Editorial

It is a pleasure to issue Volume 5 Number 2 of **CSBIGS (Case Studies in Business, Industry and Government Statistics)**. This issue gives you a chance to work with the datasets kindly shared by the authors. Indeed, CSBIGS encourages the use of these cases for teaching, training or other purposes, with proper acknowledgment.

This CSBIGS editorial is my last one as editor-in-chief. Indeed, I have excellent news to report: Christine Thomas-Agnan (Figure 1), who is currently Europe co-editor, will become editor-in-chief beginning with Volume 6(1) and I will become US co-editor.

It has been a pleasure to work on building and maintaining the CSBIGS community and I am indebted to all of you, authors, readers, reviewers and editorial board for supporting this endeavor. A journal is indeed a community and our editorial policy at CSBIGS very much supports this concept.

Figure 1. New CSBIGS editor-in-chief.

Figure 2. CSBIGS editorial assistant.

Much discussion is underway about the future and financial model for our journals, featuring such terms as cost, page charges, etc. CSBIGS is completely free of access and page charges. The astute reader might wonder how then CSBIGS has covered the costs of production for the past 5 volumes. The truth is that CSBIGS was produced by the editor-in-chief with the help of a small team of good-willed colleagues and

graduate students. Figure 2 displays the main person power behind recent CSBIGS production, and gives us an opportunity to thank Changan Zhang for his stellar service as editorial assistant for the past few years.

Three articles in this issue are related to industrial matters of importance. Dupuy et al. discuss screening designs in the petroleum industry and Gogonel et al. apply Ensemble Prediction Systems to the problem of electricity supply and demand in France. Villa-Vialaneix et al. analyze data from agent-based simulations in the context of river management in the South of France.

Arumugam et al. present a social network analysis of a close-knit group of weavers in a village in Tamil Nadu (India). Samsa discusses simulations which shed a light on the impact in finance of fixing the investment horizon, and Kennedy and Bishop illustrate how sampling issues can play a central role in a court of law.

Finally, the paper by Gajewski et al. discusses how to best teach Confirmatory Factor Analysis in the context of the reliability of psychometric instruments for data related to the American Indian community.

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

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Last, but not least, should you wish to join the editorial team, please contact Christine Thomas (christine.thomas@tse-fr.eu) and attach a résumé; your help is needed and will be very much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

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