Letter From the Editor

Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the first issue of the *Intelligent Data Analysis* journal!

The influence of electronic communications on scientific publishing has become dramatic over the last few years. Elsevier Science Inc., being the leader in both areas, is now launching the first fully electronic, subscribed, referreed, AI journal. Launching this journal has been a big challenge which we have been working for over two years to achieve.

Our goal is to publish a high quality WEB-based journal. The submission process is all electronic. Each article will be reviewed by at least two reviewers. Our intention is also to have 70% of articles in applied research and 30% theoretical.

Our plan at this time is to publish four issues per year. The four issues will be available in January, April, July, and October. Each issue will consist of 4 to 5 articles. Depending on the number of high quality articles accepted, this may change in the future—either by increasing the number of articles per issue or the number of issues per year. We may also decide to publish each article as soon as it is ready and, for archival and reference purposes, organize articles into quarterly issues.

Publication time will also be much shorter than traditional journals. No hard copies are exchanged during the submission and review process. We are aiming at a one month review process that is all electronic. Final submissions and proofreading will also be electronic. Therefore, there is no typesetting, and much less time is required for proofreading. We are hoping this approach will help us to publish articles in about 4–6 months.

The IDA journal will offer a number of new features that are not currently available in paper journals: (i) an alerting service notifying subscribers of new papers in the journal, (ii) links to large-scale data collections, (iii) links to secondary collection of data related to material presented in the journal, (iv) the ability to test new search mechanisms on the collection of journal articles, (v) links to related bibliographic material, and (vi) inclusion of 3-D objects and multiple color graphs.

In this letter, on behalf of the Editorial Board of the *Intelligent Data Analysis* journal, I would like to invite prospective authors to submit their articles to this high quality journal *Intelligent Data Analysis— An International Journal.* We look forward to receiving your articles and feedback.

Best wishes,

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Editor-in-Chief