EDITORIAL: SPECIAL FEATURE ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF JSCS

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To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Japanese Society of Computational Statistics (JSCS), International Conferences were held in Okinawa in 2015 and in Seattle in 2016.

The 2016 International Conference was held at Seattle Central Library, WA on October 16 and 17. I was the executive secretary of the conference. Many people participated, and it was a fruitful research meeting with one keynote, two invited presentations and 24 contributed presentations. I would like to thank members of JSCS and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for their cooperation. At this research meeting, we aimed to create an environment where many young researchers could participate, centered on one keynote speech and one invited speaker session. The keynote speech and invited speaker's speeches were as follows,

- Next Generation Kernel Methods for Now Generation Sequencing Data by Michael C. Wu (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center)

- Statistical Methods for Omics Data Integration by Ali Shojaie (University of Washington)

- Integrative statistical methods for predicting the functional effects of genetic variants by Iuliana Ionita-Laza (Columbia University)

The special session was titled "Genome Data Analyses" and contained five presentations. I think that young researchers had opportunities to present in an international type of environment at Seattle and that it was a good experience for presentations abroad in the future. There were many interesting presentations of young researchers, and some of them were submitted for publication in the Journal of the Japanese Society of Computational Statistics (JJSCS). For these papers, we have made a special feature on the 30th anniversary of the JSCS, however we are conducting judging on the same criteria as for general papers and the accepted papers will be posted in the Journal as soon as the reviews have been completed.

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