learning. It starts with one comprehensive overview, followed by three sections: (1) Theory of deep learning, (2) Improvements of DNNs on computation and implementation: training, tuning, and variable selection, and (3) Connections between deep learning and classical statistical models, and applications.

• Stat has just published its first conference proceedings, 2020 SDSS (Symposium for Data Science and Statistics). It is the first peer-reviewed compilation of papers presented at SDSS, a conference dedicated to the interface between statistics, computer science, machine learning, and broad data sciences. The theme of SDSS 2020 was "Beyond Big Data: Collaboration in Science, Industry, and Society". The co-editors are David Hunter, Lingzhou Xue, and Helen Zhang.

• We have an on-going call for submission for the special issue, "Statistical Network Analysis" (co-editors: Ji Zhu and Helen Zhang). Over the past few decades, there has been rapid growth in statistical network analysis, but theoretical and computational challenges remain in modelling and analysis of large-scale, complex, and dynamic networks, experiment design and synthesis of networks, understanding robustness and security of networks. The issue aims to quickly disseminate original works on theory, methods, computation, visualization, and case studies for statistical network analysis. Please consider sending your work and spread the word about this opportunity.
Editorial Board News

Stat welcomes 5 new members to the editorial board this year:

- **Yufeng Liu** (Editor), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
  Areas: statistical machine learning, high dimensional analysis, statistical genetics, neuroimaging analysis, bioinformatics
- **Wenbin Lu** (Editor), North Carolina State University, USA
  Areas: biometrics, survival analysis, high dimensional data, statistical machine learning
- **Xavier de Luna** (Associate Editor), Umeå University, Sweden
  Areas: causal inference and causal discovery, causal machine learning methods, model/variable selection, incomplete data, life course studies
- **Yang Feng** (Associate Editor), New York University, USA
  Areas: machine learning, public health, high-dimensional data analysis, network models, nonparametric and semiparametric methods, bioinformatics
- **Jiajia Zhang** (Associate Editor), University of South Carolina, USA
  Areas: biostatistics, censored data, survival analysis

We thank the following editorial board members who recently stepped down for their service to Stat:

- **Arnoldo Frigessi** and **Håvard Rue** (Editors)
- **Amanda Hering** and **Yaming Yu** (Associate Editors)

Editorial Board Meeting

We will be arranging an editorial board meeting for 2021. More details to follow soon.

Contributed Session at JSM

There will be a Contributed Session at 2021 JSM on ‘Highlights from Stat’, featuring five highly-cited recent papers from the journal:

- **Speaker 1**: Paul McNicholas, McMaster University. Flexible clustering of high-dimensional data via mixtures of joint generalized hyperbolic distributions
- **Speaker 2**: Yuping Zhang, University of Connecticut. Integrative analysis of longitudinal high dimensional data with time-lagged associations
- **Speaker 3**: Michael Hudgens, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Doubly robust estimation in observational studies with partial interference
- **Speaker 4**: Yihui Zhou, North Carolina State University. Differential covariance testing – different statistics for different stories
- **Speaker 5**: Klaus Nordhausen, Vienna University of Technology. Estimating the number of signals using principal component analysis

Open Access

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