

Preface

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS), I would like to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the *Statistical Journal of the IAOS*.

The IAOS is an international organisation that brings together producers and users of official statistics. Its objectives are to promote the understanding and advancement of official statistics and to foster the development of effective and efficient official statistical services on a global basis.

This is a new flagship publication of the IAOS, the *Statistical Journal of the IAOS*, and it is intended to build on the success of its predecessor – Statistical Journal of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe – to provide a forum to support the IAOS mission.

The *Statistical Journal* will only be successful through the quality of the papers submitted for publication. I therefore urge you to submit manuscripts to the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Siu-Ming Tam, at Siu-Ming.Tam@abs.gov.au, for consideration of publication in this Journal.

I also encourage you to support the activities of the IAOS by, if you have not already done so, joining the IAOS as a member, and by attending the biannual IAOS, or ISI, conferences. Further details about how to join, and the IAOS activities, can be found in <http://www.stats.govt.nz/iaos/home.htm>.

I strongly commend this new Journal to you.

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