

## EDITORIAL

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After the introduction of the *Teachers' Section* (Issue 2/2007) and the *Statistical Software Section* (Issue 2/2014), the Journal *Statistica & Applicazioni* is now featuring a new section entitled *Junior Researchers* to further enrich its content. We are launching this section in order to create a space aiming at publishing current research by graduate or PhD students, from the fields of Statistical Sciences. This special section welcomes research articles, short notes, case studies and review articles on theoretical, computational and applied statistics. Papers will be reviewed by senior researchers, who will be informed about the inclusion of the work in this special section. It will not be issued on a regular basis, but upon the availability of one or more suitable contributions. The main goal of the section is to offer an opportunity to graduate or PhD students to move their first steps in scientific research; thus, it primarily aspires to serve as a platform for starting academic careers, and to help junior researchers to get started in sharing the early stages of their work, gain experience in publishing, and definitely improve their scientific skills.

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