

EDITORIAL

As we all know, it is hard for people outside insurance circles to have an easy opportunity to read our *Astin Bulletin*. One of the major reasons for this unhappy state of affairs was the lack of promotion outside traditional insurance circles and an appropriate handling of subscriptions and orders for back-issues. As one of the largest journals on quantitative modelling in insurance, we thought it our responsibility to make our journal more accessible for non-actuarial people. In order to achieve all this, it appeared to be necessary to change the printers. As a result of this, we have chosen Tieto Ltd, as the firm which will be responsible for the future publishing and printing of the *Astin Bulletin*, starting with this issue. This also applies to back-issues.

From now on, all quantitative people outside insurance, such as econometricians, operations researchers, time series and sampling theorists, as well as other statisticians, will have the opportunity to read the *Astin Bulletin* and to learn about an inspiring field of application where people like *Cramér* and *de Finetti* have been pioneers: insurance.

In the past, most papers published in *Astin Bulletin* had their emphasis on probability theory, neglecting issues of actual measurement and taking into account real market conditions which belonged to economics. From now on, however, we may expect papers to be more balanced with regard to theory and measurement as well as the activities formed by specification, estimation, testing and decision making.

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