Stat Quarterly Newsletter, December 2019

First Impact Factor - 0.47

We are pleased to inform you about the new *Stat* impact factor. A first-time impact factor of **0.47** is a great starting point for this young journal. Thank you to our editors and authors for your contributions toward this achievement.

What is new about *Stat?*

Starting from June 2019, the journal has the new **"Revision"** option in the decision area of the submission system. We can return a paper to the authors for a minor and fast revision (the revision stage is 12 days for the author).

Publication Statistics

From 2018 to 2019, *Stat* has continued to grow in terms of the number of submissions and publications. In 2018, the journal received **132** submissions and accepted **42** articles for publication. This year, **45** papers will be published. The journal has expanded its scope by embracing the "data science" component. Many thanks to the editorial board for working hard to improve the quality and impact of *Stat* whilst maintaining its speedy feature. *Quick 2018 Summary:* total submissions (132), accepted articles (42), acceptance rate (32.6%), average time from submission to decision (14 days).

STAT Editorial Board Business Meetings in 2019

The first meeting was held at **JSM in Denver** (*attendants: Stefano Castruccio, Mandy Hering, Jianhua Huang, John Kolassa, Yichao Wu, Lingzhou Xue, Helen Zhang*). The second meeting was held during **WSC in Kuala Lumpur** (*attendants: Arnoldo Frigessi, Haavard Rue, Judy Wang, Helen Zhang*). The attendants participated in lively discussions on increasing the journal impact factor, increasing the number of submissions and special issue ideas. Many great suggestions were proposed and will be considered by the journal and Wiley.

Welcome New AEs

Xiaoyue Niu Penn State University, USA (statistical consulting, experiment design, survey, network analysis)
Jiwei Zhao, University of Buffalo, USA (missing data, semiparametric modeling, biostatistics, medical statistics)
Lingzhou Xue, The Pennsylvania State University, USA (graphical models, machine learning)
Yichao Wu, The University of Illinois at Chicago, USA (machine learning)

Retired AEs

We are thankful for their dedicated service to *Stat*.
Ana-Maria Staicu, North Carolina State University, USA
Lan Wang, University of Minnesota, USA
Taane Clarke, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
Aki Vehtari, Aalto University, Finland

Stat Special Issue: Deep Learning from Statistical Perspectives

Authors are encouraged to present the latest theoretical ideas and methodological developments in deep learning. We invite original research articles on recent advances, as well as review papers which scan with theoretical and critical perspectives.
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