

EDITORIAL STAFF

EDITORS

JOHN I. MARDEN

JON A. WELLNER

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

ØRNULF BORGAN	ADAM MARTINSEK	QI-MAN SHAO
LAWRENCE BROWN	THOMAS MATHEW	TREVOR J. SWEETING
RAINER DAHLHAUS	HANS-GEORG MÜLLER	ELIZABETH A. THOMPSON
ANIRBAN DASGUPTA	XIAO-LI MENG	DAVID E. TYLER
HOLGER DETTE	RAHUL MUKERJEE	SARA VAN DE GEER
JOHN H. J. EINMAHL	DOMINIQUE PICARD	AAD W. VAN DER VAART
JIANQING FAN	NANCY REID	LARRY WASSERMAN
PETER HALL	DONALD ST. P. RICHARDS	ALAN H. WELSH
VLADIMIR KOLTCHINSKII	CHRISTIAN P. ROBERT	YI-CHING YAO
JAN T. A. KOSTER	PETER M. ROBINSON	ZHILIANG YING
REGINA Y. LIU	JOSEPH P. ROMANO	BIN YU
ENNO MAMMEN	MARK SCHERVISH	

EDITORIAL COORDINATORS

NASRIN GAHVARI

JANET WILT

MANAGING EDITOR
PAUL SHAMAN

PRODUCTION EDITOR
PATRICK KELLY

PAST EDITORS

THE ANNALS OF MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS

H. C. CARVER, 1930–1938	WILLIAM KRUSKAL, 1958–1961
S. S. WILKS, 1938–1949	J. L. HODGES, JR., 1961–1964
T. W. ANDERSON, 1950–1952	D. L. BURKHOLDER, 1964–1967
E. L. LEHMANN, 1953–1955	Z. W. BIRNBAUM, 1967–1970
T. E. HARRIS, 1955–1958	INGRAM OLKIN, 1970–1972

THE ANNALS OF STATISTICS

INGRAM OLKIN, 1972–1973	ARTHUR COHEN, 1989–1991
I. R. SAVAGE, 1974–1976	MICHAEL WOODROOFE, 1992–1994
RUPERT G. MILLER, JR., 1977–1979	LAWRENCE D. BROWN AND
DAVID V. HINKLEY, 1980–1982	JOHN A. RICE, 1995–1997
MICHAEL D. PERLMAN, 1983–1985	JAMES O. BERGER AND
WILLEM R. VAN ZWET, 1986–1988	HANS R. KÜNSCH, 1998–2000

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Annals of Statistics aims to publish research papers of highest quality reflecting the many facets of contemporary statistics. Primary emphasis is placed on importance and originality, not on formalism.

The discipline of statistics has deep roots in both mathematics and in substantive scientific fields. Mathematics provides the language in which models and the properties of statistical methods are formulated. It is essential for rigor, coherence, clarity and understanding. Consequently, our policy is to continue to play a special role in presenting research at the forefront of mathematical statistics, especially theoretical advances that are likely to have a significant impact on statistical methodology or understanding. Substantive fields are essential for continued vitality of statistics, since they provide the motivation and direction for most of the future developments in statistics. We thus intend to also publish papers relating to the role of statistics in interdisciplinary investigations in all fields of natural, technical and social sciences. A third force that is reshaping statistics is the computational revolution, and the *Annals* will also welcome developments in this area. Submissions in these two latter categories will be evaluated primarily by the relevance of the issues addressed and the creativity of the proposed solutions.

Lucidity and conciseness of presentation are important elements in the evaluation of submissions. The introduction of each paper should be accessible to a wide range of readers. It should thus discuss the context and importance of the issues addressed and give a clear, nontechnical description of the main results. In some papers it may, for example, be appropriate to present special cases or specific examples prior to general, abstract formulations, while in other papers discussion of the general scientific context of a problem might be a helpful prelude to the body of the paper.

Manuscripts submitted to *The Annals of Statistics* should be sent to:

Morris L. (Joe) Eaton and Jianqing Fan
Editors
University of Minnesota
School of Statistics, Ford 313
224 Church St. S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455

or, by E-MAIL to annals@annstat.stat.umn.edu.