Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of the 38th volume of Revista Colombiana de Estadistica (Colombian Journal of Statistics). The second issue of the 37th volume corresponded to the Special Issue in Current Topics in Statistical Graphics with Professor Fernando Marmolejo from the Stockholm University as its Invited Editor. This special issue had the purpose of bringing together current advances and uses of well-known and novel graphical methods from different research areas so that the reader finds potential applications to his/her own research field. Many thanks to Professor Marmolejo (fernando.marmolejoramos@adelaide.edu.au) for this hard task in order to compile high level papers in Statistics and with potential applications in engineering, medical sciences, physical sciences, social sciences, surveys, among many others.

This second issue in 2014 permit us to change the current publication dates of June - December for our Journal. We will from now on continue publishing our Journal in the months of January - July. Since 2016, two new Editors in Chief will assume this role: Professors Liliana Lopez and Ramon Giraldo.

In this issue, we have maintained the highest number of papers in the history of the journal so far: fifteen (15) papers in total with the particularity of all being written in English language. The topics in this current issue range over diverse areas of statistics: four papers in Statistical Modelling by Castañeda and Aerts; Celik, Senoglu and Arslan; Longford and Andrade; Silva and Cirillo; three papers in Econometrics and Time Series Analysis by Gonzalez and Nave; Melo, Leon and Saboya; Zhang and Nieto; three papers in Probabilistic Distributions by Andrade, Rodrigues, Bourguignon and Cordeiro; Iriarte, Gomez, Varela and Bolfarine; Rojas, Leiva, Wanke and Marchant; two papers in Survey Sampling by Kumar, Bhougal, Nataraja and Viswanathaiah; and Martinez, Arcos, Martinez and Singh; one paper in Copulas by Mukherjee, Jafari and Kim; one paper in Nonparametric Statistics by Park; and finally, one paper in Recognition Systems by Martinez.

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The XIII CLAPEM (Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics) was held for the first time in Colombia last September at the city of Cartagena with the help of the Latin American Chapter of the Bernoulli Society. CLAPEM is the largest conference gathering scientists in the particular areas of Probability and Mathematical Statistics in the region and takes place every two/three years and for its XIII version was very successful with the attendance of about 250 participants from all over the world. The CLAPEM activities included lectures held by invited researchers, satellite meetings, sessions of oral and poster contributions, short courses, and thematic sessions. The XIII CLAPEM was organized by the National University of Colombia, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad Central, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Universidad Antonio Nariño, Universidad EAFIT, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia and Universidad de Cartagena (`www.clapem.unal.edu.co`). We are including in this issue, immediately after this Editorial, a review from one of the main speakers in the conference, Professor Paul Embrechts from ETH Zurich in Switzerland.

Also in Colombia, as it has been tradition every year, the Colombian Symposium in Statistics reaches its 25th version. From this very special occasion, the conference will be held from August 5th to the 8th in the coffee region city of Armenia and it will be jointly organized with an Invited Session of the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS) and the VII Regional Meeting of Biometry by the Central American and Caribbean Region (CACR) of the International Biometric Society (IBS). So far, six international speakers have confirmed their participation with short courses and conferences: Anthony Atkinson (London School of Economics, UK); Donald Rubin (Harvard University, USA); Geoffrey Vining (Virginia Tech, USA); Maria Durban (Universidad Carlos III, Spain), Mikis Stasinopoulos (London Metropolitan University, UK) and Partha Lahiri (University of Michigan, USA).

We are very proud to announce that the Colombian Journal of Statistics have maintained its categorization as an A1 Journal by Publindex (Colciencias) which ranges the journals in the country, being A1 the maximum category. Thanks to all the Editorial and Scientific Committees and Patricia Chavez, our assistant in the Journal, as this is a result of the continuous help obtained from all of them.