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PERIODICITY

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NEWS OF THE INSTITUTE

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We would appreciate that communications relating to the Newsletter be sent directly to Prof. Evelio O.Fabroni, Executive Director of IASI, e-mail fabpan@cwpanama.net.

Carta del Presidente

Estimados colegas:

Del 19 al 24 de Octubre pasado se realizaron en Lima, Perú, las siguientes actividades: (a) 82ª Sesión del Comité Ejecutivo del IASI; (b) XII Reunión sobre Estadística Pública, -"Encuestas por muestreo – Estimación para áreas pequeñas, control de calidad en la producción y difusión de estadísticas oficiales"; (c) Actividad Conjunta ISI-IASI para Formación de Capacidad Estadística (taller conjunto con el Instituto Internacional de Estadística-ISI, destinado principalmente a estadísticos jóvenes de los Institutos Nacionales de Estadística de los países de la región, sobre temas novedosos determinados mediante consultas).

El Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática (INEI) de Perú ha tenido la gran responsabilidad y enorme trabajo de organizar localmente este Evento, por lo que debemos agradecer a su Jefe, a sus integrantes y a quienes conformaron la Comisión Organizadora Local, que supieron encarar los duros desafíos y superar todos los escollos que se interpusieron para que pudiéramos estar juntos y disfrutar de este encuentro técnico-científico de gran calidad.

Agradecemos también al Comité Académico, a los conferencistas, panelistas y expositores, porque sabemos que todos han brindado desinteresadamente su apoyo para que este evento sea del mayor nivel.

También fue muy importante la colaboración y aportes financieros recibidos del ISI, el Banco Mundial, La División Estadística de las Naciones Unidas, y PARIS-21, por lo que les agradecemos muy especialmente.

Un reconocimiento especial merece ser dado a todos los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo del IASI y en especial a la eficiente tarea de su Director Ejecutivo, quien ha dejado de lado sus preocupaciones y quehaceres personales para abocarse a la solución de innumerables problemas. Sin su trabajo y entrega este evento no hubiera podido realizarse.

Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues:

On October 10-24, 2014 the following activities were carried out in Lima, Peru: (a) 82nd Session of the Executive Committee of IASI; (b) XII Meeting on Public Statistics, "*Sample Surveys – Small area estimation, quality control for official statistics production and dissemination*"; (c) Joint ISI-IASI Statistical Capacity Building Activity (workshop jointly with the International Statistical Institute-ISI, mainly destined to young statisticians of the National Statistical Offices of the countries in the region, on new issues chosen through consultations).



Juan Carlos Abril

The National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (INEI) of Peru has had the great responsibility and huge work to locally organize this event, so we have to thank its Chief, its members and those who formed the Local Organizing Committee, who were able to face the hard challenges and overcome all

the presented difficulties allowing us to be together and enjoy this high quality technical-scientific event.

We also thank the Academic Committee, lecturers, panelists and speakers, because we know that all have given selflessly support so that this event be of the highest standard.

It was also very important the collaboration and financial support received from the ISI, the World Bank, the United Nation Statistics Division, and PARIS-21. We thank them very especially.

Special recognition should be given all the members of the Executive Committee of IASI and in particular to the efficient work of its Executive Director, who has left aside his concerns and personal chores to address the resolution of innumerable problems. Without their work and commitment this event would not had been performed.

A las Editores Asociados de la revista *Estadística* que terminaron sus funciones en Junio de 2013 debemos agradecerles sus importantes labores realizadas para el fortalecimiento de nuestra publicación periódica. También damos la bienvenida al los nuevos Editores Asociados de nuestra revista.

Con el objeto de demostrar la importancia de la Estadística, se han realizado estudios respecto a su antigüedad. Alejandro Moreau de Jonnés, estadístico francés (1776-1880), la señala presente desde los tiempos más remotos, inscrita en el Pentateuco con el nombre de "arithmi", que significa números.

Herbert George Wells (1866-1946), escritor inglés, notable novelista y filósofo, famoso por sus novelas de ciencia ficción, de las que es considerado, junto a Julio Verne, uno de sus precursores, dijo: "*El pensamiento estadístico llegará a ser tan necesario para ser un ciudadano responsable como el saber leer y escribir*".

Por otra parte, tenemos a Francis Galton (1822-1911), explorador y científico británico con un amplio espectro de intereses (psicología, biología, tecnología, geografía, estadística, meteorología). primo de Charles Darwin. Realizó la mayoría de las investigaciones por su cuenta y recién a la edad de 87 años recibió un reconocimiento formal al concedérsele el título de Sir. Sus contribuciones más importantes en Estadística son: uso de la regresión lineal; pionero en la utilización de la distribución normal; inventó la máquina Quincunx, un instrumento para demostrar la ley del error y la distribución normal; descubrió las propiedades de la distribución normal bivariada y su relación con el análisis de regresión; en 1888 introdujo el concepto de correlación. En su oportunidad dijo: "*Tengo que escribir acerca de un gran tema (las Estadísticas), pero siento vivamente mi incapacidad literaria de hacerlo de forma inteligible sin sacrificar su precisión y su veracidad*".

Saludos cordiales.

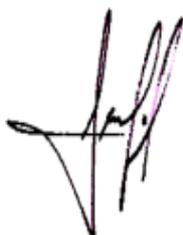
We must thank the journal *Estadística's* Associate Editors who ended their duties in June 2013, for their important work done for the strengthening of our periodical publication. We also welcome the new Associate Editors of our journal.

In order to demonstrate the importance of Statistics, studies have been conducted with respect to its antiquity. Alejandro Jonnes Moreau, French statistician (1776-1880), points out their presence since the most remote times, inscribed in the Pentateuch with the name of "arithmi", which means numbers.

Herbert George Wells (1866-1946), English writer, notable novelist and philosopher, famous for his science fiction novels, of which is considered, alongside Julio Verne, one of their precursors, said: "*Statistical thinking will become so necessary to be a responsible citizen as the knowledge of reading and writing*".

On the other hand, we have Francis Galton (1822-1911), British explorer and scientist with a broad spectrum of interests (psychology, biology, technology, geography, statistics, meteorology), cousin of Charles Darwin. He did most of his research on his own and only at the age of 87 received a formal recognition by conferring him the title of Sir. His most important contributions to Statistics are: use of linear regression; pioneer in the use of the normal distribution; he invented the machine Quincunx, an instrument to demonstrate the law of error and the normal distribution; he discovered the properties of the bivariate normal distribution and its relationship to regression analysis; in 1888 he introduced the concept of correlation. At his turn he said: "*I have to write about a great theme (Statistics), but I strongly feel my literary inability to do it in an intelligible form without sacrificing its accuracy and its veracity*".

Best regards,



Juan Carlos Abril
 Presidente / President, IASI
 Tucumán, Argentina - Noviembre / November 2014

Sesión del Comité Ejecutivo

Los días 19 y 20 de octubre de 2014 se realizó, en la ciudad de Lima, Perú, la 82ª Sesión del Comité Ejecutivo del IASI. Esta fue una de las sesiones anuales, en las que el Comité Ejecutivo considera el programa de trabajo del Instituto, las relaciones interinstitucionales, las actividades de la Oficina Permanente y de la Oficina Editorial, la situación financiera y otros asuntos relevantes.

En esta ocasión, se analizaron los arreglos finales de dos eventos que se realizarían inmediatamente después de la Sesión: (1) XII Reunión sobre Estadística Pública (20 y 21 de octubre), y (2) Actividad conjunta ISI-IASI para Formación de Capacidad Estadística de estadísticos jóvenes de los Institutos Nacionales de Estadística de países de la región (20-24 de octubre).

Asimismo, el Comité debió considerar dos asuntos especiales: (a) la aprobación de un nuevo texto para el Reglamento del Instituto, concordante con los nuevos Estatutos aprobados por referéndum concluido el 22 de octubre de 2013; y (b) el análisis de una propuesta de Memorandum de Entendimiento presentado por el Instituto Internacional de Estadística (ISI) para formalizar las relaciones de cooperación entre ambas organizaciones.

El nuevo texto del Reglamento se presenta en el documento 8262b, el que puede ser consultado en la página web <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI>, en la sección "Presentación".

Oportunamente informaremos sobre las novedades que puedan producirse en relación con el Memorandum de Entendimiento propuesto por el ISI.

Informe financiero

En su 82ª Sesión, el Comité Ejecutivo aprobó el informe financiero correspondiente al año 2013. A continuación presentamos un resumen de dicho informe.

El Instituto mantiene cuentas en dólares (corriente, de ahorros y plazo fijo) en Panamá, en el Banco BANISTMO, una cuenta corriente en Argentina, en el Banco de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires, en pesos argentinos, y una cuenta en reales con la Asociación Brasileña de Estadística (ABE), que cobra por nosotros cuotas de membresías en el IASI.

Session of the Executive Committee

The 82nd. Session of the Executive Committee of IASI was held in the city of Lima, Peru on October 19-20, 2014. This was one of the annual sessions, in which the Executive Committee consider the work programme of the Institute, the interinstitutional relations, the activities of the Permanent Office and of the Editorial Office, the financial situation and other relevant matters.

On this occasion, the final arrangements for two events that were to take place immediately after the Session were analyzed: (1) XII Meeting on Public Statistics (20 and 21 October), and (2) ISI-IASI Joint Statistical Capacity Building Activity for young statisticians of the National Institutes of Statistics from countries in the region (October 20-24).

Also the Executive Committee had to consider two special topics: (a) the adoption of a new text for the Institute's Bylaws, concordant with the new Statutes approved by referendum concluded on October 22, 2013; and (b) the analysis of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding presented by the International Statistical Institute (ISI) to formalize the relations of cooperation between the two organizations.

The new text for the Bylaws is presented in document 8262a, which can be consulted in the web page <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI>, section "Presentation".

We will timely inform about developments that may occur in connection with the Memorandum of Understanding proposed by the ISI.

Financial Report

The Executive Committee approved, at its 82nd Session, the financial report corresponding to year 2013. In what follows we present a summary of said report.

The Institute maintains accounts in dollars (checking, savings, and fixed term) in Panama, in the BANISTMO Bank, as well as a checking account in Argentina, in Argentinian pesos, in the Banco de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires, and an account in "reais" with the Brazilian Association of Statistics, who collect for us IASI membership dues.

Resumen del Informe Financiero / Financial Report Summary

A. Cuentas en Dólares / Accounts in Dollars

Saldo / Balance 31/12/2012		\$ 279 777.56
Ingresos del período / Income for the period		21 756.52
Cuotas de miembros / Membership dues		
Miembros afiliados / Affiliated members	15 025.00	
Miembros personales / Individual members	420.00	
Intereses / Interests	5 277.88	
Subscripciones a <i>Estadística</i> / Subscriptions to <i>Estadística</i>	367.50	
Reembolso de saldo de fondo semilla del VIII Seminario de Estadística Aplicada / Refund of seed fund balance of the VIII Seminar on Applied Statistics	666.14	_____
Total 31/12/2013		\$ 301 534.08
Egresos del período / Expenses for the period		13 115.36
Viajes del Secretario Técnico / Travel Technical Secretary	6 796.99	
Viajes 81ª. Sesión del Comité Ejecutivo / Travel 81st Session of the Executive Committee (Mendoza, Argentina, 14-15/10/2013)	5 291.93	
Gastos bancarios / Bank charges	609.05	
Otros gastos / Other expenses	417.39	_____
Saldo / Balance 31/12/2013		\$ 288 418.72

B. Cuenta en Pesos Argentinos / Account in Argentinian Pesos

Saldo / Balance 31/12/2012		\$ 51 498.32
Ingresos del período / Income for the period		3 420.00
Cuotas de miembros personales / Individual membership dues	3 420.00	_____
Total 31/12/2013		\$ 54 918.32
Egresos del período / Expenses for the period		15 099.44
Revista <i>Estadística</i> / Journal <i>Estadística</i>	15 008.00	
Gastos bancarios / Bank charges	91.44	_____
Saldo / Balance 31/12/2013		\$ 39 818.88

C. Cuenta en Reais (Brasil) / Account in Reais (Brazil)

Saldo / Balance 31/12/2012		R\$ 1 378.13
Ingresos del período / Income for the period		684.00
Cuotas de miembros cobradas por ABE / Membership dues collected by ABE	684.00	_____
Total 31/12/2013		R\$ 2 062.13
Egresos del período / Expenses for the period		0.00
Saldo / Balance 31/12/2013		R\$ 2 062.13

XII Reunión sobre Estadística Pública

El IASI realizó su XII Reunión sobre Estadística Pública, "Encuestas por muestreo – Estimación para áreas pequeñas, control de calidad en la producción y difusión de estadísticas oficiales", en Lima, Perú los días 20 y 21 de octubre de 2014.

XII Meeting on Public Statistics

IASI conducted its XII Meeting on Public Statistics, "Sample Surveys – Small area estimation, quality control in the production and dissemination of official statistics", in Lima, Peru on October 20-21, 2014.



Sesión inaugural - El Dr. Alejandro Vilchez de los Ríos, Jefe del INEI, da la bienvenida a los participantes. En la mesa principal la Lic. Norma Vidal, Vice Ministra de Prestaciones Sociales del Ministerio de Desarrollo e Inclusión Social, de Perú, y el Dr. Juan Carlos Abril, Presidente del IASI. / **Opening session** - Dr. Alejandro Vilchez de los Ríos, Head of INEI, welcomes the participants. At the principal table Lic. Norma Vidal, Vice Minister of Social Services of the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, of Peru, and Dr. Juan Carlos Abril, President of IASI.

La Reunión fue organizada por el IASI en conjunto con el Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática (INEI) de Perú, y contó con auspicio de la División de Estadística de las Naciones Unidas, del Instituto Internacional de Estadística (ISI) y de PARIS21 (Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century).

El temario incluyó:

1. *Marcos muestrales y diseño para producir estimaciones para áreas pequeñas.* Experiencia de los países de la región en diferentes campos de aplicación.
2. *Estimación para áreas pequeñas basada en modelos.* Experiencia de los países en la producción y evaluación de la calidad de indicadores económicos, sociales y demográficos.

The Meeting was organized by IASI jointly with the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics (Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática-INEI) of Peru, and had auspice from the United Nations Statistical Division, the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and PARIS21 (Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century).

The agenda included:

1. *Sample frames and design to produce small area estimation.* Experience of the countries in the region in different fields of application.
2. *Model based small area estimation.* Experience of the countries in producing and evaluating the quality of economic, social and demographic indicators.

3. *Control de calidad en la producción y difusión de estadísticas oficiales.* Consideraciones a tomar en cuenta en proyectos para desarrollar y disseminar estimaciones para áreas pequeñas.

En la sesión inaugural el Dr. Alejandro Vilchez De los Ríos, Jefe del INEI, dió la bienvenida a los participantes. Por su parte, el Dr. Juan Carlos Abril, Presidente del IASI, se refirió al programa de trabajo del Instituto, con especial referencia al Programa de Reuniones sobre Estadística Pública y a la cooperación con el Instituto Internacional de Estadística (ISI) y otras organizaciones internacionales. Por último, la Lic. Norma Vidal, Vice Ministra de Prestaciones Sociales del Ministerio de Desarrollo e Inclusión Social, de Perú, declaró formalmente inaugurado el evento.

Se presentaron las siguientes conferencias:

Calidad de las Estadísticas Oficiales, consideraciones y ejemplos. Ignacio Romero Periche, Consultor de PARIS21.

Enfoque Bayesiano para la Estimación de Áreas Pequeñas. Enrique de Alba, Vicepresidente de la Junta de Gobierno del Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI) de México, y Presidente Electo del IASI.

Teoría y Práctica de la Estimación en Áreas Pequeñas en Estadística Oficial. Ana Fernández Militino, Universidad Pública de Navarra, España.

Modelos SAE a nivel de Área: el Programa SAIPE en Estados Unidos. Carolina Casas-Cordero V., Universidad Católica de Chile.

Procedimiento de Cálculo de la Tasa de Pobreza a nivel comunal, mediante la aplicación de metodología SAE. Álvaro Krausse Salazar, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social de Chile.

Estimación del tamaño de Chocó: comparación entre métodos demográficos y estadísticos. Andrés Gutiérrez Rojas, Universidad Santo Tomás, Colombia.

Mapas de Pobreza en el Banco Mundial: doce años después. Renzo Massari, Banco Mundial.

Experiencia Peruana en las Estimaciones para Áreas Pequeñas. Magister María Esther Cutimbo Gil, Directora Técnica de Demografía e Indicadores Sociales, INEI de Perú, y Vicepresidente del IASI.

3. *Quality control in the production and dissemination of official statistics.* Considerations to be taken in projects to develop and disseminate small area estimates.

At the opening session Dr. Alejandro Vilchez De los Rios, Head of INEI, welcomed the participants. At his turn, Dr. Juan Carlos Abril, President of IASI, referred to the work program of the Institute, with particular reference to its Program of Meetings on Public Statistics, and to the cooperation with the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and other international organizations. Finally, Lic. Norma Vidal, Vice Minister of Social Services of the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion, of Peru, formally declared the event inaugurated

The following conferences were presented:

Calidad de las Estadísticas Oficiales, consideraciones y ejemplos. Ignacio Romero Periche, PARIS21 Consultant.

Enfoque Bayesiano para la Estimación de Áreas Pequeñas. Enrique de Alba, Vice President of the Governing Board of the Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI) of Mexico, and President Elect of IASI.

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Estimación para Áreas Menores para el Estudio del Sector de Servicios de Brasil. Denise Britz do Nascimento Silva, Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas del IBGE, y Vicepresidente del IASI.

La Reunión tuvo dos sesiones de trabajos contribuídos, en las que se presentaron contribuciones de participantes procedentes de Brasil, Colombia y Perú.

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Actividad conjunta ISI-IASI para Formación de Capacidad Estadística

Del 20 al 24 de octubre de 2014 se realizó en Lima, Perú una Actividad conjunta ISI-IASI de Formación de Capacidad Estadística, especialmente orientada a estadísticos jóvenes de los Institutos Nacionales de Estadística de los países de la región.

Esta actividad contó con apoyo económico del Banco Mundial a través del ISI, así como de la División Estadística de las Naciones Unidas. La actividad comprendió la participación en la XII Reunión del IASI sobre Estadística Pública, sobre la que se informa en la sección anterior, más 4 cursos de 10 horas y media, que fueron desarrollados del 22 al 24 de octubre de 2014.

Los cursos ofrecidos fueron los siguientes:

SC1 - *Introducción a Encuestas por Muestreo.* Instructor: Andrés Gutiérrez, Facultad de Estadística, Universidad Santo Tomás, Colombia.

SC2 - *Análisis de Series Cronológicas: Evolución, Estado Actual y Aplicaciones.* Instructor: Juan Carlos Abril, Presidente del IASI; Director del Instituto de Investigaciones Estadísticas, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina.

SC3 - *Introducción a Métodos de Estimación para Áreas Pequeñas.* Instructora: Ana Fernández Militino, Departamento de Estadística e Investigación Operativa, Universidad Pública de Navarra, España.

SC4-*Principios Fundamentales de las Estadísticas Oficiales y Buenas Prácticas en las Oficinas Nacionales de Estadística.* Instructor: Alexandre Vincenzo Barone, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE).

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Estimación para Áreas Menores para el Estudio del Sector de Servicios de Brasil. Denise Britz do Nascimento Silva, Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas of IBGE, and Vice President of IASI.

The Meeting had two sessions of contributed papers, in which contributions from participants coming from Brazil, Colombia and Peru were presented.

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Joint ISI-IASI Statistical Capacity Building Activity

A joint ISI-IASI Statistical Capacity Building Activity specially oriented to young statisticians from the National Statistical Institutes of the countries in the region was held in Lima, Perú on October 20-24, 2014.

This activity counted with financial support from the World Bank through ISI, and from the United Nations Statistical Division. The activity comprised the participation in the XII Meeting of IASI on Public Statistics, reported in the previous section, plus four 10 and a half hour courses, that were conducted on October 22-24, 2014.

The offered courses were the following:

SC1 - *Introduction to Survey Sampling.* Instructor: Andrés Gutiérrez, Faculty of Statistics, Universidad Santo Tomás, Colombia.

SC2 - *Time Series Analysis: Evolution, Current Status and Applications.* Instructor: Juan Carlos Abril, President of IASI; Director of the Institute of Statistical Research, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina.

SC3 - *Introduction to Small Area Estimation Methods.* Instructor: Ana Fernández Militino, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, Universidad Pública de Navarra, Spain.

SC4 - *Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Good Practices in National Statistical Offices,* Instructor: Alexandre Vincenzo Barone, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE).

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Concurso extraordinario del Premio IASI a la Excelencia

Tomando en cuenta la circunstancia especial de que en 2015 se realizará en nuestra región un Congreso Mundial de Estadística (CME), convocado por el Instituto Internacional de Estadística (ISI) (Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 26-31 julio 2015), el Comité Ejecutivo del Instituto Interamericano de Estadística (IASI) ha decidido convocar un Concurso Extraordinario para adjudicar el Premio IASI a la Excelencia.

Como se indica en el Artículo IX del Reglamento del IASI, que puede consultarse en la página web del Instituto (<http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/presentacion.html>), el Premio IASI a la Excelencia (en adelante referido como el "Premio IASI") busca identificar y reconocer nuevos talentos en el área de Estadística en la región de las Américas, atraer su atención hacia el Instituto, estimular su actuación en favor del desarrollo de la Estadística en la región, y facilitar la divulgación de la producción de trabajos relevantes de estadísticos jóvenes.

Las bases, condiciones y formas de presentación para los concursos regulares del Premio IASI se encuentran en el Artículo IX del Reglamento del IASI. Sin embargo, en el caso de este concurso extraordinario el(la) ganador(a) del concurso recibirá, además, inscripción gratuita al 60° CME y, en caso de no residir en el área de Rio de Janeiro, recibirá también un pasaje de ida y vuelta entre su lugar de residencia y Rio de Janeiro y una asignación razonable para gastos de alojamiento y alimentación para los días del Congreso.

La presentación de los trabajos se deberá hacer hasta el 16 de febrero de 2015, enviándolos por correo electrónico a fabpan@cwpanama.net. El formato de los mismos deberá ser el que se pide para las presentaciones a la revista *Estadística*, el que se puede solicitar a la Editora Ejecutiva de la revista, Lic. Verónica Beritich (vberitich@yahoo.com) o al Director Ejecutivo del IASI, Prof. Evelio O. Fabbroni (fabpan@cwpanama.net). Los trabajos podrán ser presentados en cualquiera de los idiomas oficiales del IASI, que son: Español, Portugués, Inglés y Francés

Al presentar su candidatura, el (la) candidato(a) debe proporcionar información sobre su lugar de residencia.

La Comisión del Concurso, responsable de las decisiones sobre la divulgación, evaluación y otorgamiento

Extraordinary contest for IASI Award for Excellence

Taking into account the special circumstances that in 2015 a World Statistics Congress (WSC), organized by the International Statistical Institute (ISI) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 26-31, 2015) will take place in our region, the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) has decided to convene an extraordinary contest for the IASI Award for Excellence.

As indicated in Article IX of the IASI Bylaws, which can be found at the website of the Institute (<http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/presentation.html>), the IASI Award for Excellence (hereinafter referred to as "IASI Award") is aimed at identifying and recognizing new talents in the area of Statistics in the American region, to attract their attention towards the Institute, stimulate their action in favor of statistical development in the region, and facilitate the dissemination of relevant work of young statisticians

The bases, conditions and submission ways for the IASI Award regular contests are in Article IX of IASI Bylaws. However, in the case of this extraordinary contest the winner will receive, in addition, free registration to 60th WSC and, if he or she does not reside in the Rio de Janeiro area, will also receive a round-trip air ticket between his (her) place of residence and Rio de Janeiro, and a reasonable allowance for accommodation and meals for the days of the Congress.

Submission of the papers shall be made up to 16 February 2015, and must be sent by email to fabpan@cwpanama.net. The format should be the one applied for submissions to the journal *Estadística*, which can be requested from the Executive Editor of the journal, Lic. Verónica Beritich (vberitich@yahoo.com) or from the Executive Director of IASI Prof. Evelio O. Fabbroni (fabpan@cwpanama.net). The papers may be presented in any of the official languages of IASI, which are: Spanish, Portuguese, English and French.

In presenting their candidacy, the candidate have to provide information on his (her) place of residence.

The Contest Commission, responsible for the decisions on dissemination, evaluation and granting of the

del Premio, está compuesta de distinguidos estadísticos, miembros del IASI y/o del ISI.

Los resultados del concurso se darán a conocer el 15 de abril de 2015, y el premio será entregado en la ceremonia especial de entrega de premios del 60° CME.

Revista "*Estadística*"

Estadística es la revista científica del Instituto Interamericano de Estadística (IASI). Tiene como propósito la publicación de contribuciones en temas estadísticos teóricos y aplicados, dando énfasis a las aplicaciones originales y a la solución de problemas de interés amplio para los Estadísticos y Científicos.

Los artículos sobre aplicaciones deben incluir un análisis cuidadoso del problema que traten, tener una presentación clara para contribuir a la divulgación de la metodología y buena práctica estadística, y contener una adecuada interpretación de los resultados. Los artículos sobre aplicaciones pueden también estar orientados a contribuir a un mejor entendimiento del alcance y limitaciones de los métodos considerados.

Estos artículos pueden encarar problemas en cualquier área de interés, incluyendo estadística pública, salud, educación, industria, finanzas, etc. Las contribuciones teóricas sin una aplicación correspondiente serán publicadas si presentan un avance significativo en el conocimiento de la disciplina a escala internacional y tienen una clara indicación de cómo pueden los métodos desarrollados ser útiles para aplicaciones relevantes.

Esta publicación es registrada por los siguientes repertorios: el Current Index to Statistics (CIS) de la American Statistical Association (ASA) y el Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), Zentralblatt-Math y el Sistema Regional de Información en línea para Revistas Científicas de América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal (LATINDEX).

El cuerpo editorial de *Estadística* es de carácter internacional y está integrado por destacados estadísticos.

Si desea presentar un artículo, por favor envíe por e-mail a la Editora Ejecutiva dos copias del mismo, una de ellas anónima. El procedimiento editorial es doblemente anónimo, por lo que el nombre y dirección del autor a quien deberá dirigirse la correspondencia deben aparecer sólo en una de las copias.

Award, is composed of distinguished statisticians, members of IASI and/or ISI.

The results of the contest will be announced on April 15, 2015, and the award will be presented at the 60th WSC ISI Awards Ceremony.

Journal "*Estadística*"

Estadística is the scientific journal of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI). It aims at publishing contributions about themes in theoretical and applied Statistics, giving emphasis to original applications and the solution of problems of broad interest to Statisticians and Scientists.

Applications papers should include careful analysis of the problem at hand, have a clear presentation in order to contribute to the dissemination of methodology and good statistical practice, and contain adequate interpretation of the outcomes. Applications papers may also aim to contribute to a better understanding of the scope and limitations of the methods considered.

Applications papers may tackle problems in any area of interest including public statistics, health, education, industry, finance, etc. Theoretical contributions without a corresponding application will be published if they represent a significant advance in the knowledge of the discipline at the international level and contain a clear indication of how the methods developed may be useful for relevant applications.

This publication is registered by the following repertories: the Current Index to Statistics (CIS) of the American Statistical Association (ASA) and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), Zentralblatt-Math, and the "Sistema Regional de Información en línea para Revistas Científicas de América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal (LATINDEX)".

The editorial board of *Estadística* is of international scope, and is composed of outstanding statisticians.

If you wish to submit a paper, please send two copies by e-mail to the Executive Editor, one of them anonymous. Editorial process is double-blind, so the name and the full postal address of the author to whom further correspondence is to be sent must appear only on one of the copies.

Se aceptarán trabajos en Word, en LaTeX o en Scientific WorkPlace. Se solicita a los autores consultar con la Editora Ejecutiva las reglas específicas para la presentación de los originales.

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Distribución de la revista

La revista se distribuye gratuitamente a los miembros con sus cuotas al día. Invitamos a las bibliotecas y otras entidades interesadas, a tomar suscripciones pagadas, las que pueden ser solicitadas a la Oficina Permanente del Instituto.

Incorporación de nuevos miembros

El Comité Ejecutivo invita la incorporación de nuevos miembros titulares, quienes reciben la revista *Estadística* y el Boletín Informativo, y gozan de otros beneficios. Los interesados sólo deben enviar, a la Oficina Permanente, su nombre y dirección completa, y pagar la cuota de US\$30 por el primer año.

Las cuotas se fijan en dólares de los Estados Unidos. Para pagos en reales o en pesos argentinos o mexicanos se aplican las tasas de cambio vigentes en el momento del pago. Procedimientos alternativos para hacer efectivos los pagos pueden consultarse en: <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/miembros.html>, o escribiendo a fabpan@cwpanama.net.

IASI tiene convenios de membresías conjuntas con las asociaciones nacionales de estadística de Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Ecuador y México, y con el Colegio de Estadísticos del Perú. La parte del IASI en estas membresías conjuntas es solo US\$20 por año. Los interesados en estas membresías conjuntas pueden consultar con la respectiva asociación nacional o con la Oficina Permanente del IASI.

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Distribution of the journal

The journal is distributed free of charge among the members with their dues up to date. We invite libraries and other interested institutions, to enter paid subscriptions; to do this please contact the Institute's Permanent Office.

Entrance of new members

The Executive Committee invites the joining of new regular members, who receive the journal "Estadística", and the Newsletter, and also enjoy other benefits. Those interested only have to send to the Permanent Office their name and complete address, and pay US\$30 as membership due for the first year.

Dues are charged in US Dollars. The current rate of exchange will be applied to payments in "Reais" or in Argentinean or Mexican pesos. Alternative procedures to make the payments can be consulted in <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/miembros.html>, or by writing to fabpan@cwpanama.net.

IASI has joint membership agreements with the national statistical associations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, and Mexico, and with the Colegio de Estadísticos del Perú. The share of IASI in these joint memberships is only US\$20 per year. Those interested in obtaining these joint memberships may consult either with the respective national association or with the Permanent Office of IASI.

New regular member

Recently entered IASI membership:

Ofrecimiento de cursos

El IASI promueve la organización de cursos en su Programa de "Actividades Orientadas al Sector Profesional". En la página web se incluye la descripción de algunos cursos que pueden ofrecer miembros del IASI, y se invita a los estadísticos dispuestos a cooperar con el dictado de cursos especializados, a enviar sus propuestas a la Oficina Permanente.

El IASI se responsabiliza por la coordinación necesaria para realizar estas actividades. Las instituciones interesadas en ofrecer los cursos deben encargarse de los aspectos logísticos y de promoción (la última con respaldo del IASI) y de los costos respectivos. Hasta ahora los profesores prestan sus servicios sin cobrar honorarios. En casos especiales el IASI cubre el costo de los pasajes aéreos de dichos profesores.

En ediciones anteriores del Boletín Informativo hemos informado un buen número de cursos realizados en este programa, en varios países de la región.

Esperamos que el programa siga contando con el interés de asociaciones nacionales de estadística, institutos de estadística pública y entidades académicas. Las propuestas no deben limitarse necesariamente a los cursos ofrecidos en la página web; el IASI considerará propuestas de cursos sobre otros temas.

Se agradecerá que las solicitudes se hagan con suficiente anticipación, en vista de los compromisos asumidos con anterioridad por los potenciales instructores.

ACTIVIDADES INTERNACIONALES

"Digitalización de Mapas de Censos Históricos en América Latina y el Caribe"

Del 16 al 19 de marzo de 2015, el Centro de Población de Minnesota será anfitrión de un taller de "Digitalización de Mapas de Censos Históricos" en Minneapolis, Minnesota. La actividad es organizada por los proyectos IPUMS-Latin America y Terra Populus en cooperación con el Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) y está financiada por una contribución del Public Capacity Building Korea Fund for Economic Development (KPC) de la República de Corea.

Offered courses

The IASI promotes the organization of courses in its "Activities Oriented towards the Professional Sector" Program. The descriptions of some courses that may be offered by members of IASI, as well as an invitation to statisticians willing to cooperate by offering specialized courses to send their proposals to the Permanent Office, are posted in our web page.

The IASI takes the responsibility for the necessary coordination to carry out these activities. Those institutions interested in offering the courses must take care of the logistics and promotion aspects (the latter supported by IASI) and of the respective costs. So far professors are willing to provide their services without collecting fees. In special cases, IASI will cover the airfare costs for said professors.

In previous editions of the Newsletter we have reported a number of courses conducted in this program, in several countries of the region.

We expect that the program will continue to count with the interest of national statistical associations, public statistical institutes and academic entities. Proposals are not necessarily to be limited to the courses offered in the web page; the IASI will consider proposals for courses on other subjects.

Applications made with sufficient time in advance will be appreciated, in view of prior commitments assumed by potential trainers.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

"Digitizing Historical Census Maps in Latin America and the Caribbean"

The Minnesota Population Center will host on March 16-19, 2015 a "Digitizing Historical Census Maps" workshop in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The activity is organized by the IPUMS-Latin America and Terra Populus projects in cooperation with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and is funded by a contribution from the Public Capacity Building Korea Fund for Economic Development (KPC) of the Republic of Korea.

El taller es para estadísticos oficiales de los países miembros del BID de la región de América Latina y el Caribe. La financiación se proporciona para un delegado por cada país que participa en el proyecto IPUMS-Latin America.

Los objetivos del taller son:

1. Formar capacidad para convertir mapas en papel de censos históricos a datos digitales compatibles con el Sistema de Información Geográfica (SIG), en de Oficinas Nacionales de Estadística (ONE);
2. Crear nuevas capas digitales de SIG para censos históricos que vinculen los microdatos, permitiendo a las ONEs y académicos analizar los cambios demográficos espacio-temporales;
3. Proporcionar a las ONEs el hardware y software necesarios para el proceso de conversión;
4. Evaluar los resultados del proceso de conversión en el Congreso Mundial de Estadística de 2015 y comenzar a desarrollar las mejores prácticas para compartir con ONEs alrededor del mundo.

El Centro de Población de Minnesota será luego anfitrión de un taller de seguimiento para los participantes en la actividad de marzo en un evento paralelo al 60° Congreso Mundial de Estadística a realizarse en Río de Janeiro, Brasil, del 26 al 31 de julio de 2015.

Durante este taller, los participantes y el personal del MPC:

1. Evaluarán los resultados del proceso de conversión;
2. Discutirán las modificaciones del proceso que podrían agilizar la conversión de datos;
3. Comenzarán a elaborar una guía de mejores prácticas que pueda compartirse con Oficinas Nacionales de Estadística en todo el mundo.

Los resultados esperados del taller de julio incluyen:

1. Inventarios de datos digitales SIG y mapas en papel de censos realizados desde 1960 para cada país participante — restringidos a los censos para los que existen microdatos;
2. Imágenes digitales de mapas en papel de censos listados en el inventario;
3. Listas de nombres de unidades geográficas y/o códigos en formato digital (por ejemplo, hojas de cálculo o texto);
4. Archivos digitales SIG creados a partir de los mapas en papel de censos, alineados con los datos SIG más recientes para cada país y con la mejor resolución geográfica (el mínimo debe ser el segundo nivel administrativo).

The workshop is for official statisticians in IDB member countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region. Funding is provided for one delegate per country participating in the IPUMS-Latin America project.

The objectives of the workshop are:

1. Build capacity for converting historic paper census maps to digital Geographic Information System (GIS)-compatible data within National Statistical Offices (NSO);
2. Create new digital GIS layers for historical censuses that link to the microdata, thereby allowing NSOs and scholars to analyze spatiotemporal demographic change;
3. Provide NSOs with the necessary software and hardware for the conversion process;
4. Evaluate the outputs of the conversion process at the 2015 World Statistics Congress and begin developing best practices to share with NSOs around the world.

The Minnesota Population Center will then host a follow-up workshop for participants in the March activity at a side-event to the 60th World Statistics Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 26-31, 2015.

During this workshop, MPC staff and participants will:

1. Evaluate the results of the conversion process;
2. Discuss process modifications that would streamline data conversion;
3. Begin drafting a best practices guide that may be shared with National Statistical Offices throughout the world.

Deliverables from the July workshop include:

1. Inventories of digital GIS data and paper maps for censuses conducted since 1960 for each participating country—restricted to censuses for which microdata exist;
2. Digital images of paper census maps listed in the inventory;
3. Lists of geographic unit names and/or codes in a digital format (e.g., spreadsheet or text);
4. Digital GIS files created from the paper census maps, aligned with the most recent GIS data for each country, and with the finest possible geographic resolution (minimum should be the second administrative level).

Al término del proyecto, cada ONE participante tendrá una serie de mapas digitalizados de cada censo que vincule a microdatos para investigadores nacionales e internacionales y decisores de políticas.

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Noticias relacionadas con el 60° Congreso Mundial de Estadística del ISI

Todas las actividades del 60° Congreso Mundial de Estadística (ISI2015), que se celebrará del 26 al 31 de julio de 2015 en Río de Janeiro, Brasil, van a llevarse a cabo en inglés. Es por ello que los siguientes anuncios se presentarán sólo en inglés.

At the conclusion of the project, each participating NSO will have a series of digitized maps from each census that link to microdata for national and international researchers and policy makers.

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News related to the 60th ISI World Statistics Congress

All the activities of the 60th World Statistics Congress (ISI2015), that will be held on July 26-31, 2015 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are going to be conducted in English. It is for this reason that the following announcements will be presented only in English.

World Bank Fund for 60th ISI World Statistics Congress

The ISI and the World Bank Group are pleased to announce funding opportunities for developing country participants to attend the next ISI World Statistics Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 26th - 31st of July 2015.

The World Bank Fund (WBF) is for developing country residents who aim to expand the statistical capacity in their country through active participation in the scientific programme of the ISI Rio de Janeiro WSC.

The objective of the WBF is to improve the capacity of statistical officers and academics in developing countries by improving their statistical knowledge to develop statistical systems through the participation in international conferences and workshops.

Selection of eligible candidates is done by an international committee. The quality of the candidate's contribution to the WSC is one of the main selection criteria. Speakers in invited, special topics, contributed, and poster sessions will be considered for this funding.

If you are not already a speaker in an invited or special topics session and your paper is selected for WB funding, it will be placed in a contributed or poster session in the scientific programme. Candidates who have not received funding from the WBF in the past will have priority.

Candidates must be permanent residents of a developing country, and must be ISI members (regular or elected). The selection process considers the need for capacity building, including aspects such as country of residence (higher priority to the least developed countries), age of the applicant and minority groups, as well as the applicant's potential to contribute to the statistical infrastructure in the region.

Funding will consist of return airfare, registration and visa fees, and an amount of funding for reasonable accommodation. Successful candidates may also apply for one short course (prior to WSC). The short courses programme will be communicated when the successful candidates are contacted.

Applications must be made by completing the form presented in http://www.isi-web.org/index.php?option=com_rsform&formId=52.

Closing date 16th January 2015.

Participation of IASI in the 60th ISI World Statistics Congress

The Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) presented proposals for inclusion, in the program for the 60th ISI WSC, of an invited session and two special topic sessions, which were approved. Those are:

IPS088 - Invited Paper Session on "*Challenges for the Development of Statistics in Latin American Countries*". Organiser: Pedro A. Morettin; Chair: Juan Carlos Abril; Discussant: Enrique de Alba.

Special Topic Session on "*The paperless population census: solution for the future?*". Organiser: Evelio O. Fabbroni; Chair: Alicia Bercovich (Brazil); Speakers: Khalifa Abdullah Al Barwani (Oman), Américo Vicente Silva de Miranda Júnior (Brazil), Laura Nalbarte (Uruguay), António dos Reis Duarte (Cabo Verde), Camilo Ceita (Angola), Philomen Harrison (Guyana).

Special Topic Session on "*Safeguarding the integrity of statistics and independence of statisticians: Producing statistics 'according to strictly professional considerations'*". Organiser: Juan Carlos Abril. Speakers: Carlos Malaguerra (Switzerland), Jean-Louis Bodin (France), Víctor A. Beker (Argentina), Iwan Sno (Suriname).

Cochran-Hansen Prize 2015

Competition for Young Survey Statisticians from Developing and Transitional Countries

The International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) established the Cochran-Hansen Prize, which is awarded every two years for the best paper on survey research methods submitted by a young statistician from a developing or transition country. The Prize consists of books and journal subscriptions in the value of • 500.

Participation in competition for the prize is restricted to young statisticians from developing and transition countries who are living in such countries and were born in 1980 or after. A paper submitted for the competition must consist of original work which is either unpublished or has been published after January 1st 2014. A paper may be based on a university thesis and should be written in English. The deadline for submission of papers for the 2015 prize is 15 February 2015. All papers must be sent to Professor Risto Lehtonen, email address; risto.lehtonen@helsinki.fi. Each submission must be accompanied by a cover letter, stating the author's year of birth, nationality and country of residence. The cover letter should also indicate if the paper submitted is based on a PhD thesis and, in the case of a joint paper, the contribution to the paper made by the prize competitor. The papers submitted will be reviewed by members of the Cochran-Hansen Prize Committee appointed by the IASS. The decision of the Committee will be final.

The prize winner will be invited to present his or her paper at the World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2015; <http://www.isi2015.ibge.gov.br/>. The IASS will cover round trip economy class airfare to Rio and per diem living expenses for the time of the Congress. For further information, please contact: Professor Risto Lehtonen, Department of Social Research, University of Helsinki, FI-00014, University of Helsinki, Finland. Email: risto.lehtonen@helsinki.fi.

Latin American International Statistical Institute Satellite Meeting on Small Area Estimation

The First Latin American International Statistical Institute Satellite Meeting on Small Area Estimation will be held August 3-5, 2015 in Santiago, Chile. Cosponsoring the event are the International Statistical Institute (ISI), International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS), Catholic University of Chile, Chilean Statistical Society (SOCHE), National Institute of Statistics (INE), and Ministry of Social Development. The tentative program will allow for six invited plenary sessions and a number of special topic and contributed sessions. Please send the title and abstract (maximum 200 words) of your talk to Carolina Casas-Cordero at sae2015@uc.cl no later than April 15. Abstracts that are related to the theme of the meeting will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis subject to a favorable review by the scientific committee and space constraints. For more information visit <http://www.encuestas.uc.cl/sae2015/>.

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- Enero/January 4-7 9th International Multiple Comparisons Procedures (MCP) Conference, to be held in Trident, Hyderabad, India. The conference will cover the latest methodological and applied developments in the areas of multiple comparisons and adaptive designs in clinical trials. There will be pre-conference workshops on January 4 covering introduction to MCPs, graphical procedures, gatekeeping procedures, false discovery rate with genomics applications. For more information visit: www.mcp-conference.org/hp/2015/. Contact: Ajit Tamhane, phone: 1-847-491-3577, fax: 1-847-491-8005, e-mail: atamhane@northwestern.edu.
- Feb./February 16-20 12th Workshop on Stochastic Models, Statistics and Their Applications, to be held in Wroclaw, Poland. Following the successful previous workshops, the conference will put together recent advances and trends in areas related to stochastic modeling, statistical inference and their applications. For more information visit <http://www.smsa2015.rwth-aachen.de>. Contact: Annabel Prause, phone: 0049/241/80/94775, e-mail: prause@stochastik.rwth-aachen.de.
- Feb./February 19-21 American Statistical Association Conference on Statistical Practice (CSP 2015), to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The CSP 2015 aims to bring together hundreds of statistical practitioners, including data analysts, researchers and scientists, who engage in the application of statistics to solve real-world problems on a daily basis. The conference will provide an opportunity to learn about the latest statistical methodologies and best practices in statistical design, analysis, programming and consulting. The conference is designed to aid applied statisticians in improving their abilities in consulting with and helping customers and organizations solve real-world problems. For more information visit: www.amstat.org/csp/2015.
- Feb./Feb. 27 - Mar./March 5 Side events to the 46th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to be held in New York, NY, USA. Website: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>.
- Marzo/March 2-5 XIV EMR (14th School of Regression Models), to be held in Campinas, Brazil. The University of Campinas is one of the major research universities in Brazil, and the city of Campinas one of the countries main industrial and technological centres. Further details can be found at <http://www.ime.usp.br/~abe/emr2015>. Activities in this school include short courses, plenary and parallel talks, as well as oral and poster paper presentations.
- Marzo/March 3-6 46th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, NY, USA. For more information visit: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>.
- Marzo/March 4-6 Design and Analysis of Experiments (DAE). The DAE 2015 conference is to be held in Cary, North Carolina, USA. The purpose of the Design and Analysis of Experiments (DAE) conference series is to provide support and encouragement to junior researchers in the field of design and analysis of experiments, and to stimulate interest in topics of practical relevance to science and industry. For more information visit: www.jmp.com/dae2015.
- Abril/April 9-10 Robust Rank-Based and Nonparametric Methods, to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA. The focus of the conference is on rank-based robust statistical methods. The Nonparametrics Section of the American Statistical Association is a co-sponsor of the conference. For more information visit: www.stat.wmich.edu/mckean/RBconf/. Contact: Joseph McKean, telephone: 1-616-387-4541, e-mail: mckean@wmich.edu; Magdalena Niewiadomska-Bugaj, telephone 1-616-387-4542, 616-387-1421, e-mail: m.bugaj@wmich.edu.

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- Abril/April 26-28 27th Annual Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture, to be held in Manhattan, Kansas, USA. This conference will bring together statisticians from academia, industry, and government to discuss ideas and advances in the application of statistics to solve agricultural research problems. For more information, visit <http://www.k-state.edu/stats/news/conference.html> or contact Leigh Murray, Kansas State University, Department of Statistics, 101 Dickens Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506; (1-785) 532-0515; lmurray@k-state.edu.
- Abril/April 27-29 Workshop on the Communication of Statistics, organized by UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe), as part of the Conference of European Statisticians' work programme for 2015. The workshop will take place at the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, in Washington, D.C., USA, hosted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization. Contact: Mr. Steven Vale, Statistical Division, UNECE, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland; telephone +41 22 917 1271, fax: +41 22 917 3285, email steven.vale@unece.org.
- Abril/April 29- Mayo/May 1 Workshop on Statistical Data Collection: Riding the Wave of the Data Deluge, organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), as part of the Conference of European Statisticians' work programme for 2015. The workshop will take place at: the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, hosted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization. Contact: Mr. Steven Vale, Statistical Division, UNECE, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; tel: +41 22 917 1271, fax: +41 22 917 3285, email: steven.vale@unece.org.
- Abril/April 30- Mayo/May 2 2015 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. For more information visit: <http://www.siam.org/meetings/sdm15/>. Contact: Nicole Erle, phone: 1-215-382-9800 ext. 305, fax: 1-215-386-7999, e-mail: erle@siam.org.
- Mayo/May 14-17 70th Annual Conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Attendees will be immersed in the latest trends, innovations and research in the field. For more information visit: tinyurl.com/ko4bg4r. Contact: Lisa Kamen, phone: 1-847-205-2651, fax: 1-847-480-9080, e-mail: lkamen@aapor.org.
- Junio/June 14-17 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION YEAR 2015 APPLIED STATISTICS SYMPOSIUM JOINT WITH GRAYBILL CONFERENCE, to be held in Fort Collins, Colorado, USA. Contact: Naitee Ting (naitee.ting@boehringer-ingelheim.com).
- Junio/June 15-17 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) / Conference of European Statisticians (CES2015) back-to-back with the OECD Statistics Committee meeting. To be held at UNECE headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.. Website: <http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/>
- Junio/June 15-19 9th international conference on Extreme Value Analysis (EVA). It will take place at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. It will feature recent research on the probability and statistics of extreme value phenomena and its important applications to: climate and weather, finance, insurance, engineering, and computer science. Website: sites.lsa.umich.edu/eva2015/
- Junio/June 21-24 International Symposium on Forecasting (ISF), to be held in Riverside, California, USA. The ISF is the premier forecasting conference, attracting the world's leading forecasting researchers, practitioners, and students. Through a combination of keynote speaker presentations, academic sessions, workshops, and social programs, the ISF provides many excellent opportunities for networking, learning, and fun. For more information visit: forecasters.org/isf/. Contact: Pamela Stroud, phone: 1-781-2344077, e-mail: isf@forecasters.org.

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- Julio/July
1-4 IV Latin-American Meeting on Bayesian Statistics-IV COBAL, to be held in Medellín, Colombia. The purpose of COBAL is to allow for discussion and interaction among researchers, academics and students, with the aim to further strengthen scientific exchange within the Bayesian community in Latin-America. COBAL has taken place before in Ubatuba, Brazil (2002), Los Cabos, Mexico (2005), and Pucón, Chile (2011). The preliminary deadline for contributed talks and poster presentations is February, 2015. Spoken languages will be Spanish or Portuguese; slides may be in English. It is expected that the best talks of the meeting will be published in a special issue of a recognized journal. The organizers are applying for funds to support PhD students and recent PhD graduates willing to present their work. Website: <http://www.medellin.unal.edu.co/~cobal>.
- Julio/July
6-8 International Symposium in Statistics (ISS) 2015 On Advances in Parametric and Semiparametric Analysis of Multivariate, Time Series, Spatial-temporal, and Familial-longitudinal Data, to be held in John's, Newfoundland, Canada. The ISS-2015 will be the continuation of ISS-2009 and ISS-2012, to be held in Memorial University, Canada. The symposium is planned to discuss the methodological advances and challenges in the analysis of continuous and discrete correlated data both in parametric and semi-parametric setup. The main topics of interest are: Multivariate analysis in a wider non-normal elliptical distribution setup; Multivariate analysis for longitudinal categorical data; Time series volatility models; Spatial-temporal data analysis; Familial longitudinal data analysis in semi-parametric setup. Website: www.iss-2015-stjohns.ca/. Contact: Brajendra Sutradhar, phone: 1-709-864-8731, fax: 1-709-864-3010, e-mail: bsutradh@mun.ca.
- Julio/July
6-10 European Meeting of Statisticians 2015. This is the 30th edition of this pan-European biennial event. The event is organized under the auspices of the Bernoulli Society ERC by a programme committee headed by Marc Hallin and a local organizing committee headed by Aad van der Vaart. Location: Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Website: <http://www.ems2015.nl>.
- Julio/July
6-10 30th International Workshop on Statistical Modelling (IWSM), to be held in Linz, Austria. IWSM is one of the major activities of the Statistical Modelling Society, founded with the purpose of promoting and encouraging statistical modelling in its widest sense, involving both academic and professional statisticians and data analysts. For more information visit: ifas.jku.at/iwsm2015/. Contact: Helga Wagner, phone: 004373224686831, e-mail: iwsm2015@jku.at.
- Julio/July
23-25 IASE Conference on "Advances in Statistics Education: developments, experiences and assessments", to be held at the campus of the University of Rio (UNIRIO), Bairro da Urca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This is a Satellite Conference to the 60th World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute (ISI). The website for this Conference will open soon.
- Julio/July
26-31 60th World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Includes meetings of the Bernoulli Society, the International Association for Statistical Computing, the International Association of Survey Statisticians, the International Association for Official Statistics, the International Association for Statistics Education, the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics, the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics, and The International Environmetrics Society. Information: ISI Permanent Office, P. O. Box 24070, 2490 AB The Hague, The Netherlands, telephone +31-70-3375737, fax +31-70-3860025, e-mail isi@cbs.nl. Congress website: <http://www.isi2015.ibge.gov.br/>.
- Agosto/August
2-4 IASC Conference on "Statistical Computing for Data Science", to be held in Búzios, Brazil, organized by the International Association of Statistical Computing (IASC) and the Brazilian Statistical Association (Associação Brasileira de Estatística-ABE). This is a Satellite Conference to the 60th World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), and will be chaired by Carlos A. Abanto-Valle and Andre P. L. F. de Carvalho.

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- Agosto/August 3-5 The First Latin American Meeting on Small Area Estimation will be held in Santiago, Chile, as a Satellite Conference to the 60th World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute (ISI). Cosponsoring the event are the ISI, the International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS), the Catholic University of Chile (Universidad Católica de Chile), the Chilean Statistical Society (Sociedad Chilena de Estadística-SOCHE), the National Institute of Statistics (Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas - INE), and the Ministry of Social Development (Ministerio de Desarrollo Social). For more information visit <http://www.encuestas.uc.cl/sae2015/>. Contact: Carolina Casas-Cordero, sae2015@uc.cl.
- Agosto/August 6-8 21st ISSAT International Conference on Reliability & Quality in Design, to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. This is an international forum for presentation of new results, research development, and applications in all aspects of reliability, quality in design and statistics. The conference is typically attended by international participants. E-mail: rqd@issatconferences.org. Website: www.issatconferences.org/rqd2015.html
- Agosto/August 8-13 2015 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Seattle, Washington, USA, jointly with the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the Statistical Society of Canada, the International Chinese Statistical Association, the International Indian Statistical Association, the Korean International Statistical Association and the International Society for Bayesian Analysis. For more information visit: www.amstat.org/meetings/. Contact: ASA Meetings, phone: 1-888-231-3473, fax: 1-703-684-8069, e-mail: meetings@amstat.org.
- Sept./Sept. 7-9 EESW15, the 4th European Establishment Statistics Workshop, will be held at the Poznan University of Economics, organized by the European Network for Better Establishment Statistics (ENBES) and with Poznan University of Economics and Poznan Statistical Office as hosting institutions. Contact: Tomasz Klimanek or Jacek Kowalewski, e-mail: t.klimanek@ue.poznan.pl, J.Kowalewski@stat.gov.pl. Website: www.enbes.org.
- Sept./Sept. 9-11 Statistics and Demography: the Legacy of Corrado Gini, to be held in Treviso, Italy. The Italian Statistical Society (SIS) promotes an international specialized statistical conference on the legacy of Corrado Gini. The main themes of the conference will be: Statistics, Demography, Biology, Sociology and Official Statistics. The Scientific Committee Chair is Prof. Corrado Crocetta, email sis2015info@gmail.com. Website: <http://meetings.sis-statistica.org/index.php/ginilegacy/>.
- Sept./Sept. 20-23 Correspondence Analysis and Related Methods-CARME 2015, to be held in the Centro Congressi Federico II, Via Partenope, 36, Napoli, Italy. CARME 2015 is the seventh in a series of conferences on multidimensional graphical techniques and the analysis of large data sets, especially categorical data. The objective of this conference is to spotlight the very latest research in correspondence analysis and related techniques of multidimensional visualization, as well as to discuss future developments. Contact: Simona Balbi, sb@unina.it. For more information, visit: <http://carme-n.org>

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- Junio/June 20-23 ICES-V, the 5th International Conference on Establishment Statistics, to be held in Genève, Switzerland. The ICES series of conferences serves an important role in the world of survey methodology, by focusing on methods and applications for surveys on businesses and other kinds of establishments. Short courses, poster sessions, and software demonstrations are also included in the programme. Information: Boris Lorenc, Statistics Sweden, or Jean-Pierre Renfer, Swiss Federal Statistical Office.

2016

Julio/July 30- 2016 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, jointly with the American
Ago/August 4 Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of
Mathematical Statistics, the Statistical Society of Canada, the International Chinese Statistical
Association, the International Indian Statistical Association, the Korean International Statistical
Association and the International Society for Bayesian Analysis. For information, contact
jsm@amstat.org or phone toll-free (1-888) 231-3473. Contact: ASA Meetings, telephone: 1-
7036841221, fax: 1-7036848069, e-mail: meetings@amstat.org.

2017

Julio/July 29- 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, jointly with the American
Ago/August 3 Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of
Mathematical Statistics, the Statistical Society of Canada, the International Chinese Statistical
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2018

Julio/July 28- 2018 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, jointly with
Ago/August 2 the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR),
the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the Statistical Society of Canada, the International Chinese
Statistical Association, the International Indian Statistical Association, the Korean International
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