

Program Secretary's Annual Report for 2010–2011

IMS sponsored the following meetings:

Joint Statistical Meetings

Vancouver, Canada, August 1–5, 2010

IMS Program Chair: Regina Liu

IMS Contributed Papers Chair: Mu Zhu

IMS Annual Meeting

Gothenburg, Sweden, August 9–13, 2010

IMS Program Chair: Peter Hall

MCMSki III: Markov Chain Monte Carlo in Theory and Practice

Snowbird, Utah, January 5–7, 2011

IMS Program Chairs: Bradley Carlin and Antonietta Mira

2011 ENAR/IMS Spring Meetings

Miami, Florida, March 20–23, 2011

IMS Program Chair: Matthew Stephens

2011 WNAR/IMS Meeting

San Luis Obispo, CA, June 19–22, 2011

IMS Program Chair: Jay Bartroff

IMS Annual Meeting/Joint Statistical Meetings

Miami Beach, Florida, July 30 – August 4, 2011

IMS Program Chairs: J. Liu, R. Chen

IMS Contributed Papers Chair: S. Chatterjee

IMS co-sponsored the following meetings:

Bayesian Nonparametric Statistical Methods: Theory and Applications

Santa Cruz, CA, August 16–20, 2010

Stochastic Processes and Their Applications

Osaka, Japan, September 6-10, 2010

Stochastic Methods in Game Theory

Erice, Sicily, Italy, September 8–16, 2010

IMS Representative: Marco Sansini

International Workshop on Emerging Issues and Challenges to Statistics

Xiamen University, Fujian, PR China, December 17-18, 2010

IMS Representative: Jiayang Sun

ICSA International Conference

Guangzhou University, Guang-Zhou, PR China, December 19-22, 2010

AdapskIII

The Canyons, Park City, Utah, January 3-4, 2011

IMS Representatives: Christophe Andrieu and Christian Robert

Seminar on Stochastic Processes

UC Irvine, CA, March 24-26, 2011

IMS Representative: Davar Khoshnevisan

International Conference on Probability, Statistics, and Data Analysis (ICPSDA-2011)

Raleigh, North Carolina, April 21-24, 2011

IMS Representative: S. Lahiri and S. Ghoshal

Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy V

College Station, PA, June 13-17, 2011

IMS Representative: David Banks

Third International Workshop in Sequential Methodologies, IWSM 2011

Stanford, CA, June 14-16, 2011

IMS Representative: Tze Lai

Conference in Genetics, Probability and Statistics, in Honor of David Siegmund

Stanford, CA, June 17-18, 2011

2nd International Workshop on Integer Valued Time Series

Protaras, Cyprus, June 18-21, 2011

IMS Representative: Konstantinos Fokianos

Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications

Oaxaca, Mexico, June 19-25, 2011

Graybill 2011 Conference

Fort Collins, Colorado, June 22-24, 2011

IMS Representatives: M. Meyer, J. Opsomer, R. Song

Workshop on Finance, Probability and Statistics

Columbia University, NYC, June 23, 2011

IMS Representative: X. Guo, T. Lai

8th Workshop on Bayesian Nonparametrics

Veracruz, Mexico, June 26-30, 2011

Patient Reported Outcomes and Quality of Life

Paris, France, July 4-5, 2011

IMS Representative: M. Mesbah

The INFORMS Applied Probability Society Conference

Stockholm, Sweden, July 6-8, 2011

IMS Representatives: K. Ramanan, M. Reiman

IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability 2011

XiAn, China, July 8-11, 2011

IMS Representative: H. Zhang

7th Cornell Probability Summer School

Ithaca, NY, July 11-22, 2011

The first Wu Xi International Statistics Forum

Wu Xi, China, July 17-19, 2011

IMS Representative: J. Liu

Conference on Modeling High Frequency Data in Finance 3

Hoboken, NJ, July 27-31, 2011

IMS Representatives: I. Florescu, J. F. Lopez

The Annals of Applied Statistics

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AOAS seems to have changed from a fledgling enterprise into an established corner of the IMS world. Submissions rose steadily, hitting 418 in 2010, about 50% more than in our early years. (A reasonable prediction for 2011 is 450.) Our most recent impact factor, 2.57, ranked us 6th among all statistics journals.

The original Editors, Steve Fienberg (social science), Michael Newton (biostatistics) and Michael Stein (physical science) have now retired. In their places are Susan Paddock (Rand), Karen Kafadar (Indiana) and Tilmann Gneiting (Heidelberg). Also on the Editorial Board are Sam Kou (Harvard), who has special interests in areas like chemistry, and Ken Lange (UCLA), statistical computation. In fact though, 90% of the papers go to the three main editors-- not counting the roughly 12% I send back to the authors immediately, most often on the grounds of insufficient applied content. I'm in the 6th year as Editor in Chief, with 2012 as my editorial swan song. The Council's original plan for AOAS, with an editorship distributed across several areas, has worked out well in practice, thanks in large part to superb support from Elyse Gufstason and Geri Mattson. A particularly nice job was done on the Memorial Section for Leo Breiman, edited by Jerry Friedman and Bin Yu, appearing in the December number.

Mike Stein went out in a blaze of editorial glory. The article on climate change by Wyner and McShane, which appeared along with 13 commentaries and rejoinder in the recent March number, briefly multiplied the hits on our website by a factor of five, long before publication. (All of our papers are available pre-publication before they formally "appear".) We are now getting submissions from climate specialists as well as statisticians, perhaps the ideal outcome for an applied statistics journal.

Increased submissions have rendered four numbers per year obsolete. The Council has generously allowed us to publish a double volume this month, and we are planning for five issues in 2012.

Bradley Efron

Annals of Probability

In the period January 2010-December 2010 the AoP received 310 submissions. 17 were withdrawn, 165 rejected (including 12 rejected with possible resubmission), 77 accepted, 35 are waiting for author's revision, and 16 are still with Associate Editors.

The accepted articles include articles for the memorial volume for Ted Harris, and some of the articles submitted for the memorial issue for Oded Schramm. I expect the final acceptance rate to be around 30-35%.

There seems to be an increase in the rate of submissions: in the first 6 months of 2009 there were 129 submissions, in 2010 there were 149, and in 2011 there were 170 submissions in the same period. Anecdotal evidence seems to suggest that this is the case also with other probability journals. So some tightening of acceptance standards needs to be, and will be, done.

Delay from acceptance to publication has increased to about 14 months. Part of it is due to the articles in the memorial issues, and particularly the memorial issue for Oded Schramm, which takes up a full volume. Because of that, I request an one-time increase in the page budget for 2012, to 2800 pages.

Ofer Zeitouni, Editor

The Annals of Statistics, 2010 Annual Report
Peter Bühlmann and Tony Cai, Editors

SUBMISSIONS: We received 532 submissions in 2010 remaining high relative to the historical norm (in comparison to 319, 362, 323, 343, 397, 479, 490 and 505 in 2002–2009, respectively). Our editorial policy continues to emphasize that The Annals of Statistics aims at publishing research papers of highest quality reflecting the many facets of contemporary statistics, including all mathematical, methodological, computational and interdisciplinary work. An overview is shown in Figure 1.

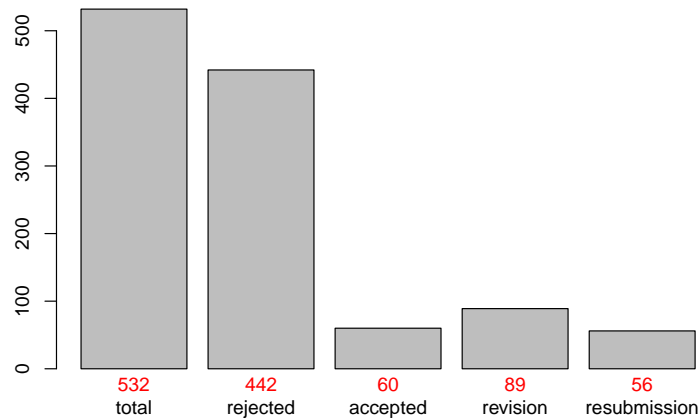


Figure 1: Submissions in 2010.

ACCEPTANCE RATE: During 2010, we made 60 acceptance, 442 rejection, 89 requests for revision (major/minor) and 56 rejections with encouragement to resubmit. The acceptance rate among these 532 papers is about 9% (20% in 2009 and 15% in 2008): note that this is not the acceptance rate among the manuscripts submitted in 2010.

BACKLOG: During 2010, we printed 3841 pages (4312 pages in 2009). In 2011 we expect to use at most an allotment of 4000 pages. Currently, there is no backlog any more (a backlog of 2.5 issues at the end of 2009).

PAGE REQUEST: We request an allotment of 4000 pages for 2012.

REVIEW TIMES: The quartiles of the distribution of the initial decision times for manuscripts submitted in 2010 are 10 days, 54 days and 114 days. They

are about the same as the quartiles of 7 days, 57 days and 96 days from 2009. The details of the review times are summarized in Figure 2, which provides an estimated survival curve of initial and second decision times for submissions in 2010.

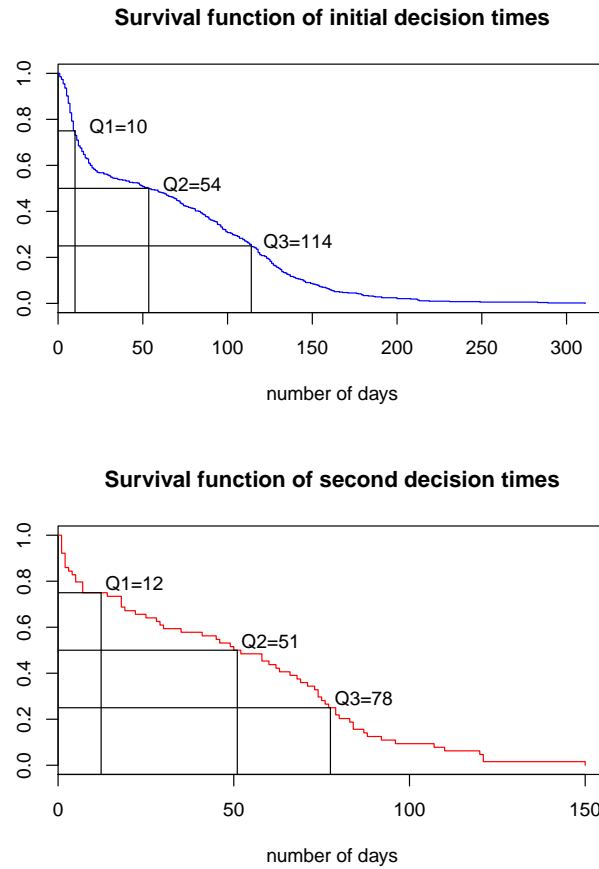


Figure 2: Survival curves of review times in 2010 (in days). Top: for the initial decision times; Bottom: for the second decision times.

Annual Report - *Statistical Science*
 Jon A. Wellner, Executive Editor
 June, 2011

As of May 31, 2011, 43 manuscripts were at various stages of review or revision for *Statistical Science*. From Jan 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011, an additional 181 manuscripts were submitted. Of the manuscripts submitted during this period, 96 were rejected, 40 are still in various stages of review or revision, and 45 have been accepted.

Month	Received	Rejected	Under review or revision	Accepted
Jan - May 10	46	28	7	11
June 10	6	3	1	2
Jul 10	11	7	2	2
Aug 10	5	3	1	1
Sept 10	10	7	2	1
Oct 10	13	7	2	4
Nov 10	6	4	1	1
Dec 10	11	7	4	0
Jan 11	8	7	0	1
Feb 11	16	8	3	5
Mar 11	31	5	9	17
Apr 11	10	5	5	0
May 11	8	5	3	0
Total	181	96	40	45

I took over from David Madigan as Executive Editor of *Statistical Science* on January 1, 2011. David did a marvelous job and passed along a substantial backlog of accepted and in-review high quality papers. David has stayed on as an Editor and has been extraordinarily helpful during the transition. Several special issues/sections for 2011 are in press: “Statistical Inference: the big picture” by Rob Kass, and “Feature Matching in Time Series” by Yingcun Xia and Howell Tong are discussion papers that will appear in 26(1), while 26(2) is a special issue on “Bayesian Methods That Frequentists Should Know” (Guest Editors Partha Lahiri and Eric Slud). Several further sections are at an advanced stage of preparation: “A Half Century of Minimax Shrinkage Estimation” (Guest Editor - Bill Strawderman). I anticipate that the total manuscript pages for 2011 will be around 600. Roughly the same number of manuscript pages should be planned for 2012. For 2012 we hope to have special issue on sparsity and regularization methods, and a special issue on missing data, causal inference, and semiparametric models.

I am very grateful to both Mattson Publishing Services and VTEX, who continue to be very responsive to the needs of *Statistical Science*. EJMS has evolved considerably and now provides an excellent platform for journal management. I would like to gratefully acknowledge the efforts of the outgoing Editorial Board: Yali Amit, Siddartha Chib, Richard Davis, Constantine Frangakis, Ed George, Diane Lambert, Thomas Richardson, Paul Rosenbaum, and Marty Wells. The new Editorial Board has gotten off to a fine start and I am very grateful to each and every one of the members: Rong Chen, Peter Hoff, Michael Friendly, Sylvie Huet, Samuel Kou, David Madigan, Peter Mueller, Jim Pitman, Annie Qu, Nancy Reid, Glenn Shafer, Guenther Walther, and Tong Zhang.

I receive invaluable editorial support from Elyse Gustafson, Patrick Kelly, Geri Mattson and Michael Phelan. Finally I want to acknowledge again the wonderful support David Madigan has provided during the transition.

Report of the Managing Editor

Probability and Statistics

Michael Phelan

The page counts for 2010 turned out as follows: 2484 printed pages for *Annals of Probability*, 2385 for *Annals of Applied Probability*, 3839 for *Annals of Statistics*, 2205 for *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 588 for *Statistical Science*. The tables, below, provide details for each journal.

The Annals of Probability

Volume 38	2010 Printed Pages	Volume 39	2011 Printed Pages
No. 1	442	No. 1	405
No. 2	511	No. 2	372
No. 3	390	No. 3	425
No. 4	372	-	-
No. 5	386	-	-
No. 6	<u>383</u>	-	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	2484	TOTAL	1202

The Annals of Applied Probability

Volume 20	2010 Printed Pages	Volume 21	2011 Printed Pages
No. 1	366	No. 1	395
No. 2	417	No. 2	403
No. 3	393	No. 3	414
No. 4	388	-	-
No. 5	399	-	-
No. 6	<u>422</u>	-	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	2385	TOTAL	1212

The Annals of Statistics

Volume 38	2010 Printed Pages	Volume 39	2011 Printed Pages
No. 1	633	No. 1	671
No. 2	651	No. 2	661
No. 3	650	No. 3	191
No. 4	650	-	-
No. 5	630	-	-
No. 6	<u>625</u>	-	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	3839	TOTAL	1523

The Annals of Applied Statistics

Volume 4	2010 Printed Pages	Volume 5	2011 Printed Pages
No. 1	532	No. 1	604
No. 2	606	-	-
No. 3	482	-	-
No. 4	<u>585</u>	-	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	2205	TOTAL	604

Statistical Science

Volume 25	2010 Printed Pages	Volume 26	2011 Printed Pages
No. 1	144	No. 1	160
No. 2	129	-	-
No. 3	154	-	-
No. 4	<u>161</u>	-	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	588	TOTAL	160

IMS Bulletin: Report to Council 2011

The *IMS Bulletin*, now published 8 times per year, is the news organ of the institute. Our intention is to bring IMS members (and other readers) news about IMS activities and members, and items of interest to statisticians and probabilists around the world.

At the end of 2010, Xuming He completed four years as Editor, and in January, Dimitris Politis took over (with Tati remaining as Assistant Editor). We still feature regular columns from Terry Speed and Rick Durrett, and this year introduced a new Contributing Editor's column from Anirban DasGupta. (Also on the Contributing Editor team are Nicole Lazar and Peter Bickel.)

We hope that these columns, and other articles, may provoke a response from the readers in the new *IMS Bulletin* blog website, located at <http://bulletin.imstat.org>. The 'Letters to the Editor' section has dwindled to the very occasional letter, but online readers will now have the option to comment on blog posts (most of which will be taken from the print *Bulletin*), and in this way we hope to engage more with IMS members. We are initiating an "Open Forum" area of the website, which will (hopefully) generate some comments from readers, moderated by the editor.

In the past year, we have published obituaries for Lester Dubins, David Blackwell, Julian Besag, Hermann Witting, Dan Brunk, B. Leo Raktoc, Herman P. Friedman, J. N. Srivastava, Edward Dudewicz, Igor Vajda, and Benoît Mandelbrot. If Council members hear of the death of any IMS members please let us know (email bulletin@imstat.org) as we may not have yet heard. We would rather hear twice than not at all.

We also published a number of articles on the theme of "IMS@75" (the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Institute), as well as reports from statistics and probability meetings around the world.

The *Bulletin* is available in print (circulation 1,322 in April 2011) and PDF format (total *Bulletin* downloads averaged 8,179 per month over the past year). Starting with member renewals in December 2010, we encouraged members to "go green" by opting out of receiving the print *Bulletin*. At the time of writing, about two-thirds of IMS members have taken this option. With the move to eight issues, the publishing cycle is a little more irregular, as the issues are spaced to take advantage of peak advertising season (August to January). The PDF version is uploaded to the website, <http://bulletin.imstat.org>, around two weeks before the print issue is mailed. Members are alerted to its contents via the monthly IMS eBulletin email, and also from a link on the front page of the IMS website, and now selected articles can now be read on the *Bulletin*'s blog website.

As ever, we rely very much on IMS members to volunteer their news. We invite all members, and particularly Council members, to be proactive in this area. If you can write or solicit an article, or even just come up with an idea for an article, we will be happy to discuss it with you. Please don't be shy!

We receive occasional feedback (mostly positive), which is very welcome, but we do like to engage with readers. If anyone has comments, suggestions or feedback, please email bulletin@imstat.org or leave a comment on our blog!

Dimitris Politis & Tati Howell
June 2011

CIS Management Committee Report

CIS has a broad coverage of statistics and probability journals and continues to be a major resource for researchers in statistics and probability. It covers a number of statistics/probability journals that do not appear in other databases available online. It is also the only service that indexes the *JSM Proceedings*, which are an important form of pre-publication or even final publication in some areas. CIS continues to have a substantial user base, with over 120,000 successful query accesses (from users licensed either institutionally or through member access) in the first 5 months of 2011.

A proposal for updating of the CIS interface and software infrastructure has been submitted to the IMS Executive.

Management Committee

A new committee consisting of the following members was formed in 2011:

Shyamal Peddada (Chairman) (January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013)
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIH)

A. John Bailer (ASA representative)
Miami University

Chris Burdzy (IMS representative)
University of Washington

Eric Suess (ASA representative)
California State University - East Bay

Hadley Wickham (IMS representative)
Rice University

The CIS database editors

Abstracting Editor: George P. H. Styan
McGill University

Managing Associate Editor: Alan Zaslavsky
Harvard University

Assistant Database Editor for Web Site: Pantelis Vlachos
Carnegie-Mellon University

Database Editor: TBA

Electronic Communications in Probability
Chief Editor's Report for January 1, 2010 – June 20, 2011

Timo Seppäläinen

1 Editorial board

The current chief editors for EJP (Bálint Tóth) and ECP (Timo Seppäläinen) took over in the beginning of 2009. Since June 2010 two new associate editors joined the board, Martin Hairer and Takashi Kumagai. The board now consists of 30 individuals: 27 associate editors which includes Ph. Carmona who doubles as the managing editor, C. Burdzy who provides technical support, and the chief editors.

2 Submissions

In 2010 ECP reached a new maximum 174 in the annual number of submissions, but the increase over the past two years was small. 2011 ECP submissions are coming in at a rate slightly elevated from 2009 and 2010. Table 1 shows the numbers of submitted and published papers since the inception of ECP.

Table 2 shows the acceptance rates for the most recent 5 years.

Table 3 shows the average and median times to first report in 2009 and 2010. It would be desirable to shrink these numbers but it is not clear how to achieve that. Every time an author writes to ask about the progress of a submission I ask for ideas for changing our culture of slow refereeing. So far I have not received any suggestions.

Table 4 shows the country of origin, by affiliation of the corresponding author, of the submissions received in 2011 between January 1 and June 20. (A few are missing so the data is not completely accurate.)

Year	Submissions	Published
2010	174	51
2009	156	57
2008	169	61
2007	141	44
2006	93	34
2005	71	30
2004	67	20
2003	51	21
2002	34	22
2001	34	12
2000	22	17
1999	30	14
1998	17	12
1997	12	7
1996	10	9
1995	7	

Table 1: Number of submissions to ECP each year since its inception, and number of papers published on the ECP website each year.

Year	Acceptance rate
2010	0.34–0.36
2009	0.30
2008	0.37
2007	0.40
2006	0.40

Table 2: Acceptance rates. Not all submissions for 2010 have been completed.

Year	Accepted papers	Rejected papers
2010	M = 99, A = 104	M = 4, A = 37
2009	M = 118, A = 119	M = 3, A = 28

Table 3: Median (M) and average (A) number of days from submission to first report. 2010 numbers may be revised upward for not all submissions have been completed.

Number of submissions	Countries
14	China, Germany
11	France
7	USA
3	Israel, Netherlands
2	Brazil, Japan, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland
1	Canada, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Senegal, Turkey, UK

Table 4: Number of submissions from different countries between January 1 and June 20, 2011.

Editor's Report on *Electronic Journal of Probability*
for the period 01/01/2009 – 06/30/2011

Editorial board on June 30, 2011:

David Aldous, Marek Biskup, Anton Bovier, Amarjit Budhiraja, Chris Burdzy (technical support at UW), Philippe Carmona (also managing editor), Robert C. Dalang, James Allen Fill, Franco Flandoli, Nina Gantert, Evarist Giné, Friedrich Götze, Andreas Greven, Martin Hairer, Takashi Kumagai, Michel Ledoux, Peter Mörters, David Nualart, Neil O'Connell, Etienne Pardoux, Robin Pemantle, Edwin A. Perkins, Ross Pinsky, Brian Rider, Timo Seppäläinen (chief editor of *ECP*, 2009-2011), Sunder Sethuraman, Jeffrey Steif, Bálint Tóth (chief editor of *EJP*, 2009-2011), Nizar Touzi, Anton Wakolbinger

Papers submitted between 01/01/2009-12/31/2009:

Number of submitted/accepted/rejected/etc. papers:

Submissions:	166
Transferred to <i>ECP</i> (shorter than 13 pages):	14
Accepted:	71
Rejected and withdrawn:	78
Still pending (due to late or no response from authors):	3

Basic statistics (without the papers transferred to *ECP*):

Time to first report

sent to author (days)	Mean	St. dev.
all submissions	121	81
rejected papers	90	71
accepted papers	153	79

Length of papers (pages)

	Mean	St. dev.
all submissions	27	14
accepted papers	29	13

Papers submitted between 01/01/2010-12/31/2010:

Number of submitted/accepted/rejected/etc. papers:

Submissions:	240
Transferred to <i>ECP</i> (not longer than 12 pages):	16
Accepted:	73
Rejected and withdrawn:	115
Still pending:	36

Basic statistics (without the papers transferred to *ECP*):

Time to first report

sent to author (days)	Mean	St. dev.
all submissions	119	89
rejected papers	86	86
accepted papers	159	77

Length of papers (pages)

	Mean	St. dev.
all submissions	25	10
accepted papers	27	10

Papers submitted between 01/01/2011-06/30/2011:

Number of submitted/accepted/rejected/etc. papers:

Submissions:	113
Transferred to <i>ECP</i> (not longer than 12 pages):	10
Accepted:	4
Rejected and withdrawn:	33
Still pending:	66

Basic statistics:

Too small sample for relevant information.

June 30, 2011

Bálint Tóth

Annual Report Electronic Journal of Statistics

David Ruppert, editor

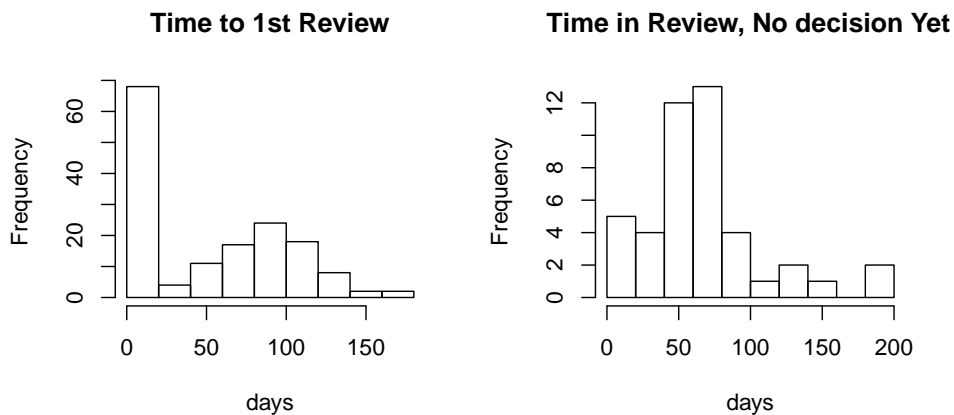
June 23, 2011

This report covers the period July 1, 2010 – June 23, 2011.

Status	#articles
Accepted	54
In review (waiting for decision)	55
In revision (waiting for resubmission)	34
Rejected	99
Withdrawn	9
Total	251

The acceptance rate is $54/(54+99) = 0.35$ which is slightly less than in past years.

For the 154 papers that have received an initial decision, the median time to the decision was 53 days. For the 44 papers awaiting a first decision, the median time they have been in review is 62 days. Histograms of the two distributions are below.



As can be seen in the table below, the number of pages increased during the first three years of the journal but has stabilized somewhat.

Volume	Year	# pages
1	2007	676
2	2008	1390
3	2009	1605
4	2010	1546
5	2011	618

Probability Surveys

2011 Report

Readers of this report are invited to contribute to Probability Surveys

It is common ground that survey journals are of great potential value: well sculpted reviews can have a notable effect on a field. That said, it can be hard to distract individuals from their research for sufficiently long to elicit a survey paper. The support of readers of this report is solicited in this quest.

Volume 10 (2010) contained 6 papers totalling 208 pages. Four papers are under active consideration and there are a number of further papers in various states of preparation that I hope will be submitted in the near future (not to mention unsolicited works). All papers are refereed.

This survey journal operates quite differently in various regards from the research journals. A major editorial activity is spreading the word, which the editorial board pursues through personal contact and public advertisement. Full page advertisements have been placed in the IMS Bulletin and in Bernoulli News. Personal contact is made with in excess of 50 possible authors per year, and in addition we make public announcements at conferences. Summer school lecturers (and similar) receive invitations to submit accounts of their courses.

Relations with vtex are very cordial and effective.

Geoffrey Grimmett
16 June 2011

Report on Statistics Surveys January 2011 - June 2011

Lutz Dümbgen, Executive Editor (IMS)

Changes of editorial board(s). *Statistics Surveys* is run jointly by the American Statistical Association (ASA), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), the Bernoulli Society (BS) and the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC). Coordinating editor is Wendy L. Martinez. The current executive editors are:

ASA: Ranjan Maitra (Iowa State University). Ranjan replaced Susan Holmes (Stanford) in summer 2010.

BS: Sara A. van de Geer (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Zürich).

IMS: Lutz Dümbgen (University of Bern).

SSC: Richard Lockhart (Simon Fraser University).

The board of associate editors appointed by IMS hasn't changed since the last report.

Recent submissions and publications. From the submissions before the end of 2010, six papers are still under revision. This year we had six new submissions so far. After initial screening by Ranjan Maitra and myself, we declined four of them because they were clearly inappropriate. The remaining two submissions have been assigned to AEs, one of them being tentatively accepted by now. The executive editors are soliciting good quality submissions, but this takes time and is not easy.

So far, two papers have been published in 2011. The numbers of publications in previous years has been:

Volume 1 (2007): 2

Volume 2 (2008): 6

Volume 3 (2009): 5

Volume 4 (2010): 7.

Journal management system. Thanks to the support from IMS and the other sponsoring societies, we are now using the online system EJMS, which is also used by the other IMS journals. Hopefully this will increase the visibility of *Statistics Surveys* in our community.

Bern, June 28, 2011

Lutz Dümbgen

Committee on Asia Pacific Rim Meeting Report

Since the earthquake in Japan in March 2011, the 2nd IMS-Asia Pacific Rim meeting has postponed to July 2-4, 2012. The local organizing committee has done a great job to closely watch the development of nuclear radiation, to find a conference center for the postponed conference and to timely send the decision to every speaker, organizer and session chair. It is unfortunate to have to postpone the conference, but people understand the decision.

Professor Ruth Williams, the president-elected, asked all committee members whether they are willing to extend their term to August 2012. I believe, all committee members have agreed to extend their term to August 2012.

IMS Carver Committee Report
June, 2011

The 2011 Carver Committee consisted of Morris Eaton (2009-2011) (Chair, 2011), Willem van Zwet (2010-2012), and Iain Johnstone (2011-2013). The Committee did not receive any new nominations from the IMS Membership, outside of the Carver Committee. On the basis of a nomination from a Committee member, one new person was added to the extant list of Carver Medal candidates. In addition, one nominee from 2010 who was inadvertently left off the list, was put back on the list.

The Committee began its deliberations in February, 2011. After discussion and two rounds of voting, Ross Leadbetter was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Carver Medal. This selection was reported to the IMS Executive Committee in March, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Morris Eaton, June 14, 2011.

2011 IMS-China Report

By Jianqing Fan

June 15, 2011

The IMS-China, an affiliated and subordinated division of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), is governed by the rules and regulations of the IMS and IMS-China Guidelines. This report summarizes main activities of the IMS-China since 06/15/2010.

1) Memberships

As of June 1, 2011, the IMS-China has about 40 members. The actual number is larger than 40, since some IMS-China members registered as regular IMS members, which makes accounting harder. The drop in the number of membership is mainly due to the changes in membership dues. At the initial phase of the IMS-China, the membership dues were waived and members forgot to pay the due at the time of renewal. The IMS-China executives have made a determined effort to encourage members to renew the membership. The issues on membership campaigns will be further addressed at the 2011 IMS-China conference at Xi'an.

2) Election

IMS-china elected its officers for the first time in 2010, in accordance with the IMS guideline. The online voting opened May 10, 2010 and closed on June 25, 2010.

The election results are

Chair: Zhi Geng

Chair-elect: Shige Peng

Past-chair: Jiaan Yan

Treasurer: Min Chen

Program Chair: Zenghu Li

There are additional 15 members on the IMS committee, five of them newly elected.

3) Meeting

The third IMS-China meeting will take place in Xi'an during July 8-11, 2011. The meeting is co-sponsored by

- IMS-China
- IMS
- Chinese Society of Probability and Statistics
- Chinese Association of Applied Statistics
- Mathematical Center of Ministry of Education, China
- National Natural Science Foundation of China
- Northwestern Polytechnical University, XiAn

The organization committee is co-chaired by

- Zhiming Ma, AMSS, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Hui Zou, University of Minnesota

the scientific committee is co-chaired by

- Zhi Geng, Peking University
- Heping Zhang, Yale University

and the local organization committee is co-chaired by

- Min Chen, AMSS, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Fuzhou Gong, AMSS, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Bingbo Wei, Northwestern Polytechnical University

The Conference consists of

- 4 keynote talks,
- About 200 invited and distinguished talks,
- About 30 contributed talks.

It is expected to have around 300 – 400 attendees.

4) Finance

IMS china now does not have any financial accounts nor does it have financial affiliations with IMS.

Executive Secretary

The committee to select administrative officers recommended [Aurore Delaigle](#), University of Melbourne, as the next Executive Secretary. She is a Principal Research Fellow in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, with research interests in nonparametric estimation of curves, measurement errors, deconvolution problems, functional data analysis, and high dimensional problems. She is an associate editor for JASA, JCGS, JRSSB, Statistica Sinica, Journal of Nonparametric Statistics and the Journal of the Korean Statistical Society.

Submitted on behalf of the committee,

Nancy Reid (Chair)

Alicia Carriquiry

Wolfgang Polonik