Editorial announcements

1 Birthdays 2010

The year 2010 marks two notable birthdays for the Stata community. StataCorp itself was founded 25 years ago as Computing Resource Center. The Stata Journal starts its 10th volume with this issue. So, happy birthday to them and happy birthday to us!

As computing-oriented people, we should perhaps have made more fuss at Stata’s 16th birthday in 2001. Somehow that was overlooked, and it is a while to wait until Stata is 32, so at the Stata Journal, we are choosing to do something a little special at each major birthday, modulo 5. The 20th anniversary of Stata was marked by a special issue with a historical theme, accessible to subscribers and nonsubscribers alike at

http://www.stata-journal.com/sj5-1.html

For the 25th anniversary, we have decided to commemorate the Stata community by running interviews with various people who have played major parts in making Stata what it is over the last quarter-century, just as our 20th anniversary issue featured an interview with William Gould, president of StataCorp. The first interview in 2010 is with Christopher F. Baum and is included in this issue.

The year 2010 is, however, a 16th birthday too. The 16th London Users Group meeting will be held in September. We are sad to announce the December 2009 death of Ana Timberlake, who did so much for London Users Group meetings between 1995 and 2009, and also Users Group meetings in Spain, Ireland, and Poland. An appreciation of a much loved member of the community follows these announcements.

2 Indexing widened

External recognition of quality is always welcome to both producers and consumers of any academic journal. We are delighted to announce that starting with this issue, the Stata Journal will be indexed in two further citation indexes of Thomson Scientific: the Social Sciences Citation Index and Current Contents/Social and Behavioral Sciences. These join the Citation Index Expanded and the CompuMath Citation Index, which began indexing the Journal in 2005.
3  Associate Editors

Much of the burden of providing and organizing reviews of submitted articles inevitably falls on our distinguished team of associate editors. With this issue, we thank most warmly Thomas Lumley, University of Washington, who has served as an associate editor since 2001, for all his contributions; and we welcome most warmly in the same role Peter A. Lachenbruch, Oregon State University.

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