

Editorial

As the Journal's Managing Editor I will now be writing these editorials on a regular basis, beginning with this September issue. So perhaps I should introduce myself.

My name is Daniel Lee, managing editor of the IAOS Statistical Journal. Fritz Scheuren, the Chief Editor of the Statistical Journal of the International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS) and I have collaborated from the beginning of his editorship on the Journal. Most of my work until now has been "under the radar," so to speak. You might, though, remember that I helped conduct two of the interviews used in the first issue after Fritz took over the Journal last year. Kim Willems, the Journal's Technical Editor and I run the operation issue-by-issue.

Anyway, for the September issue we have finally "fessed up" and are revealing the full structure of the Journal's Editorial Board, as laid out on the facing page. We could have done much of this a while ago; but we wanted to announce all the changes at once. Getting the "by-ins" for these changes took some time.

As you will notice, we doubled the size of the Board to better serve the Official Statistics Community in this period of great and growing change. Most of the members of the old Board are still on the new Board but they have been given specific areas of primary focus. Some of these are regional in nature; some emphasize subject matter topics. Of course, since the Board was greatly expanded there are many new names too. Take a look?

A new goal which we are aiming for is to have one interview per issue of the Journal. For the September issue, the Interview Editor, Kristen West is offering an interview with Cynthia Clark. Clark. The interview highlights her career as an official statistician, commenting mostly on her leadership roles (both in the UK and the USA).

Most of the remaining still unpublished complete IAOS sessions from the 59th World Congress of the International Statistical Institute in Hong Kong that we intend to publish will be found here. There may be additional Hong Kong papers later; but no more complete sessions. We will be shifting our focus to begin pub-

lishing papers from the Viet Nam IAOS Conference, maybe as early as the December issue.

The three Hong Kong sessions included here are on crime statistics, health, and quality. Each of these session papers are described briefly below:

Crime Session. The first session in the September issue stresses the importance of looking into crime statistics. In measuring crime statistics, it can be an essential tool for understanding crime and developing effective public policies to counter crime. The introduction to the session included here was written by the organizer Mario Palma Rojo and he goes into more detail about each paper.

Health Session. Another session that will be included is "Improving health statistics in the context of measuring quality of life," organized by Marleen De Smedt. This session focuses on how we must improve our health statistics to get better determine the quality of life for certain populations. As with the previous issues, there is one article that is open to nonmembers. The paper Measuring the Health Component of Quality of Life by Michael Wolfson has been selected as open.

Quality Session. The last HK session that is included is "What are the quality impacts of conducting high profile official statistical collections on a voluntary basis", organized by Dennis Trewin. This session looks at method of improving official statistics. The introduction to the session included here was written by the organizer Dennis Trewin and he goes into more detail about each paper.

In addition to the papers from Hong Kong, there are four additional articles that are included in this issue. We will introduce each of them; and, in some cases, provide added context:

The first of these is a paper titled *Epidemiological and statistical secured matching in France* by Quantin, et al., which highlights the use of secured matching techniques to preserve confidentiality.

The next paper by Rainer Schnell, *An efficient Privacy-Preserving Record Linkage Technique for Administrative Data and Censuses* describes the use of a recently introduced encryption method to protect

confidentiality when linking files. This paper and the Quantin paper are related, differing mainly in the countries of application: Quantin (France) or Schnell (Germany).

The paper from Haas and Winker titled *Identification of Partial Falsifications in Survey Data* takes a unique approach to analyze to what extent it remains feasible to detect when interviewers falsify only a part of their interviews. We have published a short discussion of interview fabrication by Steve Koczela.

Finally, the last paper in the September issues is by Brenda Elias, titled *Just get on with it*. It deals with the

Linking of data systems to report on infant mortality and the First Nations population in Manitoba (Canada). Also included are ways to improve the estimation of infant mortality for the First Nations population in Manitoba, Canada.

As always, we welcome responses to this issue's articles, as well as submissions that further explore the topics discussed or new topics. More information can be found in the Submission Guidelines link on the IAOS homepage, or by contacting me Lee-Daniel@norc.org directly.