

From the CSBIGS Editor

We are truly delighted to issue Volume 2 Number 1 of **CSBIGS (Case Studies in Business, Industry and Government Statistics)**. We hope that you will enjoy reading the cases in this issue and will get a chance to work with the datasets graciously shared by the authors. CSBIGS encourages the use of its cases for teaching, training or other purposes with proper acknowledgment.

The policy of the journal is indeed to provide readers with the data used in the cases, masked when necessary. Please consider contributing a case to CSBIGS; if you would like to write a case but have no data, please contact us as we might be able to provide a dataset. Instructions to authors are available on the CSBIGS web site at www.bentley.edu/csbigs.

This issue contains a wide variety of cases, relying on data from four different continents, Africa, America, Asia and Europe. Here is a chance to read about how much households are willing to pay for improved garbage collection in a major African capital, about perceptions held by Indian internet users, or about financial troubles encountered by French farmers. The vagaries of the Euro/US \$ exchange rates are documented, with no miracle cure anywhere in sight ...

You will also find a discussion of the effect on air traffic at a major European airport of the September 11th attacks, and will read about neural nets that improve the non-invasive detection of cancer. There is also an opportunity to ferret out whether or not programs that attempt to teach critical thinking skills in nursing schools have been effective or not, and the chance to know just what to do with those correlated regression errors. Enjoy!

We would like to express our gratitude to members of the Editorial Board for their hard work and commitment to CSBIGS, to all the authors, reviewers, and those who help format and post CSBIGS. Thanks are also in order to Bentley College for supporting the journal.

Last but not least, should you wish to join the editorial team, please contact us and attach a resumé; your help is needed and will be very much appreciated.

Please do send us emails of colleagues whom we should add to the CSBIGS mailing list. The more we get the word out, the more CSBIGS is cited and the happier we all are! Thank you!

With best wishes,

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