

Editorial

Publishing special issues is not an uncommon practice for periodicals. They often target special topics, or commemorate renowned researchers, with collections of invited articles. Although QUEUEING is certainly both respected and well represented in the *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Stochastic Analysis*, it did not occur to any of us on the editorial board to initiate a special issue on this topic - at least not until now.

In the last year and a half, the number of high quality papers in queueing that our journal has received is more than enough to fill an entire issue. It is unquestionably a sign of a profound interest in queueing, stimulated, no doubt, by the many new problems and demands from engineering and technology; and it is very exciting to see one of the most prodigious areas in the applied sciences further expand its boundaries.

The editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Stochastic Analysis* welcomes the special issue in QUEUEING and thanks all of its contributors for their fine work. The editorial board would also like to take this opportunity to remember two outstanding probabilists who passed away at the end of 1995: Roland Lvovich Dobrushin and Boris Vladimirovich Gnedenko. The editors have decided to devote this entire issue to Academician Gnedenko's remarkable contributions to queueing theory, and at the end of this year, *JAMSA* plans to launch another special issue to commemorate the work of Professor Dobrushin.

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