

## Editorial

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Welcome to the second issue of the 38th volume of Revista Colombiana de Estadística (Colombian Journal of Statistics). As the outgoing Editor in Chief of this Journal, I would like to thank in the first place to all our readers and people involved with the Journal as authors, referees, Editorial and Scientific Committees and Patricia Chavez, our assistant for their continuous hard work and participation to let us improve day by day. Since 2016, two new Editors will assume this role: Professors Liliana López and Ramón Giraldo. They are already working hard to keep our standard and even improve it with some new policies they will be discussing in future issues and to get the entrance of the Journal in the ISI Web of Science Database back again (we are still appearing in this database under the Scielo collection but without impact factor index). Other impact factors as the SCImago Journal Rank indicator has triplicated its value for this journal from 2008 (0.101) to 2014 (0.300).

In this issue, we are including eleven (11) papers in total. The topics in this current issue range over diverse areas of statistics: three papers in Probabilistic Distributions by Acitas, Senoglu and Arslan; Cankaya, Bolut, Dogru and Arslan, and Salinas, Iriarte and Bolfarine; three papers in Theory of Estimation by Hiabu, Martinez-Miranda, Nielsen, Spreeuw, Tanggaard and Villegas; Kan-Kilinc and Alpu, and Naveed-Shahzad, Asghar, Shehzad and Shahzadi; two papers in Bayesian Statistics by Kizilaslan and Nadar, and Tahir and Aslam; one paper in Quality Control by Aslam, Balamurali, Jun and Hussain; and one paper in Survey Sampling by Shabbir and Gupta.

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

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Biometry by the Central American and Caribbean Region (CACR) of the International Biometric Society (IBS). So far, there are more than fifteen international invited speakers who have confirmed their participation with short courses and conferences including: Geoffrey Vining (Virginia Tech, USA); Maria Durban (Universidad Carlos III, Spain), Mikis Stasinopoulos (London Metropolitan University, UK) and Osvaldo Anibal Rosso (CONICET, Argentina).

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 Journal staff as this is a result of the continuous help obtained from all of them.

I would like to congratulate our colleague Pedro Silva from ENCE (Escola Nacional de Ciencias Estatísticas) at IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics) on his appointment as the President of ISI (International Statistical Institute) and wishing him all success in this new position. He and his wife, Denise Silva (also a Statistician) have been in Colombia many times as Invited Speakers of several conferences including the Colombian Symposium in Statistics and CLAPEM (Latin American Conference in Probability and Mathematical Statistics) and this is a high acknowledgement to his outstanding career as statistician.

Ram Gnanadesikan, a famous industrial statistician has passed away this month. He was the author of a classic paper in probability methods for data analysis in *Biometrika* on 1968, a book on the analysis of multivariate observations (Wiley, 1997) and high quality cross-disciplinary research papers in applied statistics. He was one of the founders of the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS), one of the sponsors of the Colombian Symposium this year.

Finally, I would like to recognise all the efforts from Professor Mercedes Andrade at Universidad del Valle in Cali in order to establish back again the Colombian Statistical Society (Sociedad Colombiana de Estadística, <http://scestadistica.org>). This were one of the remaining challenges in order to conglomerate all the different users of statistics in all the Colombian regions. This Society will be launched during the Symposium this year and if you are interested to be a member you can write to the email address [mercedes.andrade@correounivalle.edu.co](mailto:mercedes.andrade@correounivalle.edu.co).