

Editorial

Celebrating 20 years of publication | *REVSTAT-Statistical Journal*

This year we complete 20 years of publication of *REVSTAT-Statistical Journal*.

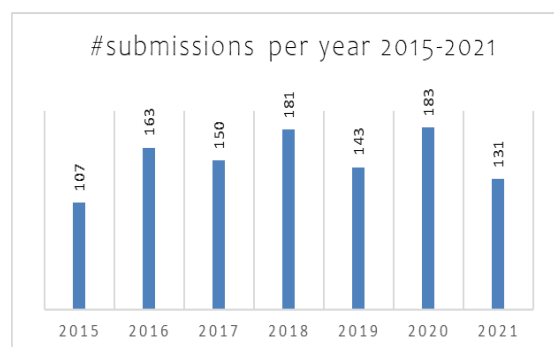
Statistics Portugal ([INE](#)), aware of its responsibilities in disseminating statistical knowledge and intending to fill a gap of scientific publication in Statistics in 1996, started the publication of [Revista de Estatística](#) in Portuguese, a quarterly publication whose goal was the publication of papers containing original statistical methodological results, and its applications, namely in the economic, social and demographic fields.

A decisive step was taken in 1998, publishing papers also in English, aiming to change the character of *Revista de Estatística* from a national to an international scientific journal, the *Statistical Review*. Afterwards, during the EMS 2001, the 23rd European Meeting of Statisticians, its Editor-in-Chief Ivette Gomes invited several international top researcher participants to join the editorial board for the becoming new international journal and in 2003 the name changed to [REVSTAT-Statistical Journal](#).

The first issue of REVSTAT, [Vol1\(1\)](#), was published in November 2003 and consisted of four papers in different topics, namely in random-effects log-linear model, extremal index of sub-sampled periodic sequences, in lifetime models and multiple correspondence analysis.

The year of 2010 was the first electronic [JCR](#) (Journal Citation Reports) year. Since then, an impressive increasing number of submissions has occurred. The year of 2015 was the first one with more than one hundred of submissions. It should be mentioned that, in the period 2015-2021, an average yearly number of around 150 submissions have been received in our *REVSTAT*, with a mean number of 25 published papers per year.

The rate of acceptance of the last three years is around 20%.



Ivette Gomes has acted, heroically, till the end of 2018, as Editor-in-Chief of REVSTAT, improving the visibility and impact of REVSTAT, serving the science community with dedication and commitment, setting up and shaping the journal to ensure it has maintained its place among the international benchmark journals in the field of Statistics. The importance of obtaining high quality reviews and timeliness in publish-decisions, has been a major concern under Ivette's Editorship, assisted by the Co-Editor Antónia Amaral Turkman.

Since 2019, the current Editor-in-Chief Isabel Fraga Alves and Co-Editor Giovani L. Silva have been trying to maintain the high level of the journal, acting with the utmost scientific integrity, and promoting some special issues too, spreading the scientific communications of some thematic meetings. One of the keystones that we propose ourselves was the creation of a new [journal platform](#), making possible not only the electronic submission and refereeing process for our [Associate Editors](#), but also making true the aim of DOI attribution and in a near future the Open Access (OA) registration in [DOAJ](#), although REVSTAT has been OA since its birth. This goal is now partially accomplished, made possible due to our teamwork with INE and represents a continuous work in progress. We assume that these recent years during covid-19 pandemic were very difficult, and represented a big challenge, not easy to accomplish by the two Editors, who must answer to their normal professional academic duties, apart from this *pro bono* job.

At last, we should enhance the fact that a successful journal depends on the efficiency and competence of the teamwork with its editorial board and its reviewers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Associate Editors, Executive Editors, Reviewers, Authors, and the readers of REVSTAT for their support. In the future, it is our continuous goal to improve the profile of the REVSTAT Journal, next to the objectives of its readers, answering not only to the theoretical, methodological, and applied topics but also to the nowadays bigdata paradigm.

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