Editorial

As a survey methodologist, I always feel that there are not enough journals focusing on the methodological and statistical aspects associated with survey research. The journal *methods, data, analyses (mda)* is one of the few existing exceptions. In addition, *mda* is an open-access journal, which allows results to be shared broadly. Therefore, I am delighted to introduce my first issue as the editor-in-chief of *mda*.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the associate editors for their crucial support of the journal, and especially Sabine Häder (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences) for her continuous commitment as managing editor. Moreover, I sincerely thank the previous editor-in-chief, Annelies G. Blom (University of Mannheim), for her great work during the past years to professionalise and internationalise *mda* and to increase its scientific impact.

The introduction of the professional journal management tool "Open Journal System (OJS)" facilitates the management of submissions and makes it easier for authors to track the evolution of their submissions. In addition, the editorial board was extended to efficiently deal with the review process. Furthermore, *mda* established an online first publication section, which allows a timely publication after the acceptance of the manuscripts. This contributes to a fast sharing of knowledge, which is particularly important nowadays since the world is changing so quickly. I am also delighted to announce that *mda* was included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and that the journal applied for its inclusion in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI).

In 2018, *mda* published two issues with a total of 11 manuscripts. The acceptance rate was 50%. The number of downloads from our *mda* website, i.e., single articles or whole issues, was 14,657 and the average number of citations per paper was 1.7 (Google Scholar).

In 2019, we expect that the journal will continue improving. The first issue of 2019 (published in January) included seven outstanding research reports from a variety of international authors. This second issue (July 2019) includes four research reports, two research notes, and one field report dealing with issues related to both measurement errors and sampling. A new extension of the editorial board was implemented to integrate experts from emerging research fields, such as the use of sensor data in surveys. In addition, we will keep working on the internationalisation of *mda* and on guaranteeing high quality and timely publications.

However, the success of *mda* also depends on the authors that consider the journal as a good outlet for their research, the research community and readers that use the knowledge gained from the publications, and the anonymous reviewers

that provide careful feedback on the manuscripts to help improve them. Therefore, I would like to sincerely thank all authors, readers, and reviewers of *mda* and encourage them to get even more involved in the journal.

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