

A message from the editorial board

Welcome to the Brazilian Journal of Probability and Statistics first issue of 2020. BJPS celebrates thirty four years of age publishing the first issue of volume 34. This number has a different format including 25% more content by reducing page margins. This new form should be seen as a real opportunity to reduce BJPS backlog that is actually around one year. This issue comprises 13 papers. Enjoy the reading.

This issue marks our first year in charge of the Editorial Board of BJPS. We are honored to assume the editorial responsibilities of this prestigious journal. We are grateful to the Brazilian Statistical Association for giving us the opportunity to contribute to BJPS. The success of BJPS is due to efforts of our predecessors and the international team of Associate Editors. We are committed to improve the quality of publications, increase the impact factor and keep the journal relevant in Statistics and Probability. As an editorial board, we welcome suggestions, discussions and thoughts from the authors and readers to improve the journal quality.

A brief report of our first year in charge of the BJPS editorial board follows. There are currently 36 Associate Editors on the BJPS Editorial Board from various parts of the world, with expertise from a broad range of probability, methodological and application areas. BJPS is published four times a year, in February, May, August and November, comprising a total of 900 pages. In 2019, 218 new manuscripts were submitted to the BJPS. The 218 new manuscript submissions came from 26 countries, the majority of them are from Asia. The Editorial Board rejected 136 (62%) manuscripts without external peer review. The average review time for these rejected manuscripts was 5.2 days. Reasons for such a high rejection rate varies from poor novelty to excessive overlap with published papers, including also poor English, among others.

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