



SJIAOS Status Report for Volume 32

Mission of the Journal

- The Journal supports the IAOS mission by publishing articles to promote the understanding and advancement of the basic principles of official statistics and to foster the development of effective and efficient official statistical services on a global basis. It publishes papers on current and emerging issues and challenges related to the management, production and use of official statistics and related public policy matters. All papers are refereed.
- We strive to publish papers of wide interest to both users and producers of official statistics. We cover areas such as the importance of applying the best scientific methods, the need for statistical independence, balancing the needs of users with the burden on respondents, the continuing challenges around confidentiality, and the growing need for consistency and coherence across statistical domains and over time and for international comparability.

How we are organized

- We have an editorial staff consisting of: Editor-in-Chief (three years), Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, Managing Editor, Technical Editor.
- We have an editorial board composed of regional and special emphasis experts. The Editor-in-Chief directs manuscripts deemed to have a potential contribution to our

mission to these experts. They in turn solicit the help of one or more reviewers to determine if a manuscript is suitable for publication.

- Without the assistance of the associate editors and the reviewers there would be no journal. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge their contribution to their profession, the organization and the journal. Without charge, they give freely of their time and expertise.

Volume 32

- We published four issues in 2016.
- The December issue is available as we speak.
- In 2016, we published 86 manuscripts (papers, comments, interviews, and conversations).
- This translates into more than 700 pages.
- The number of manuscripts of publication quality is increasing.

Countries represented in 2016

Algeria	Greece	Norway	Spain
Australia	Germany	New Zealand	Sweden
Austria	Israel	Malta	Taiwan
Belgium	Italy	Malaysia	Thailand
Brazil	Japan	Mexico	Turkey
UAE	Latvia	Palestine	UAE
Finland	Luxembourg	Russia	UK
France	Netherlands	Slovakia	ASA

The topics in Volume 32

- These topics were covered in Volume 32:
 - Data: Big data, synthetic data, administrative data
 - Data quality: linkage error, fabrication (special theme)
 - Data issues: disclosure and protection (special theme), confidentiality
 - Data dissemination
 - Data collection: census taking (2020 U.S. Decennial Census special theme)

- Data management: statistical systems
- We invited and published comments to some of the papers.

Other topics

- In addition, we had a number of manuscripts that fit under the umbrella: "Integration of statistical and geospatial information and data." I want to thank Gemma Van Halderen for compiling these manuscripts. She did so to honor Shigeru Kawasaki and the ISI WSC in Rio.
- We continued to welcome papers on indigenous populations and papers reporting on Statistics without Borders projects.

Interviews and Conversations

- We published interviews with senior statisticians and managers around the world. The goal is to connect official statisticians globally, but especially within the IAOS by getting to know the person in the position a little bit better. I personally have benefitted from being reminded how much we have in common in both our professional and private lives no matter what country we come from, what language we speak at home or where we live and work.
- From time to time, we publish a conversation about a topic we find to be of special interest to our readers. In Volume 32, we had conversations about science diplomacy and a project in Myanmar about maternal and infant care.
- The views and opinions expressed in the interviews and conversations are those of the interviewee and do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of the Journal, nor IOS Press.

Plans for Volume 33

- What can you expect in 2017?
- In March, we dedicate an entire issue to income and wealth in honor of Arthur Kennickell. Dr Kennickell is an economist working for the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve System. Several of his papers have appeared in the SJIAOS. We will publish a generous selection of others based on presentations he has given at professional gatherings along over the years with commentaries on his work by prominent statisticians.
- In June 2017, we take a look at how well different countries are capturing children in their decennial census count.

Further Plans

- In the fall, we have a special issue on urban, regional and small area statistics. Guest editor, Asta Manniken, has sent out an invitation for manuscripts:
 - *Papers dealing with geographical and other breakdowns of official statistics related to relevant urban and regional issues, urban and regional planning, territorial and targeted policies are welcome. Papers presenting the challenges and solutions of integration of geospatial and statistical data are most welcome. We also encourage to submit papers on new and evolving uses of small area statistics. Moreover, papers making innovative use of small area statistics, geographical and other breakdowns of official statistics for comparative research and analyses focused on topical urban and regional phenomena are invited.*

Manuscript Sources

- We are very pleased with the flow of manuscripts we receive for publication consideration. But we constantly have to ask ourselves: How do we grow - how do we expand our outreach?
- Here are some avenues we have in place for getting submissions.

Special Editors

- We can compile issues focusing on an interesting, important and timely theme. You might have seen one of our recent requests to become a special editor.
- *Become a special issue editor! If you have an idea for a topic you would like to see covered in the Journal, please consider becoming a guest editor for a special issue or a special section of an issue. All manuscripts will go through the usual SJIAOS review process. The editorial staff will be available to assist you. For more information, contact kwestiaos@gmail.com.*
- In the fall, the SCORUS - the IAOS Standing Committee on Regional and Urban Statistics and Research is a source for a special issue.

Special Issues

- A special issue can consist of a number of papers or take up the entire issue.

Other ways to generate visibility

- Conferences and professional meetings
 - We can focus on manuscripts from specific conferences. For example, the Q2016 conference on quality of official statistics offered an opportunity for me to hear

many good papers. IOS Press are very helpful in providing promotional materials to conference organizers.

- Websites such as the IAOS or ISI.
- Newsletters such as the one produced by IAOS, or the World Statistics Newsletters.
- IOS Press promotes each issue in mailings that goes out to more than 8,000 recipients.

The IAOS YSP

- We were very pleased to publish the winning paper of the 2015 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians : "Big Data and Semantic Technology: A Future for Data Integration, Exploration and Visualization," by Andreas Mayer and Andrew Harwood (Australia) in the December issue.
- The third prize winner: "Iterative Method for Reducing the Impact of Outlying Data Points: Ensuring Data Completeness" by Svetlana Jesilevska (Lativa) was published SJAOS, Vol. 32, No 2.
- We are looking forward to publishing the second prize winner as well as winning papers from future competitions.

Joint Agreements

- Earlier this year, the IAOS and the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) signed an agreement to publish each other's manuscripts in their respective journals. With regular intervals, the SJAOS will select a manuscript from Estadística to reproduce and Estadística will do likewise.
- The arrangement will allow greater dissemination at the international level of papers of interest to both organizations. "Statistics as Instruments for Prosperous, Transparent and Democratic Societies" by Malaguerra and MacDonald is the first manuscript to be published in SJAOS under this agreement. It appeared in the December issue.

How to get access to SJAOS

- Per our contract, IOS Press provides open electronic access to the June issue every year, and for one manuscript per issue. However, IAOS members have online access to all the articles in the SJAOS, including previous issues.

Conclusion

- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
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