Editors' preface

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In January 1997 the Economic Science Association and founding editors Charlie Holt and Arthur Schram started *Experimental Economics*. Many changes have taken place over the past ten years, such as the addition of more online content, the acquisition of the original publisher by Springer and the introduction of a section for dissertation abstracts. Since 2004 the journal has been included in the ISI Social Science Citation Index, and preliminary data indicate that it is scoring well on key statistics such as citations per article. Most importantly, experimental research has continued to expand its scope in economics as a whole over this period.

One sign of a journal's maturity is when the founding editors step aside. In January 2007 Arthur Schram stepped down as co-editor, as Charlie Holt did in 2004. Jordi Brandts of the Instituto de Análisis Económico (CSIC), Barcelona, has taken Arthur's place. We are very grateful for the efforts Arthur has made to establish the journal and the experimental methodology in economics. He evaluated manuscripts fairly, consistently and in a well-reasoned manner, and all of us working in experimental economics have benefited from the respect he has earned for our research methodology and our journal. We are pleased that Arthur, like Charlie, has agreed to become one of the advisory editors of *Experimental Economics*.

We are also happy that Gary Charness, David Cooper, John Duffy, Armin Falk, Steffen Huck and Chris Starmer have agreed to join the editorial board. To limit the number of board members, six previous founding members of the board have stepped down. We thank them for the valuable efforts they have made for the journal over the last ten years.

The aims and scope of *Experimental Economics* have not changed. We welcome submissions in any area of experimental research in economics, both laboratory and field work, as well as in related fields such as behavioral economics, neuroeconomics and agent-based modeling. State-of-the-art theoretical and econometric work that is motivated by experimental data is also welcome, as are articles with a primary focus on experimental methodology. We have introduced a new *Experimental Tools* section of the journal, described in more detail later, that will publish peer-

reviewed articles describing tools considered relevant to the experimental economics community. We also continue to encourage the submission of short (less than 400 words) dissertation abstracts.

In the summer of 2005 Springer implemented a web-based submission and editorial review management system. We recently compiled some data on the review times and acceptance rates of the first 100 manuscripts submitted using this system. The average turnaround time between submission and first decision was exactly 100 days. The manuscript acceptance rate is in the range of 20 to 25 percent, depending on the outcome of some ongoing major revisions. The increase in submissions over the past couple of years has required more selective editorial standards, and should continue to increase the quality and significance of the research published in the journal.

Arthur and Charlie have provided an enormous service to the Association and the profession in successfully launching this journal. With the support of you—the authors, readers and reviewers of *Experimental Economics*—we hope to continue to build it into a highly influential journal in economics, aiming at increasing the presence of experimental research in mainstream economics and at the same time at strengthening our connections to the other social sciences.