

## FOREWORD

In July 2006, a new editorial board took up the task of promoting the journal SORT, selecting manuscripts and evaluating them by the peer-review methodology commonly used in scientific publications. The new editorial team is dedicated to maintaining the high standards of SORT and to make the journal even more widely recognized among scholars working in Statistics and Operations Research.

On behalf of the editorial board, I wish to extend sincere thanks to the past editor in chief, Prof. Carles M. Cuadras, for his wonderful and enormous job during many years, and for his continual enthusiasm for the journal. He devoted a great deal of time and energy to the journal, and we believe that future generations of statisticians in Catalonia and the general readers of SORT will continue to benefit from his outstanding work.

One of our immediate goals is to make sure that SORT is abstracted in the citation reports that are increasingly relevant to the scientific community. We believe that authors would appreciate the journal even more when they know that it tries to distribute their articles to the largest number of readers possible.

I would like to introduce to you the objectives and goals of the new editorial team and some information about the type of manuscripts we would like to see submitted for publication. Given that the audience of SORT is very broad, the new editorial team is especially encouraging the submission of manuscripts that can show innovation in the practical use of Statistics and Operations Research, in fields such as biology, medicine, psychology, economics and marketing, amongst others. Survey articles showing new techniques and their usefulness will also be considered. We feel that SORT has contributed significantly to the dissemination of information about progress in our field, but we also believe that it can offer much more to our community. We welcome your input and any comments you wish to send to us should be directed to [sort@idescat.net](mailto:sort@idescat.net).

We acknowledge all authors, associated editors and referees who have been involved in making SORT a respected journal in the past and who wish to do so also in the future. Finally, we also want to express our indebtedness to the Statistical Institute of Catalonia (Idescat) for their ongoing support for the journal since 1992, first publishing it as QÜESTIÓ and now as SORT.

Let me wish you enjoyable reading!

Montserrat Guillén  
Editor in chief