$\mathbf{REVSTAT} - \mathbf{STATISTICAL} \ \mathbf{JOURNAL}$

Background

Statistical Institute of Portugal (INE, I.P.), well aware of how vital a statistical culture is in understanding most phenomena in the present-day world, and of its responsibility in disseminating statistical knowledge, started the publication of the scientific statistical journal *Revista de Estatística*, in Portuguese, publishing three times a year papers containing original research results, and application studies, namely in the economic, social and demographic fields.

In 1998 it was decided to publish papers also in English. This step has been taken to achieve a larger diffusion, and to encourage foreign contributors to submit their work.

At the time, the Editorial Board was mainly composed by Portuguese university professors, being now composed by national and international university professors, and this has been the first step aimed at changing the character of *Revista de Estatística* from a national to an international scientific journal.

In 2001, the *Revista de Estatística* published three volumes special issue containing extended abstracts of the invited contributed papers presented at the 23^{rd} European Meeting of Statisticians.

The name of the Journal has been changed to REVSTAT – STATISTICAL JOURNAL, published in English, with a prestigious international editorial board, hoping to become one more place where scientists may feel proud of publishing their research results.

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- All research articles will be referred by at least two persons, one from the Editorial Board and another, external.
- The only working language allowed will be English.
- Three volumes are scheduled for publication, one in April, one in June and the other in November.
- On average, four articles will be published per issue.

Aims and Scope

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REVSTAT covers all branches of Probability and Statistics. Surveys of important areas of research in the field are also welcome.

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