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1 Executive Committee (EC) meeting

There were 10 times EC meetings by Skye from January 2016 through June 2017.

2 New Aspects of IFCS Conference

The budget of the IFCS-2017 once had been complied based on Euro same as the budget of the IFCS-2015. The conference fee shown by Euro or US Dollar is convenient for participants, because it is very easy to catch the amount of fee. But in 2015-2016 the value of the Japanese Yen becomes very high nearly 20% for Euro or US Dollar. The expenses which are going to be paid in Japan should be paid by the Japanese Yen. The 20% increase of the Japanese Yen means that the amount of the Japanese Yen decreases 20% for the same amount of Euro. Thus the budget of the IFCS-2017 is complied based on the Japanese Yen to avoid the risk caused by the change of the currency exchange rate between Euro and the Japanese Yen. This seems reasonable, because the change of the exchange rate is caused by the economic or the political reasons but not by the Japanese Classification Society (JCS).

The JCS organized sessions named 'Invited by the JCS'. There are three sessions which include sessions organized by a researcher from Taiwan and by a researcher from Korea. The organizer's fee is waived, and 50,000 Japanese Yen is paid to the organizer. The aim of this activity is that it will be helpful to expand IFCS to Asian countries in the future.

3 Awards

There have been three existing awards; IFCS Research Medal (age > 35), Chikio Hayashi Award ($30 \leq \text{age} \leq 35$), and Student Postdoctoral Fellow Paper Competition and Travel Award ($22 \leq \text{age} \leq 29$). Helga Gaul and Wolfgang Gaul donated a new award 'Helga and Wolfgang Gaul Stiftung Award'. We would like to express our heartiest gratitude to Helga Gaul and Wolfgang Gaul. This award is for a young researcher whose age is less than 30 years old. This year is the inauguration of the Helga and Wolfgang Gaul Stiftung Award, and Helga Gaul and Wolfgang Gaul will attend the Award Session, and hand over the award to the award winner.

Hans-Herman Bock donated the Brest Cancer Data Analysis Award (BRCA). Two members from IFCS member societies are on the Award committee of the BRCA. A session 'BRCA Data Analysis' was organized by Hans (9:55 - 10:55 August 9). In the session the award winner will give a lecture.

4 IFCS-2017 Conference

We have highly excellent keynote invited speakers; Tomoyuki Higuchi, Professor and Director-General at the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Marieke E. Timmerman, Professor at the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences of the University of Groningen, Irini Moustaki, Professor in Social Statistics at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Cinzia Viroli, Professor in Statistics in the Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Bologna, and Christian Hennig, Professor in Statistics at the University College London. I hope to thank them who accepted the invitation to give a talk.

Same as IFCS-2015 at Bologna, we asked president of all IFCS member societies to be on the Scientific Program Committee, and asked them to organize sessions which help to establish closer relationships among IFCS member societies, which greatly helped to organize the outstanding program of the conference as well. On behalf of the Council of the IFCS, I would like to express our gratitude to the Scientific Program Committee and especially to Tadashi Imaizumi, the Chair of the SPC, Sadaaki Miyamoto, the Vice Chair of the SPC, Yoshiro Yamamoto, the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), and Fumitake Sakaori, the Secretary General of the LOC, for the nice and impeccable organization of conference. I especially wish to say heartiest thanks to Fumitake Sakaori for his outstanding and devoted effort in the LOC, which makes it possible to organize this great and marvelous conference.

5 IFCS-2019 Conference

The Greek Society of Data Analysis (GSDA) expressed in 2016 that it has an interest to host the IFCS-2019 conference in Greece. In 2017 the president of the GSDA presented a BID. After several minor amendments, the EC approved the BID, and in June decided to recommend the approval of the IFCS Council. The BID was approved by the IFCS Council in June 2017. The IFCS-2019 conference will be held from August 26 to 29, 2019 at Thessaloniki, Greece.

6 Administrative Activities of the IFCS

I would like to express my gratitude to all EC members; Maurizio Vichi, Berthold Lausen, Christian Hennig, Paul McNicholas, and Sugnet Lubbe for their effort in administrative

activities of the IFCS. I especially hope to say thanks to Christian Hennig, the Scientific Secretary of the IFCS, who did brilliant work in activities in the IFCS. I also would like to say warmest thanks to Nema Dean, the former Treasure of the IFCS until the end of 2016. Sugnet Lubbe, who succeeded Nema Dean, is the new Treasure of the IFCS.

7 The IFCS Newsletter, Website, and Journals

The IFCS Newsletter has been published regularly in March, July, and November (three times a year). The Newsletter aims to stimulate the communication among the IFCS member societies by exchanging information provided by member societies. I deeply thank Paul McNicholas, the Publication Officer of the IFCS, who has been doing great effort in editing and producing the Newsletter.

Paul also takes care of the IFCS Website along with Fritz Leisch and Robert Wiedermann. Information on how to become a member society was uploaded in the IFCS Web site in 2016 that makes it easier to attain the information. I am deeply thankful that Paul McNicholas, Fritz Leisch and Robert Wiedermann have been administering and organizing the Website greatly.

The IFCS supported two journals; Journal of Classification (JoC) and Advances in Data Analysis and Classification (ADAC). The impact factor of both journals significantly increased in 2016. The impact factors of JoC from 2014 through 2016 are 0.727, 1.147, and 3.083, and the impact factors of ADAC from 2014 through 2016 are 1.026, 1.707, and 2.326. While Thomson Reuters has been dealing with the impact factor until 2015, the division which calculated the impact factor in Thomson Reuters spun-off of a separate company, Clarivate Analytics, calculated the impact factor in 2016.

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