



Strategy and planned activities: 2023-2025

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Main strategic directions for 2023-25

- The successful initiatives undertaken during Pieter's term as Editor in Chief will be reinforced
- Enhancing synergies with the new IAOS strategy of the incoming IAOS President
- Overall objective: Journal as source of knowledge for official statisticians around the world & of statistical literacy for non-experts
- Promoting the debate on emerging topics in official statistics (e.g. Data stewardship; Data governance; Data ethics/Trust in official statistics)
- Promoting methodological advancements in official statistics
- Initiatives to further strengthen the quality of the Journal
- Initiatives to further expand the audience and visibility of the Journal

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Promoting methodological advancements in official statistics

- Importance of staying at the forefront of statistical methodology.
- Actively seeking submissions that present innovative approaches, new techniques and tools that can enhance the quality and efficiency of official statistics. Examples:
 - Use of Big data
 - Use of data science/AI/ML
 - Integration of different data sources

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Further strengthening the quality of the Journal

- Updating the list of Emphasis and General Editors (new disciplines; gender balance)
- Expanding the list of contributors; Reaching out to authors from developing countries
- Maintaining /Enhancing Editorial Rigor and Quality
- Working closely with the Editorial board: Guiding the general direction of the Journal.
- Scientific rating of the Journal: making the journal more attractive for academic contributions.
 - Need to ensure a high IF. Problem: Potential adoption of editorial policies in contrast, for example, with promoting the contributions from developing countries and young statisticians

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Expanding the audience and visibility of the Journal

- Maintain/update SJIAOS website and social media
- Organize special issues and discussion forums
- Engaging with the Official Statistical Community at national and international levels
 - Invite all the Heads of NSOs/Int. Org. to promote the use of the Journal within their Institutions
- Embracing FAIR and Open Science Principles
 - Need to change the business model of the Journal: from users' payment to authors' (Institutions) payment
 - Negotiate a new publishing agreement with the IOS press
 - Risk of decreasing the number of authors, especially from developing countries

Next issue

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- Interview with Dominik Rozkrut, new President of the IAOS
- Interview with Reimund Mink about his book “Statistics - a plaything of politics“. Important contribution to documenting the historical evolution of ethical principles in official statistics and the cases when these principles were not upheld.
- A mixture of about 13 manuscripts covering various topics:
 - **The impact of COVID-19 on Central Banks.**
 - **Statistical Domain Specific:** Population projections; Mortality Statistics; Social cohesion statistics; Inflation and Consumption; Financial distress; Structural changes of US Industries
 - **Statistical Methodology and Techniques:** Data Prefilling; Errors in Self-Assigned NAICS Codes; Inclusive Composite Growth Index; Small Area Estimation of Household Expenditure; Data Access.

Special issues

Identified as potential topics for a special issue:

The future of Agricultural Statistics (ICAS 2023),

The new definition of informal economy and informal employment (ICLS 2023).

Other topics foreseen:

Open Data/Fair Science publishing in statistics (WSC 2023)

Hard to reach Population Groups (CES 2023)

2023 IAOS-ISI Conference Zambia

New Techniques and Technologies for Statistics (NTTS 2023)

Data Stewardship (Korea 2022)

SDGs methodology and results.