

EDITORIAL

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With this issue, *Statistics&Applications* (S&A) begins its 11th year of activity.

The journal was published on time throughout these ten years: 12 regular issues and 4 special issues containing 160 papers written by 214 authors. 35.6% of the papers were single-author papers, 43.8% had contributions from two authors, 12.5% from three authors, 7.5% from four authors and only one was written by five authors.

At the beginning, S&A was directed to the Italian statistical community, then it progressively became important at an international level; 35.5% of the published papers were written by foreign authors. Now the language of the journal is English and papers in Italian are not considered anymore for publication. The Scientific Committee is becoming increasingly international in its composition; from this issue new important foreign scholars are included in this committee. Moreover, the *Editorial Committee* is replaced by a committee of *Associated Editors* with specific areas of expertise.

S&A operates with a double blind peer review policy. S&A is indexed in *EBSCO* and *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory* and our effort in the coming months, together with *Vita e Pensiero* (V&P), will be devoted to make S&A indexed in the major international indexing systems.

This issue also contains the English translation of the first of a series of papers written in Italian by famous Italian scholars. This new project, decided by the Scientific Committee, aims at disseminating worldwide important papers which have remained unknown because of the Italian language. The first paper is the first part of an article by Gaetano Pietra (1879 - 1961) translated by Lucio De Capitani, in collaboration with Raffaella Calabrese, whom I thank. I asked to prof. Michele Zenga, who has a deep knowledge of the topics discussed in the article, to introduce the important scientific contribution of Pietra's paper.

Finally, I feel obliged to thank Silvia Golia and Marica Manisera who belong to the Editorial Secretariat, for the fundamental help in the preparation of the S&A issues.