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Por otra parte, la producción y distribución de la edición electrónica se está realizando sin problemas.

Tomando en cuenta lo anterior, así como los crecientes costos de producción y distribución de la edición impresa, el Comité Ejecutivo del Instituto decidió, en su 78ª Sesión, realizada en Medellín, Colombia, los días 18 y 19 de julio de 2010, aceptar la propuesta de la Secretaría, de enviar solamente la versión electrónica a todos nuestros corresponsales para quienes tengamos una dirección e-mail.

Se continuará produciendo una edición impresa reducida, para atender solicitudes especiales, particularmente de bibliotecas.

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The Newsletter is issued each year in March, June, September, and December. News to be included in these issues have to be received by mid January, April, July, and October, respectively. Please see note on last page.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is printed in the printing-office of the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC) of Panama.

As we have already indicated, the distribution of the hard copy of the Newsletter is being made with delays, due to priority demands received by the printing-office, originated in the wide-range work program of INEC.

On the other hand, the production and distribution of the electronic edition is being done without any problem.

Taking into consideration the above, as well as the increasing costs in the production and distribution of the hard copy edition, the Executive Committee of the Institute decided, at its 78th Session, held in Medellín, Colombia on July 18-19, 2010, to accept the proposal made by the Secretariat to send only the electronic version to all our correspondents for whom we have an e-mail address.

We will continue producing a limited hard copy edition, to take care of special requests, particularly from libraries.

These special requests can be addressed to IASI@contraloria.gob.pa, or alternatively to fabpan@cwpanama.net.

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Carta del Presidente

Letter from the President

Estimados colegas:

Dear Colleagues:

Para mi Diciembre es frecuentemente tiempo de reflexión acerca del trabajo, la familia y otros asuntos. Como Presidente del IASI estoy ahora pensando en logros y frustraciones durante este año y en planes para los años futuros.

To me December is frequently a time for reflection about work, family, and other matters. As President of the IASI, I am now thinking of accomplishments and frustrations during this year and plans for the future years.

Como dije en una carta anterior, debido a eventos fuera de nuestro control, nuestro Instituto ha llegado a estar casi parado. Nuestro Boletín Informativo, la página web y la revista fueron básicamente secuestrados en un proceso que pareció insuperable.

As I said in a letter to you before, due to events beyond our control, our Institute had come to almost a complete stand still. Our Newsletter, web page, and journal were basically hijacked on a process that seemed insurmountable.

Este año, afortunadamente, tenemos gran progreso al recuperar la funcionalidad que el IASI necesita. Nuestro Boletín Informativo se está distribuyendo regularmente, se acaba de imprimir el Volumen 61 de *Estadística* y pronto estará el Volumen 62 listo para distribución a nuestros lectores, y tenemos una página web nueva (<http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/>) que será actualizada regularmente.

This year, fortunately, we have great progress in recovering the functionality that IASI needs. Our Newsletter is being distributed on a regular basis, we just finished the printing of Volume 61 of *Estadística* and shortly Volume 62 will be ready for distribution to our readership, and we have a new web page that will be updated on a regular basis (<http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/>).

Estos logros no hubieran sido posibles sin el árduo trabajo del cuerpo editorial de *Estadística* (Clyde Charre de Trabuchi, Verónica Beritich y Silvana Specogna), los incansables esfuerzos del Secretario Técnico Profesor Evelio O. Fabbroni, y el apoyo de la oficina de la Contraloría General del gobierno de Panamá, directamente y a través del Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censo (INEC). Este ha sido un lento proceso de recuperación, con múltiples retrasos y contratiempos. El resultado, sin embargo, será un IASI más confiado y saludable y un Instituto

These accomplishments would have not been possible without the hard work of *Estadística's* editorial board (Clyde Charre de Trabuchi, Verónica Beritich, and Silvana Specogna), the tireless efforts of the Technical Secretary Professor Evelio O. Fabbroni, and the support of the General Comptroller's office of the Panama government, directly and through the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC). This has been a slow recovery process, with multiple slowdowns, and setbacks. The outcome, however, will be a more self reliant and healthier IASI,

menos sujeto a eventos completamente fuera de su control.

Espero que durante el año 2011 nos liberemos un tanto de las labores de rutina y que retomemos el trabajo por el futuro del IASI. Hay muchas cuestiones que deben abordarse. Algunos de los desafíos futuros (no especificados en orden de importancia) incluyen: (a) continuación regular de las actividades profesionales y académicas actuales; (b) ampliación y fortalecimiento de la membresía institucional e individual; (c) definición clara e institucionalización del proceso a seguir para garantizar la continuidad de la administración y de las actividades del Instituto; (d) mejoramiento de los servicios del Instituto a nuestros miembros institucionales e individuales. No obstante haber hecho algunos progresos en algunos de estos temas, voy a abstenerme de informar en esta ocasión para evitar crear falsas expectativas. Espero poder dentro de un año informar el logro de progresos en estos aspectos.

Les deseo a todos ustedes y a sus familias que tengan felices y seguras fiestas y que 2011 esté lleno de todo lo que les hace felices.

Atentamente,

and an Institute less subject to events completely beyond its control.

I hope that during the 2011 year, we get some release from the routine work and that we return to work on the future of IASI. There are many issues that need to be addressed. Some of the challenges ahead include (not listed in order of importance): (a) a regular continuation of the current professional and academic activities; (b) a broadening and strengthening of the institutional and individual membership; (c) a clear definition and institutionalization of the process to follow to ensure continuity of the administration and activities of the Institute; (d) an improvement of the Institute services to our institutional and individual members. Although we have made some progress on some of these issues, I am going to refrain on reporting at this time to avoid setting false expectations. I hope that a year from now, I can report accomplished progress on these aspects.

I wish all of you and your families Happy and Safe Holidays and that 2011 is full of whatever makes you happy.

Sincerely,



Luis A. Escobar
 Presidente / President, IASI
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA - Diciembre / December 2010

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.

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

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). Su cuerpo editorial 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. 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: Secretaría del Instituto Interamericano de Estadística (IASI), INEC – Contraloría General de la República, Apartado 0816-01521, Panamá, República de Panamá; e-mail fabpan@cwpanama.net.

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)" (Regional system of information online for scientific journals of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal). 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. Papers will be accepted in Word, in LaTeX, or in Scientific Workplace.

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Incorporación de nuevos miembros

El Comité Ejecutivo invita la incorporación de nuevos miembros personales, quienes reciben la revista *Estadística* y el Boletín Informativo, y gozan de otros beneficios. Los interesados sólo deben enviar, a la Secretaría, 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 pesos argentinos o en reales se aplican las tasas de cambio vigentes en el momento del pago. Los procedimientos alternativos disponibles para hacer efectivos los pagos pueden consultarse en: <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/miembros.html>. Sin embargo, información más actualizada podrá solicitarse por e-mail a fabpan@cwpanama.net.

El IASI tiene convenios de membresías conjuntas con las asociaciones nacionales de estadística de Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Ecuador y México. La parte del IASI en estas membresías conjuntas es sólo US\$20 por año.

Los interesados en estas membresías conjuntas pueden consultar con la respectiva asociación nacional o con la Secretaría del IASI.

Membresías gratuitas para estudiantes

Como hemos informado anteriormente, el IASI cuenta con una categoría de miembros abierta al ingreso de estudiantes de estadística a cualquier nivel.

El ingreso a esta categoría requiere el llenado de un formulario, que puede ser solicitado a la Secretaría (IASI@contraloria.gob.pa o fabpan@cwpanama.net). Este formulario debe ser llenado por el interesado y respaldado por un profesor suyo, quien debe ser miembro emérito o miembro personal regular con sus cuotas al día.

Esta membresía debe ser renovada cada año, con el mismo respaldo de un profesor en las condiciones arriba indicadas (no necesariamente el mismo profesor).

El miembro estudiante no tendrá que pagar cuotas. Por otra parte, sus beneficios consistirán en el recibo de la versión electrónica del Boletín Informativo trimestral y el derecho a los descuentos ofrecidos a los miembros regulares en el pago de inscripción a eventos organizados o auspiciados por el IASI.

Entrance of new members

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

Dues are charged in U.S. Dollars. The current rate of exchange will be applied to payments in Argentinean pesos or in "Reais". The available alternative procedures to make the payments can be consulted in <http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/IASI/miembros.html>. Nevertheless, more updated information can be requested by e-mail to fabpan@cwpanama.net

IASI has joint membership agreements with the national statistical associations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, and Mexico. 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 Secretariat of IASI.

Free membership for students

As we have already announced, IASI has a category of members open to the entrance of students of statistics at any level.

The entrance to this category requires filling out a form, which can be requested from the Secretariat (IASI@contraloria.gob.pa or fabpan@cwpanama.net). This form shall be filled out by the incumbent and supported by one of his or her professors, who shall be an emeritus or a regular individual member in good standing.

This membership shall be renewed each year, with the same kind of support from a professor with the above-indicated conditions, not necessarily the same as before.

The student member shall not have to pay any dues. On the other hand, his or her benefits will consist in receiving the electronic version of the quarterly Newsletter, and be entitled to the discounted registration fees offered to the regular members for those events organized or sponsored by IASI.

X Reunión sobre Estadística Pública

La X Reunión sobre Estadística Pública, para la que se escogió el tema "*El uso de las estadísticas provenientes de los registros administrativos en la toma de decisiones*", se realizó los días 28 y 29 de octubre de 2010 en Asunción, Paraguay. Este evento fue organizado conjuntamente por el IASI y la Dirección General de Estadística, Encuestas y Censos (DGEEC), de Paraguay, y contó con apoyo del Fondo de Población de las Naciones Unidas (UNFPA).

La agenda incluyó los siguientes temas: 1. Estadísticas de Salud; 2. Estadísticas de Educación; 3. Estadísticas de Seguridad Ciudadana; 4. Estadísticas de Empleo; 5. Directorio de Empresas; 6. Estadísticas Energéticas; 7. Presentación de la "Estrategia Nacional para el Desarrollo Estadístico de Paraguay".

El evento fue inaugurado y clausurado por el Ministro Bernardo Esquivel, Secretaría Técnica de Planificación, y contó con la participación de otros altos personeros del Gobierno de Paraguay, que representaron los sectores de salud, educación, economía e integración, seguridad ciudadana, trabajo y energía, así como de la Directora General y de los responsables por varios programas de la DGEEC.

Participaron también representantes del Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE) y del Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisas Educacionais (INEP) de Brasil, y de los siguientes organismos internacionales: IASI, Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL), Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS), Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT), Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE), y Proyecto de Construcción de un Sistema de Indicadores de Seguridad Ciudadana en la Región, con sede en Colombia.

Próximamente se distribuirá la relatoría de la Reunión. Para mayor información contactar: (a) Zulma Sosa de Servín, Directora General, DGEEC, zso@dgeec.gov.py, zulmasosaportillo@gmail.com, tel. (595 21) 672-063, o (b) Evelio O. Fabbroni, Secretario Técnico, IASI, fabpan@cwpanama.net.

Ofrecimiento de cursos

En 2006 el Comité Ejecutivo del IASI decidió promover la organización de cursos dentro de su Progra-

X Meeting on Public Statistics

The X Meeting on Public Statistics, for which the theme "*The use of statistics derived from administrative records in decision taking*" was chosen, was held on October 28-29, 2010 in Asunción, Paraguay. This event was jointly organized by IASI and the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses (Dirección General de Estadística, Encuestas y Censos - DGEEC), of Paraguay, and received support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The agenda included the following topics: 1. Health Statistics; 2. Statistics on Education; 3. Public Safety Statistics; 4. Employment Statistics; 5. Directory of Enterprises; 6. Energy Statistics; 7. Presentation of the "National Strategy for the Statistical Development of Paraguay".

The event was opened and closed by Minister Bernard Esquivel, Technical Secretariat of Planning, and had the participation of other high rank Paraguay Government officers, representing the sectors of health, education, economy and integration, public safety, work and energy, as well as of the Director General and of the officers responsible for several programs of the DGEEC.

Also attended representatives of the Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE) and of the Brazilian Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisas Educacionais (INEP), and of the following international organizations: IASI, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), International Labour Organization (ILO), Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), and Project for the Construction of a System of Indicators of Public Safety in the Region, headquartered in Colombia.

The proceedings of the Meeting will be distributed shortly. For more information contact: (a) Zulma Sosa de Servín, Director General, DGEEC, zso@dgeec.gov.py, zulmasosaportillo@gmail.com, tel. (595 21) 672-063, or (b) Evelio O. Fabbroni, Technical Secretary, IASI, fabpan@cwpanama.net.

Offered courses

In 2006 the IASI Executive Committee decided to promote the organization of courses in its "Activities

ma de "Actividades orientadas al Sector Profesional". En nuestra página web se incluye la descripción de cursos que pueden ofrecer miembros del IASI, y se invita a los estadísticos que estén dispuestos a cooperar con el ofrecimiento de cursos especializados, a que envíen sus propuestas a la Secretaría. La idea es poner estos cursos a disposición de las instituciones interesadas en el desarrollo estadístico de la región.

El IASI se responsabiliza por las coordinaciones necesarias para realizar estas actividades. Las instituciones interesadas en ofrecer los cursos, a nivel local, nacional o internacional, deben encargarse de los aspectos logísticos y de promoción (esta última respaldada por el IASI) y de los costos respectivos. Hasta el momento se ha conseguido que los profesores presten sus servicios sin cobrar honorarios. Además, en casos especiales el IASI cubre el costo de los pasajes aéreos de dichos profesores.

En ediciones anteriores del Boletín Informativo hemos dado cuenta de un buen número de cursos realizados en este programa, en varios países de la región. Después de la distribución del N° 86-Septiembre 2010, se han realizado los que se indican a continuación.

Curso sobre Análisis de Datos de Supervivencia. Este curso, de 10 horas, fue dictado por el Presidente del IASI Prof. Dr. Luis A. Escobar, en Piura, Perú, del 14 al 18 de septiembre de 2010, como parte del programa de actividades del *XII Congreso Nacional de Estudiantes de Estadística*.

Curso sobre Series Cronológicas. Este curso, de 8 horas, se realizó en Asunción, Paraguay, programado conjuntamente con la Dirección General de Estadística, Encuestas y Censos (DGEEC), como actividad paralela a la X Reunión sobre Estadística Pública. Estuvo a cargo de la Vicepresidenta del IASI Prof. María Teresa Blaconá. Los participantes provinieron de las universidades y de varias instituciones del Sistema Estadístico Nacional.

Esperamos que el programa siga contando con el interés de asociaciones nacionales de estadística, institutos de estadística pública y entidades académicas. Las solicitudes 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.

Oriented towards the Professional Sector" Program. The descriptions of 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 Secretariat, are posted in the our web page. The idea is to make these courses available to institutions interested in the statistical development of the region.

IASI takes the responsibility for the necessary coordination to carry out these activities. Those institutions interested in offering the courses either locally, domestically or internationally, 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. On the other hand, 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. After the distribution of N° 86-September 2010, those indicated below have been held.

Course on Analysis of Lifetime Data. This 10-hour course was delivered by the President of IASI Prof. Dr. Luis A. Escobar, in Piura, Peru, on September 14-18, 2010, as a part of the program of activities for the *XII National Congress of Students of Statistics*.

Course on Time Series. This 8-hour course was held in Asuncion, Paraguay, jointly programmed with the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys and Censuses (Dirección General de Estadística, Encuestas y Censos -DGEEC), as a parallel activity to the X Meeting on Public Statistics. It was in charge of the Vice President of IASI Prof. Maria Teresa Blaconá. Participants came from universities and several institutions of the National Statistical System.

We expect that the program will continue to count with the interest of national statistical associations, public statistical institutes and academic entities. Applications 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.

NOTICIAS NACIONALES

NATIONAL NEWS

Brasil**Brazil**

III Escuela de Muestreo y Metodología e Investigación. La III Escola de Amostragem e Metodologia e Pesquisa (ESAMP3) será realizada del 23 al 25 de noviembre de 2011 en Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, en las recién inauguradas instalaciones del Instituto de Ciencias Exactas (ICE) de la Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF), bajo la coordinación general del Prof. Marcel de Toledo Vieira.

III School on Sampling and Methodology and Research. The III Escola de Amostragem e Metodologia e Pesquisa (ESAMP3) will be held on November 23-25, 2011 in Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, in the recently inaugurated installations of the Institute of Exact Sciences (Instituto de Ciências Exatas-ICE) of the Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF), under the general coordination of Prof. Marcel de Toledo Vieira.

La ESAMP3 será precedida el día 22 de noviembre de 2011, en el mismo local, por el Segundo Taller Internacional sobre Encuestas para Evaluación de Políticas (Second International Workshop on Surveys for Policy Evaluation).

The ESAMP3 will be preceded on November 22, 2011, at the same venue, by the Second International Workshop on Surveys for Policy Evaluation.

La III Escuela se desarrollará en portugués, con algunas conferencias dictadas en inglés. El Taller se desarrollará en inglés.

The III School will be conducted in Portuguese, with some conferences delivered in English. The Workshop will be conducted in English.

Los dos eventos darán seguimiento a la exitosa realización en Natal, en la sede del Servicio Brasileño de Apoyo a las Micro y Pequeñas Empresas de Rio Grande del Norte (Serviço Brasileiro de Apoio às Micro e Pequenas Empresas do Rio Grande do Norte - SEBRAE-RN), del 3 al 6 de noviembre de 2009, de la ESAMP2 y del primero de la serie de talleres internacionales sobre investigaciones para evaluación de políticas, que contaron con 270 participantes.

The two events will give follow-up to the successful realization in Natal, at the headquarters of the Brazilian Support Service to the Micro and Small Enterprises of Rio Grande do Norte (Serviço Brasileiro de Apoio às micro e Pequenas Empresas do Rio Grande do Norte - SEBRAE-RN), on November 3-6, 2009, of ESAMP2 and the first in the series of international workshops on research for policy assessment, which counted with 270 participants.

En los 4 días en Natal fueron presentadas 10 conferencias y realizadas 8 sesiones temáticas, donde se presentaron 22 trabajos invitados. También hubo otros 20 trabajos presentados oralmente y 33 en formato de pôster, así como un mini-curso sobre "Experimentos con Muestreo y Estimación Usando R". La ESAMP1, realizada en el IBGE, en Rio de Janeiro, en 2007, contó con cerca de 200 participantes.

In the 4 days in Natal 10 conferences and 22 invited papers in 8 thematic sessions were presented. There were also other 20 papers presented orally and 33 in poster format, as well as a short course on "Experiments with Sampling and Estimation using R". ESAMP1, carried out in the IBGE, in Rio de Janeiro, in 2007, was attended by nearly 200 participants.

La meta para la ESAMP3 es ambiciosa: superar las ediciones anteriores, consolidando esta importante serie de reuniones sobre temas cuya importancia y amplitud viene creciendo cada año en Brasil. Para eso se cuenta con el apoyo de la comunidad, divulgando el evento, preparando y garantizando su participación y contribución a los eventos, y apoyando la iniciativa por los medios a su alcance.

The goal for the ESAMP3 is ambitious: to overcome the previous editions, consolidating this important series of meetings on subjects whose importance and amplitude is growing each year in Brazil. That has the support of the community, disclosing the event, preparing and ensuring their participation and contribution to the events and supporting the initiative by the means at its disposal.

Próximamente se divulgará una convocatoria de pro-

A call for proposals of short courses and tutorials, as

puestas de mini-cursos y tutoriales, así como una invitación a someter trabajos. La página del evento ya está en construcción. Mientras tanto se puede contactar a los organizadores escribiendo a esamp3@ice.ufjf.br.

La comisión organizadora cuenta con la participación de los profesores: Marcel de Toledo Vieira, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (Coordinador); Antônio José Ribeiro Dias, Coordinación de Métodos y Calidad - DPE/IBGE; Camila Borelli Zeller, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Clécio da Silva Ferreira, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Cristiano Ferraz, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco; Denise Britz do Nascimento Silva, Coordinación de Métodos y Calidad - DPE/IBGE; José Matias de Lima, Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas – IBGE; Lupércio França Bessegato, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Pedro Luis do Nascimento Silva, Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas - IBGE; Ronaldo Rocha Bastos, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Sonia Albieri, Coordinación de Métodos y Calidad - DPE/IBGE.

ACTIVIDADES INTERNACIONALES

Taller IPUMS América Latina III

Del 15 al 17 de noviembre de 2010 se realizó en la ciudad de La Habana, Cuba, el Taller IPUMS América Latina III, conjuntamente con un Taller sobre la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense (American Community Survey-ACS), como eventos paralelos al IV Congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Población (ALAP).

Estos eventos fueron organizados por el Centro de Población de la Universidad de Minnesota (CPUM), y contaron con el auspicio de los Institutos Nacionales de Salud de los Estados Unidos, del IASI y de Population Association of America (PAA), y apoyo de la Oficina Nacional de Estadística de Cuba.

En atención a una invitación de los organizadores, los talleres fueron inaugurados con unas palabras de bienvenida a cargo del Secretario Técnico del IASI.

Las comunicaciones presentadas en los referidos eventos paralelos pueden ser consultadas en <http://www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa/ipumsla/indice.htm>.

well as an invitation to submit papers will soon be distributed. The event page is already under construction. Meanwhile you can contact the organizers by writing to esamp3@ice.ufjf.br.

The organizing committee has the participation of the following professors: Marcel de Toledo Vieira, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (Coordinador); Antônio José Ribeiro Dias, Coordination of Methods and Quality - DPE/IBGE; Camila Borelli Zeller, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Clécio da Silva Ferreira, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Cristiano Ferraz, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco; Denise Britz do Nascimento Silva, Coordination of Methods and Quality - DPE/IBGE; José Matias de Lima, Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas – IBGE; Lupércio França Bessegato, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Pedro Luis do Nascimento Silva, Escola Nacional de Ciências Estatísticas - IBGE; Ronaldo Rocha Bastos, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora; Sonia Albieri, Coordination of Methods and Quality - DPE/IBGE.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

IPUMS Latin America III Workshop

The IPUMS Latin American III Workshop was jointly conducted with a Workshop on the American Community Survey (ACS) in the city of Havana, Cuba, on November 15-17, 2010, as side events to the IV Congress of the Latin American Population Association (Asociación Latinoamericana de Población-ALAP).

These events were organized by the University of Minnesota Population Center (UMPC), and counted with sponsorship from the National Institutes of Health of the United States, from IASI and from the Population Association of America (PAA), and support from the Cuban National Statistical Office.

In attention to an invitation from the organizers, the workshops were opened with a few words of welcome from the Technical Secretary of IASI.

The communications presented in the above referred side events can be consulted in <http://www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa/ipumsla/indice.htm>.

2011 Mahalanobis International Award in Statistics

The Indian Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, representing the Government of India, is continuing its biennial initiative to award the Mahalanobis International Award in Statistics in memory of the eminent Indian statistician Professor P.C. Mahalanobis.

The Award is to be given to a selected statistician from a developing country (as defined by the United Nations) who has worked there in recognition of his/her lifetime achievement in Statistics and the promotion of best statistical practices. This initiative serves the double purpose of keeping the memory of P.C. Mahalanobis alive and of recognising and stimulating progress in Statistics in developing countries.

The previous winners of the Award are Professor C.R. Rao (India) in 2003, Professor Benjamin Kiregyera (Uganda) in 2005, Dr. Isidoro P. David (Philippines) in 2007, and Professor Pedro Morettin (Brazil) (President Elect of IASI) in 2009.

At the request of the Indian Minister, the International Statistical Institute (ISI) has asked the ISI Mahalanobis Committee to propose a candidate for the 2011 Award.

The Mahalanobis International Award in Statistics consists of: (1) An economy class return flight ticket to the 58th ISI World Statistics Congress Dublin, (2) A per diem payment for accommodation and other living expenses while in Dublin, and (3) A monetary award of US\$5,000. The 2011 Award will be presented at the ISI World Statistics Congress in Dublin, Ireland (21-26 August 2011).

The Mahalanobis Committee on International Award in Statistics invites you to propose a candidate to the Committee, with reasons supporting the proposed candidate and the proposed candidate's curriculum vitae. Candidates can nominate themselves for the Award, accompanied by a support of two referees. Candidates can also be proposed by their organisation, academic institution, National Statistical Office or National Statistical Society.

Please send proposals, with supporting documents, to Ms. Shabani Mehta at the ISI Permanent Office (s.mehta@cbs.nl) before 10th January 2011.

Professor P.C. Mahalanobis: Main Achievements

Professor P.C. Mahalanobis' contribution to the subject of statistics is incredibly varied. Mahalanobis had held the position of Statistical Advisor to the Government of India and Member, Planning Commission, beside many other distinguished appointments. The formulation of the D²-Statistics, derivation of its properties and its application are some of his most profound contributions.

He received the Weldon Medal from Oxford University in 1944 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, London, in 1945 for his fundamental contributions to statistics, particularly in the area of large-scale sample surveys. As Chairman of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling, a position to which he was appointed in 1947, he tirelessly advocated the use of sampling methods to be extended to all parts of the world. As the Chairman of the UN Statistical Commission, he also helped in the spread of robust and extremely useful statistical ideas to other countries. As a pioneer to government planning, his background to a number of initiatives in de-centralised planning is meritorious, one of them being the setting up of the National Sample Survey (NSS) entrusted with key responsibilities for the design, collection and analysis of sample survey data.

Announcing the Competition for the 2011 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians

The field of official statistics offers great challenges and opportunities. To encourage more young statisticians to take an active interest in official statistics, the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is sponsoring a competition for the best paper in the field of official statistics written by a young statistician. In addition to the monetary prize, the winner will be invited to present the paper at one of the IAOS sessions at the 58th ISI World

Statistics Congress in Dublin, Ireland, 21-26 August 2011. We encourage submitters to address, and propose solutions to, pressing methodological or strategic issues in the area of official statistics at the national or international level. The paper must be ten or fewer pages in length, be submitted in English, and not have been previously presented in a public forum or published. An international panel will judge the papers based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and/or strategic merit;
- Originality;
- Applicability of ideas in statistical offices; and
- Quality of the exposition.

The author or authors (maximum of three co-authors for a paper) of the best paper will be awarded:

- A cash prize valued at •1,500 (divided among co-authors if applicable);
- An opportunity to present the paper at an IAOS session at the ISI World Congress, with airfare and hotel accommodation provided (for one author only in situations of co-authorship);
- Two years of IAOS membership;
- A certificate of award from the IAOS acknowledging success in this competition.

An invitation to attend the ISI World Statistics Congress in Dublin, Ireland will be issued in June 2011 once the competition results are known.

Prizes may also be awarded to those in second and third place:

- 2nd Place – A cash prize valued at •1000, 2 years of IAOS membership, and certificate;
- 3rd Place – A cash prize valued at •500, 2 years of IAOS membership, and certificate.

The decision of the panel will be final. Prizes will only be awarded if papers of significant quality are submitted.

To be eligible, authors (and co-authors) must:

- Be under the age of 35 on 1 January 2011;
- Be employed by an official statistics agency; and
- Be prepared to travel to Dublin in August 2011 to present the paper.

Please submit papers, in MS Word or compatible format, to iaos.award.2011@gmail.com [in Arial, Times New Roman, or other standard (size 12) font, with side, top, and bottom margins of 1 inch]. You can submit questions you may have about the competition to the same e-mail address. The deadline for submissions is 18 February 2011. The winners will be announced by the end of May 2011.

CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Enero/January 5-7 Fourth International IMS/ISBA Joint Meeting, to be held in Park City, Utah, USA. This is the fourth joint international meeting of the IMS (Institute of Mathematical Statistics) and the ISBA (International Society for Bayesian Analysis). A central theme of the conference will be Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) and related methods and applications. For more information visit madison.byu.edu/mcmski/index.html. Contact: Brad Carlin, telephone (1-612) 624-6646, fax (1-612) 626-0660, e-mail: brad@biostat.umn.edu.

Enero/January 10-12 SAMSI - Dynamics of Networks Workshop, to be held at the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, USA. Organizers: Eric Kolaczyk (Boston University), Peter Mucha (UNC-Chapel Hill), Mason Porter (Oxford University). For more information visit: www.samsi.info/workshop/complex-networks-dynamics-networks-january-10-12-2011. Contact: Jamie Nunnally, phone 1-919-685-9300, fax 1-919-685-9360, e-mail: nunnally@niss.org.

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- Enero/January 26-28 Fourth Annual Bayesian Biostatistics Conference, to be held in Houston, Texas, USA. Current and prospective users of Bayesian biostatistics are invited to join others with similar interests for a three-day conference sponsored by the Department of Biostatistics at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Registration fees will be modest. Contact: Lydia Davis, phone 1-713-794-4142, fax: 1-713-563-4242, e-mail: lbdavis@mdanderson.org.
- Feb./February 2-5 Workshop on Bayesian Inference for Latent Gaussian Models with Applications, to be held in Zurich, Switzerland. For more information visit www.math.uzh.ch/bilgm11. Contact: Reinhard Furrer, phone +41-44-63-55843, e-mail: reinhard.furrer@math.uzh.ch.
- Marzo/March 14-15 Predictive Analytics World Conference 2011, to be held in San Francisco, CA, USA. PAW's San Francisco 2011 program includes over 25 sessions across two tracks – an “All Audiences” and an “Expert/Practitioner” track. Speakers include Google's Sugato Basu, John Elder, Ph.D., and Andreas Weigend, Ph.D. For more information visit: www.predictiveanalyticsworld.com/sanfrancisco/2011/. E-mail regsupport@risingmedia.com.
- Marzo/March 21-24 Analyzing Risk: Science, Assessment, and Management, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Presented in collaboration with the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis - offering unparalleled expertise in risk analysis. This program covers the science and analysis of human health risk. For more information visit: ccpe.sph.harvard.edu/programs.cfm?CSID=RISK0311&utm_source=RISK11-CAL9&utm_medium=calendar. Contact: Maryanne Dearborn, phone 1-617-384-8685, fax: 1-617-3848690, e-mail: ccpemarketing@hsph.harvard.edu.
- Abril/April 10-15 Fifth Brazilian Conference on Statistical Modelling in Insurance and Finance, to be held at the Maresias Beach Hotel, in Maresias, SP, Brazil. This event is being organized by the Institute of Mathematics and Statistics (Instituto de Matemática e Estatística-IME), University of São Paulo (Universidade de São Paulo), with support of the Brazilian Statistical Association (Associação Brasileira de Estatística-ABE), the Graduate Programme in Statistics, IME, University of São Paulo, the Graduate Programme in Statistics, Federal University of São Carlos, and the Graduate Programme in Statistics, IMECC, University of Campinas (Universidade de Campinas). For more information visit <http://www.ime.usp.br/bcsmif/5th/>.
- Abril/April 15-16 25th New England Statistics Symposium, to be held in Storrs, Connecticut, USA. The Department of Statistics of the University of Connecticut will host this Symposium. For more information visit www.stat.uconn.edu/ness11. Contact: Ming-Hui Chen, phone 1-860-486-6984, fax 1-860-486-4113, e-mail: mhchen@stat.uconn.edu.
- Abril/April 21-24 International Conference on Probability, Statistics and Data Analysis (ICPSDA-2011), to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, jointly organized by the Department of Statistics at the North Carolina State University (NCSU) and the International Indian Statistical Association (IISA, <http://IntIndStat.org>). For more information visit: www.iisaconference.info/, fax (1-919) 515-7591, e-mail: iisa.conf@gmail.com. Contacts: Subhashis Ghoshal, phone (1-919) 515-2528, or Sujit Ghosh, phone (1-919) 515-1950.
- Mayo/May 1-3 23rd Annual Kansas State University 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 www.ksu.edu/stats/agstat.conference or contact John Boyer, Dept. of Statistics, Dickens Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506, (1-785)532-0518, jboyer@ksu.edu.

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- Mayo/May 10-13 10th Annual Lean, Six Sigma and Process Improvement in Healthcare Summit 2011, to be held in Marriott New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. To register and more information: Tel: (Toll Free) (1) 800-959-6549 or (1) 312-466-5774, fax: (Toll Free) (1) 800-959-6561 or (1) 312-873-4331, e-mail: reg@wcbf.com. Web: www.wcbf.com/quality/5107. Contact: Vijay Bajaj, phone 1-312-466-5774, fax 1-312-873-4331.
- Mayo/May 10-13 International Conference on Design of Experiments (ICODOE-2011), to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, USA, hosted by the Department of Mathematical Sciences, The University of Memphis. Website: <http://www.mscl.memphis.edu/ICODOE2011/>. For more information contact Manohar Aggarwal at maggarwl@memphis.edu or call at telephone 1-901-678-3756.
- Mayo/May 21-25 International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 16th Annual International Meeting, to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. For more information visit the web page www.ispor.org/Events/Index.aspx?eventId=35. Contact: Sue Capon, phone 1-800-992-0643, e-mail: scapon@ispor.org.
- Junio/June 19-24 The 35th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA 2011) will be held in Oaxaca, Mexico.. This conference is the major annual meeting for researchers working in the field of Stochastic Processes, and organized under the auspices of the Bernoulli Society, UNAM (Instituto de Matemáticas, Instituto de Investigaciones en Matemáticas Aplicadas y en Sistemas, Facultad de Ciencias), CIMAT, UDLA, and UNISON. Contact: e-mail: spa2011@matem.unam.mx. Website: <http://abalontico.matem.unam.mx/SPA/index.php>.
- Junio/June 26-29 ICOSA 2011 Applied Statistics Symposium, to be held in The Westin New York Hotel at Time Square, New York, NY, USA. For more information, visit the page <http://www.icsa.org/meetings/symposia/> or contact Wei Zhang, 900 Ridgebury Rd, Ridgefield, CT 06877-0368; phone 1-203-791-6684; fax 1-203-798-4282, e-mail wei.zhang@boehringer-ingelheim.com.
- Junio/June 26-30 8th Workshop on Bayesian Nonparametrics (BNP2011), to be held in Veracruz, Mexico. The objective of the meeting is to bring together experts and young talented scientists devoted to the study and application of Bayesian nonparametric techniques. The meeting will be structured in 4 tutorials on special topics, a series of invited and contributed talks and contributed posters sessions. Deadline for submissions of abstracts for contributed talks is January 15, 2011, while for contributed posters is March 30, 2011. For further information see: <http://www.bnppworkshop.org/>. PhD students and young researches are encouraged to participate in an Animation/Video Competition with the opportunity to win 1000USD funding to attend the Workshop. For details see: <http://bnppworkshop.org/pdf/AnimationCompetition4.pdf>.
- Junio/June 30- Julio/July 3 STATISTICS 2011 CANADA/ IMST-2011-FIM XX, to be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The Department of Mathematics and Statistics, the Department of Decision Sciences & Management of Information Systems (MIS) of Concordia University, and the Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics (FIM), will be hosting a joint conference, Statistics 2011 Canada: 5th Canadian Conference in Applied Statistics together with the 20th conference of the Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics, "Interdisciplinary Mathematical & Statistical Techniques". This convention is dedicated to all areas of mathematical and statistical sciences. In addition to Historically these meetings have concentrated in the following areas of scholarship: applied and theoretical statistics, Bayesian statistics, bioinformatics, biostatistics, combinatorics, computer and information sciences, design and analysis of experiments, ergodic theory, functional analysis, graph theory, multivariate analysis, number theory, partial differential equations and topology. Contact: stat2011@mathstat.concordia.ca. Web page <http://www.stat2011.ca>.

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- Julio/July 6-8 2011 International Conference of Computational Statistics and Data Engineering (ICCSDE'11), to be held in London, UK. The conference is held under the World Congress on Engineering 2011, organized by the International Association of Engineers (IAENG). For more information visit: www.iaeng.org/WCE2011/ICCSDE2011.html. Contact: IAENG Secretariat, telephone (852) 3169-3427, fax: (852)23967073, email: wce@iaeng.org.
- Julio/July 12-16 Mat-Triad'2011, workshop on matrix theory and its applications, fourth in a series, will be held in Tomar, Portugal. Contact: Francisco Carvalho (matriad2011@ipt.pt). Website: <http://www.matriad2011.ipt.pt/>.
- Julio/July 18-20 Third North American regional meeting of The International Environmetrics Society, to be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA. The theme of the meeting will be "Quantitative methods for the analysis of long-term monitoring data." For more information, visit <http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/ties2011/> or contact Brian Gray, ties.na2011@environmetrics.org.
- Julio/July 30- Ago/Aug 4 2011 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held at the South Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, jointly with the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Statistical Society of Canada. Attended by over 5500 people, activities of the meeting include oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, continuing education courses, exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities), placement service, society and section business meetings, committee meetings, social activities, and networking opportunities. Contact: Kathleen Wert, e-mail: kathleen@amstat.org. Web site www.amstat.org/meetings/.
- Agosto/August 17-19 IAOS Satellite Conference, Belfast, UK. The theme of the conference will be population ageing and the various challenges this brings both in the developed and developing world. Information: IAOS 2011, NI Statistics & Research Agency, McAuley House, 2-14 Castle Street, Belfast, BT1 1SA. For details consult: <http://isi.cbs.nl/images/2011IAOSBelfastSatelliteConf-Flyer.pdf>. E-mail: IAOS2011@dfpni.gov.uk.
- Agosto/August 17-19 Dynamic Statistical Models in the framework of the Statistics Program of Excellence; Statistical methods for complex and high dimensional models - Satellite meeting to the 2011 ISI World Congress. Location: University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. Website: <http://statistics.ku.dk/isi-satellite/>.
- Agosto/August 19-21 2011 ISI Young Statisticians Meeting (YSI 2011)-Satellite meeting to the 2011 ISI World Congress. It seeks to promote the active participation of early career statisticians in the epicentre of the ISI World Congress. Website: www.isi2011.ie/content/sat-meetings/ysi.html.
- Agosto/August 21-25 The 32nd Annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics will take place in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Information: Tim Ramsay, telephone 1-613-737-8899 x79380, 1-613-739-6266, e-mail: tramsay@ohri.ca. Website: www.ohri.ca.
- Agosto/August 21-26 International Statistical Institute, 58th Biennial Session: 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 Statistical Education, the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics, the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics, and the International Environmetrics Society, to be held in Dublin, Ireland. Information: ISI Permanent Office, P.O.Box 24070, 2490 The Hague, The Netherlands, phone +31-70-3375737, fax +31-70-3860025, e-mail isi@cbs.nl.

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- Sept./Sept.
4-8 The 11th annual Conference of the European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS-11) will take place at the University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal. Contact: Marco P. Seabra dos Reis, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Coimbra Polo II, Rua Sílvia Lima 3030-790, Coimbra, Portugal, phone (+351) 239 798 700/727, fax (+351) 239 798 703, e-mail marco@eq.uc.pt. For more information visit: www.enbis.org.
- Oct./October
5-7 9th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, organized by the Health Policy Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. Web page www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2011/index.cfm. Contact: Lisette Werbowetzki, phone 1-703-684-1221, e-mail: lisette@amstat.org.

2012

- Junio/June
4-7 Quality and Productivity Research Conference (QPRC), to be held in Long Beach, California, USA, sponsored by ASA. The goal of the conference is to stimulate interdisciplinary research among statisticians, scientists, and engineers in quality and productivity, industrial needs, and the physical and engineering sciences. Contact: Daniel Jeske, phone 1-951-827-3014, fax 1-951-827-3286, e-mail daniel.jeske@ucr.edu
- Junio/June
11-14 The 4th International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICES IV), at the Sheraton Centre Montreal in Quebec, Canada. International survey practitioners from government agencies, academia and private sector will gather for this Conference to discuss current events, future vision, and cutting-edge methods in surveying businesses, farms and institutions. E-mail: ices4@amstat.org. Website: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2012/index.cfm?fuseaction=main>.
- Julio/July 28-
Agosto/Aug 2 2012 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in San Diego, California, USA, jointly with the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Statistical Society of Canada. Contact: ASA Meetings, phone 1-888-231-3473, fax 1-703-684-8069, e-mail meetings@amstat.org. For more information: www.amstat.org/meetings/.
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- Sept./Sept.
12-14 The 2012 IAOS Conference will be held in Kiev, Ukraine. It will focus on how statistical offices are ensuring that the key messages in their statistics are getting through to users and are adding value to decision making. Further details can be found at <http://isi.cbs.nl/iaos/conferences/2012ConferenceAnnouncement.pdf>. If you have any suggestions for the topics of the conference, could you please forward them to Siu-Ming Tam at siu-ming.tam@abs.gov.au.

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- Agosto/August
3-8 2013 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, jointly with the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Statistical Society of Canada. Contact: ASA Meetings, phone 1-888-231-3473, fax 1-703-684-8069, e-mail meetings@amstat.org. For more information: www.amstat.org/meetings/.

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Agosto/August 24-31 International Statistical Institute, 59th ISI World Statistics Congress. 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, to be held in Hong Kong, S.A.R. China. Information: ISI Permanent Office, P.O. Box 24070, 2490 AB The Hague, The Netherlands, phone +31-70-3375737, fax +31-70-3860025, e-mail isi@cbs.nl. Website: <http://www.isi2013.hk>.

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Agosto/August 2-7 2014 Joint Statistical Meetings and ASA's 175th Anniversary, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. It will be held jointly with the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Statistical Society of Canada. Attended by over 5500 people, activities of the meeting include oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, continuing education courses, exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities), placement service, society and section business meetings, committee meetings, social activities, and networking opportunities. Contact: ASA Meetings, phone 1-888-231-3473, fax 1-703-684-8069, e-mail meetings@amstat.org. For more information: www.amstat.org/meetings/.

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PARA NUESTROS CORRESPONSALES**

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