



Letter from the Editors

Dear readers,

Happy New Year 2022. We are glad to present the January 2022 issue of TSS, another strong issue.

As usual, we start with the *Letter from the President* by Monica Pratesi. It is followed by the *Report from the Scientific Secretary*, Giovanna Ranalli. We welcome both of them and have already started to enjoy cooperating with them.

In the News and Announcement section, this issue then pays tribute to Jean-Claude Deville who passed away at the end of 2021. The section also contains a report on the 2021 Baltic-Nordic-Ukraine Summer School on Survey Statistics.

In the Ask-the-Experts section, Stefan Bender from the Deutsche Bundesbank & University of Mannheim and Joseph W. Saskhaug from the German Institute for Employment Research & Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich discuss the very much changed context of the use of data sources in business statistics. They explain how this field went from using almost exclusively surveys to incorporating and/or using a variety of administrative and commercial data, as well as text, image and other data from devices and internet.

Then, in the New and Emerging Methods section, Jae-Kwang Kim from Iowa State University, presents an interesting introduction to the ways to integrate data in the context of survey sampling when there are both a probability and a non-probability sample. He considers a number of approaches such as mass imputation, the propensity score method, calibration weighting, and doubly robust estimation methods.

To complete this issue, you will find the country reports (from six countries). As the President explains, we need to confirm and/or renew representatives but in the meantime, we would like to remind all members that this section could benefit from more submissions. This is followed by information on upcoming conferences and workshops and the tables of contents of a number of journals related to survey statistics.

We would like to thank each and everyone of those who devoted their time in organizing and preparing materials for this issue. If you have any information about conferences, events or just ideas you would like to share with other statisticians – please do go ahead and contact any member of the editorial board of the newsletter.

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