Editorial: MASHS Special Issue

It is a pleasure to issue Volume 4 Number 2 of **CSBIGS (Case Studies in Business, Industry and Government Statistics)** as a special issue arising from selected presentations given at the MASHS (Modèles et Apprentissage en Sciences Humaines et Sociales; i.e. Models and Learning in the Humanities and Social Sciences) conference held in Lille (France) in June 2010. 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.

Three articles in this issue are related in one way or another to financial analysis. The first presents a novel clustering technique for understanding the financial health of corporations (Biernacki et al.); the second discusses ensemble models for bankruptcy prediction (Kainulainen et al.); and in the third article, Procustes analysis is applied to stock market analysis (Camiz et al.).

One of the other papers presents adaptive regression models and evolving populations, applied to the case of the relationship between CO_2 and GNP, and the case of house prices and characteristics in two United States cities (Bouveyron et al.). Another article features a discussion of unsustainable cities, and of the circumstances that can lead to their disappearance (Dentinho et al.).

The remaining paper discusses the prediction of process duration for marriage dissolution in Spanish society (Guillen *et al.*).

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Figure. Grand-Place in Lille

It is also a pleasure to announce that CSBIGS is now affiliated with the Société Française de Statistique (French Statistical Society).

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

Hoping to hear from you soon,

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