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**ANNUAL REPORT for 2014**  
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Thursday, July 30, 2015, from 12:45 to 13:45  
Room 211 RioCentro conference center, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Chair: Iddo Gal, IASE President**

### **1. IASE Executive Committee 2013-2015**

President	Iddo Gal (Israel)
President-Elect	Andrej Blejec (Slovenia)
Past-President	John Harraway (New Zealand)
Vice-President	Joachim Engel (Germany)
Vice-President	Alison Gibbs (Canada)
Vice-President	Alejandra Sorto (USA)
Vice-President	David Stern (UK/Kenya)
Ex-officio	Ada van Krimpen, ISI Executive Director

See the IASE website: [http://iase-web.org/About.php?p=Executive\\_Committee](http://iase-web.org/About.php?p=Executive_Committee)  
for a complete list of additional colleagues who have *Special Assignments*

### **2. Financial report**

The financial report for 2014 is attached in **Appendix 1**, supplied by the ISI Permanent Office. By end of 2014 we had a total reserve of €94,520 Euros, i.e., a surplus of €14,846 Euros over 2013. The explanatory notes below the financial statement clarify the nature of key expense and income items. As can be see, the surplus is mainly due to the extra income from the ICOTS9 conference. The revenues were used in part to support participants from developing countries with matching funds from the World Bank, pay for website development, prizes, support for editorial work on Proceedings and other publications, many operational expenses associated with the office services we receive from the ISI Permanent Office, etc.

The surplus due to the ICOTS conference in 2014, which is held only once in 4 years, is designed to enables IASE to fund *all* key operations until the next ICOTS in 2018, since in interim years we hold smaller events which have a low revenue potential. Expenses planned for 2015-2017 include items such as further website maintenance, creation of websites for upcoming conferences, prizes, support of participants from developing countries for conferences, and other ongoing expenses approved by the IASE Executive Committee (EC).

### **3. Membership**

The membership report for 2014 is attached in **Appendix 2**. As can be seen, over several years until 2013 membership have been more or less stable, with a usual "churn" of new and departing members. There was a welcomed rise above N=400 in membership in 2014 and early 2015, in part in connection with registration for ICOTS9, given the benefits of joining as a new member for registrants to ICOTS9, in part due to other marketing efforts. The Association will need in coming years to continue to work on retaining new members who

joined around ICOTS as well as add additional members, especially from developing countries and from among early-career and other groups. The IASE Executive Committee will carry on work on this topic and examine options for a membership drive and for member benefits.

#### 4. Statistics Education Research Journal (SERJ)

a. **Website:** Details about SERJ, IASE's peer-reviewed academic journal, can be found on its website, at: <http://iase-web.org/Publications.php?p=SERJ> .

b. **Editor appointment:** Manfred Borovcnik (Austria) was appointed as a SERJ co-editor from April 1, 2015 to Dec 31, 2018, replacing departing co-editor Peter Petocz and joining continuing co-editor Maxine Pfannkuch. We wish a productive process ahead for Maxine and Manfred, and for [continuing] Assistant Editor Larry Lesser. Many thanks to the *SERJ search committee: Chris Reading (Chair), Carmen Batanero, Jim Ridgway, and Mike Shaughnessy.*

c. **Ongoing work:** A report about SERJ activities is attached in **Appendix 3**, prepared by current co-editors Pfannkuch & Borovcnik. As can be seen, SERJ is continuing its evolution as the leading academic publication in the area of statistics education, with a steady flow of submissions for regular papers and a vibrant program of special issues, and other future plans.

The Executive Committee congratulates the past and current SERJ editors and the entire editorial board for a job well done. The Exec thanks Peter Petocz (who ended his term as co-editor in 2015) and Bob delMas (who ended his term as co-editor in 2014) for their many contributions and dedicated work. We also thank all members of the SERJ editorial board for their leadership role at SERJ, and the many colleagues who volunteer their time and effort to take part in the peer-review process, and of course all authors who choose SERJ as an outlet for their scholarly work.

#### 5. Conferences and events

a. **Past events:** In August 2014 we held our flagship conference, ICOTS9, in Flagstaff (Arizona, USA), with over 500 delegates. The ICOTS9 Scientific Program involved, among other things: 5 plenary sessions, over 65 Invited sessions with over 190 invited talks and panels, close to 40 sessions with about 160 contributed papers and 54 posters, 6 pre-conference hands-on workshops (including an IASE-sponsored workshop in Spanish), and other events and a rich social program. Thus ICOTS9 lived up to its reputation as the high point in international gatherings on statistics education.

The ICOTS9 web-based Proceedings ([http://iase-web.org/Conference\\_Proceedings.php](http://iase-web.org/Conference_Proceedings.php)) were published in Sept 2014 on the IASE website and include abstracts and papers of the Plenary talks and of the Invited Papers which are organized around 10 main topics listed below, as well as Contributed Papers and abstracts of Posters, and other elements:

- Topic 1: Sustaining strengths and building capacity in statistics education,
- Topic 2: Statistics education at school level,
- Topic 3: Education and development of staff who teach statistics,
- Topic 4: Statistics education at the post-secondary level,
- Topic 5: Statistics education in the disciplines and the workplace,
- Topic 6: Innovation and reform in teaching probability within statistics,
- Topic 7: Statistical literacy in the wider society,
- Topic 8: Research in statistics education,
- Topic 9: Technology in statistics education,
- Topic 10: Innovative collaboration in statistics education.

Please see our conference proceedings webpage listed above for full details and names of all the many persons who made ICOTS possible (including leaders and members of key

Committees and Teams, Topic Convenors, Session Organizers and Chairs, authors, and referees). While they are too numerous to mention here in full, the Executive Committee thanks again the leaders associated with the creation of the Scientific Program, including Invited papers, Contributed papers, and Posters (*Chair, Int'l program Committee: Tim Dunn*), the leaders and team members who managed all the logistics and local operations (*Local Organizing Committee co-chairs: Roxy Peck and Roy St. Laurent*), and the leaders and teams who were involved in the refereeing process for papers and the creation of the wonderful Proceedings (*Chief Editor: Katie Makar; Co-editors: Bruno de Sousa & Rob Gould*). Key sponsors included the International Statistical Institute, World Bank, American Statistical Association, and Northern Arizona University and its Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics.

b. ***Current and future events:*** In 2014 and early 2015, IASE teams have been working on several events listed below, aiming to expand the "planning horizon" compared to prior years, maximise the use of our resources, and seek opportunities to involve many members of our diverse community as well as outside sponsors and collaborating organizations:

**2015 WSC60, Brazil:** IASE has planned a rich "program within a program" at the 60th World Statistics Congress (July 26-31, 2015) organized by ISI in Rio de Janeiro, including 9 Invited Paper Sessions (IPS), several Special Topics Sessions (STS) and Contributed Papers Sessions (CPS), an open meeting of the Int'l Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) and other activities. In addition, new special features at WSC60 include a Lunch Roundtable Discussion and an Invited Presidential Address. This program enables us to bring together interested colleagues from the statistics education community, and promote a dialogue on important challenges (conceptual, pedagogical, technological, etc.) with the wider statistics community.

*IASE Representative for the WSC60 Scientific Program Committee:  
Bruno de Sousa (Portugal)*

**2015 IASE Satellite, Brazil:** This conference is being held before WSC60, on July 22-24, 2015, at the Campus of the federal university UNIRIO in Rio de Janeiro. The conference theme is Advances in statistics education: developments, experiences, and assessments. The conference is co-organized by the International Association for Statistical Education (IASE) and Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO), with generous support from the Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas (ENCE/IBGE), Brazilian Statistical Association (ABE: Associação Brasileira de Estatística), and International Statistical Institute (ISI), and sponsorship by The SAS Institute/JMP division, IPUMS–International, FUNDAÇÃO CESGRANRIO in Brazil, and the Int'l Association for Official Statistics (IAOS).

Further information about the conference, its scientific program, committees, and sponsors, appears on the conference website: <http://iase-web.org/conference/satellite15>. The conference is the largest-ever Satellite held by IASE, with over 140 delegates expected. The program includes five keynote speakers, parallel sessions with over 80 papers and 20 posters, five (free) pre-conference hands-on workshops (in Portuguese, Spanish, and English), and special features and a social program. The conference working language is English, but several parallel sessions include presentations in Portuguese and Spanish, and a special meeting of researchers from Ibero-American countries will be held as well, given IASE's goals for capacity-building and networking.

*Chair of Int'l Program Committee: Pedro Campos (Portugal)  
Chair of Local Organizing Committee: Bruno Simões (Brazil)*

**2016 IASE Roundtable, Germany:** This event will be held July 19-22, 2016 at the Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development in Berlin, Germany, prior to the ICME13 conference in Hamburg. The Roundtable will focus on a unique theme: *Promoting Understanding of Statistics About Society*. Through a mix of keynote lectures, presentations of invited papers and extensive discussions in small groups, and dedicated workshops, the meeting is hoped to advance current knowledge about teaching methods, technology solutions, and curricular materials and lesson plans that can support and promote students' learning and understanding of statistics about social phenomena which are critical for informed citizenship and permeate the public sphere, but are often not at the focus of the traditional statistics curriculum for non-specialists. A main outcome of the Roundtable will be a monograph containing a set of high-standard peer-reviewed papers, which have been prepared for, and discussed during, the conference.

*Chair of Int'l Program Committee: Joachim Engel (Germany)*

*Chair of Local Organizing Committee: Laura Martignon (Germany)*

**2017 WSC61, Morocco:** Preliminary discussions are already being held regarding two events in 2017, (a) the IASE program at the next WSC61 to be held in Marrakesh, Morocco, in summer 2017, and (b) an IASE Satellite Conference before WSC61, which will have the special goal of facilitating participation of colleagues from African and Arabic countries, and encouraging work and talks that can contribute to capacity-building in statistics education in developing countries.

*Chair of Int'l Program Committee: TBD*

*Chair of Local Organizing Committee: TBD*

**2018 ICOTS10, Japan:** Our next flagship conference will be held in Kyoto, Japan, tentatively scheduled for July 9-13 2018 (not final). Work is starting on the scientific and social programs for the conference, which will be organized by IASE in collaboration with the Japanese Statistical Society (JSS) and the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, with help from Rikkyo University and other institutions and sponsors.

*Chair of Int'l Program Committee: TBD*

*Chair of Local Organizing Committee (tentative): Toshinari Kamakura & Kazunori Yamaguchi (Japan)*

## **6. The International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP)**

a. The ISLP has continued another year of hard work, with a focus on launching a new international poster competition and a competition for cooperative projects for 2015, which are now drawing to a close. The network of country coordinators is being expanded and the project has been generating a rich newsletter with reports about activities and projects in many countries, available on the ISLP website: <http://iase-web.org/islp>. ISLP has also organized several sessions in the IASE Satellite 2015 (e.g., an open meeting and a guided poster session), as well as an open meeting and session STS053 in the WSC 2015.

The IASE Exec thanks the *ISLP Director, Reija Helenius* (Finland) and *Deputy Directors: Steve MacFeely* (Ireland/UNCTAD) and *Pedro Campos* (Portugal), and the support of Statistics Finland, as well as the many Country Coordinators working with ISLP.

b. Work is starting on the creation of a collection of selected educational resources and materials related to the ISLP goals, led by *James Nicholson* (*Chair of the ISLP Advisory Board*, UK/Northern Ireland), and other IASE members.

## 7. IASE Website

The IASE website continues to evolve and expand and serves as a central platform for the work of the Association. It enables members and others to access the rich set of resources provided by IASE, including papers and articles in SERJ and in the ISLP newsletter, conference proceedings, links to various resources, and so forth.

An important development in 2014 was the creation of a "website shell" that will serve all our future small conferences (i.e., Roundtables and Satellite conferences), in addition to the much bigger website used for ICOTS events. Both websites have underlying editing facilities that enable members of the IPC and LOC to update the website on a regular basis, as well as systems for supporting submission of papers and refereeing processes by referees and the proceedings Editors, and other features. We thank the *IASE Webmaster, John Shanks (NZ)* for his dedication and creativity.

## 8. Statutes and Bylaws

Based on prior proposals by IASE members, draft changes to our Statutes are being discussed, and can be seen here: <http://iase-web.org/About.php?p=StatutesChanges>. This is work in progress, to be continued in 2015 and beyond, and is coordinated with the ISI Permanent Office (in The Hague) and its legal advisors, as IASE is a non-profit organization incorporated in The Netherlands and hence has to follow Dutch laws.

The outgoing Executive Committee has made some progress on this topic; incoming President Andrej Blejec plans to finalize the corrections and submit them for member consultation with e-voting planned in 2016 to formally ratify the changes in the Statutes. We thank *Past-Presidents John Harraway and Helen MacGillivray* who continue to accompany this legal process.

## 9. Nomination of Executive Committee for 2015-2017

A Nominations Committee appointed by the outgoing IASE Executive has considered a wide range of candidates (including self-nominations and various proposals) and in mid-June 2015 announced the following appointments for the IASE Executive Committee 2015-2017:

- President Elect: Gail Burrill (United States)
- Vice President: Ayse Bilgin (Australia)
- Vice President: Le Thi Thanh Loan (Vietnam)
- Vice President: Jim Ridgway (UK)
- Vice President: Alison Gibbs (Canada) (*Continuing from 2013-2015 EC*)
- Vice President: David Stern (Kenya & UK) (*Continuing from 2013-2015 EC*)

The EC members 2015-2017 take their positions after the IASE General Assembly in Rio on 30 July 2015, when President-Elect Andrej Blejec (Slovenia) will start his term as President, and current President Iddo Gal (Israel) will become Past-President.

Many thanks to all members of the Nominations Committee: John Harraway (NZ; Chair, IASE Past-President), Carmen Batanero (Spain; IASE Past-President), Delia North (South Africa, IASE past-VP and ISI Council member), Gabriella Ottaviani (Italy; IASE Past-President), and Larry Weldon (Canada; IASE Past-VP), chosen in light of their experience as IASE members representing wide coverage of the regions of the world and familiarity with different communities of practice and scholarly work.

## 10. Next meeting

The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held at WSC61, July 2017 in Marrakesh, Morocco, with communications and consultations by email to occur until then.

## **11. Invitation to contribute**

Thanks are sent to all IASE members and supporters for your continued collegiality and trust. We hope to hear from you with ideas or suggestions, and invite you to take part in future Association activities, so that we can keep IASE's growth and impact, in line with its mission.

## **12. Personal farewell from the outgoing President**

It was a pleasure to work with the many members of the IASE Executive Committee, and benefit from the advice and support of many other association members, from the help and wisdom of our former Past-President John Harraway (NZ) and other prior members of the IASE Executive, and the ISI President and Council members. I thank them all.

In my two years as IASE President 2013-2015 I tried to promote numerous initiatives and expand the planning processes within the Association. On the organizational side I took steps to improve membership options, financial performance and budgetary planning so as to ensure the sustainability of IASE. On the content side I encouraged collaborative arrangements, worked to create more growth opportunities within the Association and promote discussions that can improve the educational resources offered by IASE to its members, and worked on planning our future conferences. Some of the fruits of this work may be evident in this Annual report or the prior one for 2013, and some efforts are "under the hood" and not visible, yet hopefully will facilitate work by the incoming Executive Committee and other IASE teams.

I wish the incoming President Andrej Blejec, and the incoming Exec members and new President-Elect Gail Burrill, a productive and enjoyable time at the helm, and look forward to continue working with them as Past-President.

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## Appendix 1: IASE Financial Report for 2014

(Note: All figures are in Euro)

International Statistical Institute  
The Hague**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IASE** (in Euro)**INCOME**

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Membership / contributions						
Individual members	8,075	8,081	7,961	8,709	9,017	8,891
Institutional members	1,032	1,075	785	643	841	1,472
ISLP donations	63	70	-	-	-	1,055
Other income	1) 29,125	10,551	1,999	11,546	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38,295</b>	<b>19,777</b>	<b>10,745</b>	<b>20,898</b>	<b>9,858</b>	<b>11,418</b>

**EXPENSES****Publications**

Editorial costs	2) 726	-	-	-	740	-
Other publ. Exp/ ICOTS VIII	-	-	-	-	5,040	-
<b>Total publications</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,780</b>	<b>-</b>

**Organisation**

Travel and meetings	3) 533	2,158	1,556	-	600	-
ISLP costs	-	-	-	1,782	-	3,744
Postage/ freight	179	107	105	481	396	785
Other	4) 16,869	9,976	425	8,950	1,500	935
Computer costs	1,833	2,141	2,145	2,624	2,673	3,046
Stationary	93	148	140	193	95	179
Office equipment	-	-	-	-	156	201
Telephone	22	11	24	28	41	68
Insurance	60	53	46	58	58	56
Bank charges	1,132	762	583	762	630	537
Staff costs	2,484	2,083	1,884	1,610	1,780	1,665
Consultants	56	170	197	342	980	-
Website	304	80	2,304	433	615	-
Auditors	618	414	431	440	423	519

<b>Total organisation</b>	<b>24,183</b>	<b>18,103</b>	<b>9,840</b>	<b>17,703</b>	<b>9,947</b>	<b>11,735</b>
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Depreciation debtors	962	737	929	779	962	880
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,871</b>	<b>18,840</b>	<b>10,769</b>	<b>18,482</b>	<b>16,689</b>	<b>12,615</b>
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RESULT BEFORE FINANCIAL INCOME	12,424	937	-24	2,417	-6,831	-1,197
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Equity Interest	2,422	2,376	2,659	2,012	2,385	2,809
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<b>RESULT OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>14,846</b>	<b>3,313</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>4,429</b>	<b>-4,446</b>	<b>1,612</b>
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Equity Fund january 1	79,674	76,361	73,726	69,297	73,743	72,131
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Year-end adjustments						
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Result	14,846	3,313	2,635	4,429	-4,446	1,612
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Equity Fund december 31	<b>94,520</b>	<b>79,674</b>	<b>76,361</b>	<b>73,726</b>	<b>69,297</b>	<b>73,743</b>
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1) ICOTS9 Received 2 amounts	28,944	
Springer Royalties	182	
		29,126

2) Dr Larry Lesser: Assistan Editot SERJ		726
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3) Blejec expenses for Council in Boston		533
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4) ICOTS9 paid to local organizer in 2013	3,732	
deposit for Tour operator (paid in 2013)	5,447	
Reshma Parveen: formatting papers	684	
Extra for Menus Nkurunziza to attend	363	
Zalman Usiskin + David Spiegelhalter speakers	914	
Pedro Silva + Rachel Fewster speakers	2,941	
Website (Spacific Software NZD 3500)	2,425	
Prizes Early Career Award: Christoph Till and Gil Early	363	
		16,869

<b>Appendix 2: IASE Membership Report for 2014</b>
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	Received 23June2015 from ISI Office	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Code		25/02/2015	30/10/2014	19/12/2013	31/12/2012	05/12/2011	31/12/2010	31/12/2009
IASE80	Developed Countries	126	125	126	110	132	115	148
IASE81	Developing Countries	42	40	33	38	42	25	5
IASE82	ISI + IASE Developed Countries	92	93	87	93	107	103	115
IASE83	ISI + IASE Developed Countries - Retired	15	10	10	9	5	5	5
IASE84	ISI + IASE Developing Countries	31	32	33	32	32	33	18
IASE85	ISI + IASE Developing Countries - Retired	5	4	3	3	3	3	2
IASE86	Extra-ordinary Members (paying) ***	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
IASE88/89	Free: Honorary Members, ISI Life, Exempt **	10	10	10	10	10	9	9
IASE801	ICOTS9 (18 months dev)	77	76	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	34	
IASE802	ICOTS9 (18 months less dev)	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1	
	<b>Total Individual members</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>303</b>
IASE87	<b>Institutional members</b>	10	10	10	10	7	7	7
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>310</b>
		<b>25/02/2015</b>	<b>30/10/2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	New members :	6	110	35	28	26	45	14
	Cancelled members:	3	35*	38	58	34	28	34
	Reinstated	5	15	15	12	7	11	11
	* 31 cancelled due to non payment 2014							

**Appendix 3: *SERJ* Report for 2014-2015**  
Prepared by co-editors Maxine Pfannkuch & Manfred Borovcnik

## 1. Submissions

SERJ continues to receive a steady flow of submissions for regular papers, as well as for special issues. Below is a summary of the status of manuscripts submitted between 14 July 2014 and 25 June 2015 as regular papers (only, i.e., not for special issues).

Number of Submissions	Under Review	Decision				
		Not Appropriate	Reject	Revise & Resubmit	Minor Revision	Accept as is
30	6	13	4	4	2	1

Note: "Not appropriate" means that the content was inappropriate for *SERJ*, or the manuscript was determined to be not of sufficient quality to send out for review.

## 2. Plans for future issues of *SERJ*

To increase the visibility of *SERJ* and to increase the number of quality submissions, in addition to processing regular papers, we plan to have a Special Issue each year. In addition, if the opportunity arises, we will aim to have a Special Collection of papers around a specific theme within a regular issue. Manfred Borovcnik has responsibility for the Special Issues, while Maxine Pfannkuch is responsible for the Regular Issues and Special Collections.

**Special Issues.** Peter Petocz, the former Co-Editor of *SERJ*, has kindly agreed to continue to shepherd the previously planned November 2016 Special Issue on Learning and Teaching Probability within Statistics, with guest editors Egan Chernoff, Efi Paparistodemou, and Dionysia Bakogianni. For the May 2017 a Special Issue is planned on Statistical Literacy, with guest editors Jim Ridgway and James Nicholson, with Editor Manfred Borovcnik overseeing it. Calls for Proposals for both these issues appeared in the November 2014 issue of *SERJ*; invitations have now been sent out to authors for full papers to be submitted.

A 2018 Special Issue topic has yet to be decided and Manfred is looking for expressions of interest for that issue. Maxine is looking for ideas for Special Collections of papers in Regular Issues, which may arise in a number of ways. For instance, we envision a collection of particularly good group of papers presented at a conference around a theme, accompanied by discussant that will be invited to react to those papers. Or the Special Collection may involve a single lead paper or interview with a noted scholar, followed by reactions from invited discussants.

It should be noted that as part of the IASE mission for capacity-building, *SERJ* also accepts papers in Spanish and French (which are published with a 2-page Extended Abstract in English so as to make key messages and results accessible to English speakers). For such papers, we appoint a special associate editor and referees in the relevant language. We invite submissions and inquiries from colleagues who work in these languages.

## 3. Activities of *SERJ* Editors and changes in the Editorial Board

**Workload:** In November 2014, a *SERJ* Special issue on "A Global View of Statistics Education Research" was published. We deliberately solicited contributions from many countries whose research is not generally published in *SERJ*, resulting in the longest Special Issue ever published by *SERJ* with 16 papers. The Regular issue of May 2015 also broke a record becoming the longest *SERJ* Regular issue. The preparation of these issues required extensive work from the editorial board and from many referees.

**Website facilities:** We aim to change from a manual to a computer-based submission system and will work with the IASE webmaster on such developments.

**Referees:** The *SERJ* Reviewer database was updated in December 2014. We thank all our current referees, and invite interested colleagues to contact the *SERJ* editors and join our pool of referees.

**Indexing:** Requests were made for *SERJ* to be indexed on three new databases. Databases that *SERJ* is indexed on have now been added to the website. Some databases require more substantive submission and publication guidelines. Manfred is currently working on this aspect.

**Associate Editors:** Three Associate Editors ended their terms (Nick Broers, John Harraway, and Gilberte Schuyten). Three new Associate Editors were appointed (Sue Finch, Jennifer Kaplan, Michele Millar) and they join the continuing members of the Editorial Board: Joan Garfield, Randall Groth, Tim Jacobbe, Aisling Leavy, Hollylynne Stohl Lee, M. Gabriella Ottaviani, Dave Pratt, Ernesto Sanchez, and Jane Watson. We thank all outgoing, incoming, and continuing members of the Editorial Board for their dedicated work and contribution to *SERJ*.

**Assistant Editor:** Larry Lesser, our Assistant Editor, will end his term with the May 2016 publication. A call for nominations for a new Assistant Editor was published in the May 2015 issue of *SERJ*. We are pleased to announce that Chris Franklin (University of Georgia, USA) has been appointed as Assistant Editor for the period June 2016 to June 2019, and thank her for joining the *SERJ* team.