

Just a few words to express our gratitude and admiration to Prof. Francesco Grigoletto, who – as first editor of Biomedical Statistics and Clinical Epidemiology (BMSCE) – was able not only to start a new, multidisciplinary journal, but also to reach excellent levels of interest and quality, and a wide international audience.

In his editorial to the first issue (1), Prof. Grigoletto defined the three main objective of BMSCE, i.e.: i) to promote and rise the profile of the Italian Society of Medical Statistics and Clinical Epidemiology (SISMEC), ii) to become a point of reference for researchers and health professionals in biomedical statistics in Italy, and iii) to open internationally the Italian community of biomedical statisticians, and attract papers from high level international groups.

The new issue of the Journal indicates that the original objectives for BMSCE how been largely met. It includes, in fact, two statistically oriented papers, one from Florence (2), and one from Japan (3), and four epidemiologically oriented, one from the World Health Organisation (4), one from Malawi (5) and two from Milan (6, 7).

This reflects therefore the role and the potential scope of the journal, as well as the major achievement and success of Prof. Grigoletto's editorialsip. It will of be not easy to met his ambitions and standard of quality, but with the inclusion in the editorial team of both statistically and epidemiologically oriented colleagues, we will try to pursue, and possibility extend, the aims and scope of BMSCE.

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