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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.

NOTICIAS DEL INSTITUTO

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Carta del Presidente

Estimados colegas:

Ha pasado un año desde que he estado ejerciendo la Presidencia del IASI. Cuando fuí elegido no tenía una buena idea de las cuestiones que debería encarar como Presidente. En el IASI la preparación de los vicepresidentes para asumir la presidencia es altamente deficiente. Es un problema estructural que debe ser resuelto por el Comité Ejecutivo y el Secretario del IASI.

Sin embargo, no me tomó mucho darme cuenta de que había que hacer frente a problemas múltiples y complejos. Al principio fuí ingenuo, pensé que la lógica indicaría soluciones simples para grandes problemas. Ahora conozco mejor, la lógica puede ser útil para resolver problemas matemáticos y estadísticos, pero puede ser una mala elección para tratar cuestiones diarias, tradición y complejas reglas de relación entre las oficinas nacionales de Estadística y el IASI.

Me he estado sintiendo mal equipado para hacer frente a algunos de estos problemas. Algunas de las cuestiones trascienden al IASI y a las interrelaciones con sus miembros. Tengo la sensación de que es poco lo que un Presidente puede hacer al respecto. Por ello, estoy bajando mis expectativas de logros en el corto plazo que me queda como Presidente del IASI. Voy a centrarme en objetivos que podrían facilitar la labor de los futuros presidentes y comités ejecutivos del IASI. En particular, me gustaría: (a) continuar trabajando en nuestra revista *Estadística* de manera que esté al día al final de mi mandato, y que los problemas de producción y distribución que-

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Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues:

It has been a year since I have been exercising the Presidency of the IASI. When I was elected I did not have a good idea of the issues that I would face as President. The IASI training of its vice-presidents to assume the presidency is highly deficient. It is a structural problem that should be solved by the IASI Executive Committee and its Secretary.

It did not take me long, however, to realize that there were multiple and complex problems to deal with. At first, I was naïve, I thought that logic would dictate simple solutions for big problems. Now I know better, logic may be useful in solving mathematical and statistical problems but it may be a poor choice in dealing with daily issues, tradition, and complex rules of engagement between national offices of statistics and the IASI.

I have been feeling ill equipped in facing some of these problems. Some of the issues transcend IASI and the inter-relations with its membership. I sense that there is little a President can do about them. For that reason, I am scaling down my expectations for accomplishments in the short time ahead of me as IASI President. I am going to concentrate on objectives that could facilitate the work of future presidents and executive committees of IASI. In particular, I would like to: (a) Continue working on our journal *Estadística* such that it is current at the end of my term and that the production and distribution issues get resolved once and for all; (b) set up a

den resueltos de una vez por todas; (b) establecer un proceso suave para asegurar la continuidad del Secretario del Instituto; y (c) actualizar la página web de nuestro Instituto.

Si esta carta parece ser una repetición de la de diciembre de 2010, no es una coincidencia. Creo que las cuestiones mencionadas aquí y las enumeradas en la carta de diciembre son fundamentales en el presente y el futuro de IASI. Tienen que ser pensadas, abordadas y ojalá resueltas para asegurar un futuro brillante para nuestra institución. Espero que al final de mi mandato como Presidente pueda informar algunos progresos en relación con estas cuestiones.

Atentamente,

smooth process to follow to ensure continuity of the Secretary of the Institute; and (c) updating our Institute web page.

If this letter seems to be a repetition of my December 2010 letter to you, it is not a coincidence. I feel that the issues listed above and the issues listed in the December letter are core in the present and future of IASI. They have to be thought about, tackled, and hopefully solved to ensure a bright future for our institution. At the end of my term as President, I hope I can report some progress in dealing with these issues.

Sincerely,



Luis A. Escobar
 Presidente / President, IASI
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA - Marzo / March 2011

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.

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.

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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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.

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.

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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.

We kindly request that the authors consult with the Executive Editor the specific regulations regarding the presentation of originals.

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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.

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.

Ofrecimiento de cursos

En 2006 el Comité Ejecutivo del IASI decidió promover la organización de cursos dentro de su Programa 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.

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.

Offered courses

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Brasil

UNESCO premia al IBGE por la tecnología en el Censo 2010. Las innovaciones tecnológicas usadas en el Censo 2010, el primero en el mundo que se realizó de manera totalmente digital, llevaron al IBGE a ser uno de los diez premiados por la UNESCO y por la Netexplorateur, ONG francesa para el desarrollo de la sociedad digital.

El Presidente del Instituto, Eduardo Pereira Nunes, y el Coordinador de Tecnología del Censo 2010, José Sant'Anna Bevilaqua, estuvieron en París el 3 y el 4 de febrero para recibir el premio "*Netexplorateur Palmares 100*" y presentar el caso de éxito.

Netexplorateur (www.netexplorateur.org) es un observatorio para divulgación de nuevos usos de Internet en todo el mundo. Cada año establece una lista de las 100 innovaciones más prometedoras y premia las 10 más importantes, en el "*Netexplorateur Palmares 100*".

NATIONAL NEWS

Brazil

UNESCO rewards IBGE for technology in the 2010 Census. The technological innovations used in the 2010 Census, the first total digital census in the world, granted IBGE a position among the 10 award winners announced by UNESCO and Netexplorateur, French NGO, for the development of the digital society.

The President of the Institute, Eduardo Pereira Nunes, and the Coordinator of the 2010 Census Technology, José Sant'Anna Bevilaqua, were in Paris on February 3 and 4 to receive the prize "*Netexplorateur Palmares 100*" and to present the case of success.

Netexplorateur (www.netexplorateur.org) is an observatory for the dissemination of new uses of Internet in the whole world. Every year, it lists the 100 most promising innovations and rewards the 10 most important ones, in the "*Netexplorateur Palmares 100*".

De acuerdo con los organizadores, "en 2010, el IBGE (Instituto Brasileño de Geografía y Estadística) realizó un censo completo de la población brasileña para determinar la localización, tamaño y hábitos de cada familia, o sea, casi 200 millones de habitantes. El uso extensivo de tecnología móvil en la encuesta la hizo la primera operación totalmente digital en gran escala (...). La operación sin papel también proporcionó beneficios económicos y ambientales".

Además del evento de premiación, se realizó un foro en el cual se presentaron los posibles impactos socio-económicos de las 10 innovaciones premiadas. El objetivo fue ayudar a los participantes (formuladores de políticas públicas, académicos y representantes de los medios de comunicación y de los negocios) a entender cómo la cultura digital transformará su ambiente, negocios y métodos de trabajo, preparándolos para nuevas prácticas y modelos de gestión.

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Premio "Profesional de Tecnología de la Información 2010". En diciembre, el Director de Informática del IBGE, Paulo César Moraes Simões, ganó la 11ª edición del premio "*Profesional de Tecnología de la Información 2010*", en el segmento "Gobierno", promovido por el sitio Informática Hoje (<http://www.informaticahoje.com.br>), en reconocimiento al liderazgo que ejerció en el área de Informática del Censo 2010.

En la primera etapa del proceso de premiación, Simões fue seleccionado por un comité de más de 500 personalidades del sector de Tecnología de la Información (IT): ejecutivos, empresarios, consultores y académicos. Estos indicaron 50 profesionales, en diez segmentos, para votación entre los suscriptores del sitio, lo que definió la lista final de 10 ganadores.

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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.

According to the organizers, "in 2010 IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics) conducted a complete census of the Brazilian population to determine the place, size and habits of each family, that is, almost 200 million residents. The extensive use of mobile technology in the survey made it the first totally digital operation in large scale (...). The paperless operation also promoted economic and environmental benefits".

In addition to the award ceremony, possible socioeconomic impacts of the 10 award-winner innovations were presented in a forum. The purpose was to help participants (public policy makers, scholars and media and business representatives) understand how digital culture will transform their universes, businesses and working methods, preparing them for new practices and management models.

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Prize "Professional of Information Technology 2010". In December, the Director of Informatics of IBGE, Paulo César Moraes Simões, won the 11th edition of the prize "*Professional of Information Technology 2010*", in the "Government" category, promoted by the site Today Informatics (<http://www.informaticahoje.com.br>), for his leadership in the area in the 2010 Census.

In the first phase of the award process, Simões was chosen by a committee with more than 500 personalities of the Information Technology (IT) sector: executives, businesspeople, consultants and scholars. They nominated 50 professionals in ten sectors to be voted by site members, who defined the final list of 10 winners.

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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).

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

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.

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 poster, 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.

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.

Próximamente se divulgará una convocatoria de propuestas 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.

Chile

III Congreso Bayesiano de América Latina (III COBAL) & XXXVIII Jornadas Nacionales de Estadística (XXXVIII JNE). Estos eventos se llevarán a cabo en Pucón, del 23 al 27 de octubre de 2011. [Página web: http://cobal2011.usach.cl/](http://cobal2011.usach.cl/).

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

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

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.

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.

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.

A call for proposals of short courses and tutorials, as 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.

Chile

III Latin American Meeting on Bayesian Statistics (III COBAL) & XXXVIII National Meeting of Statistics (XXXVIII JNE). These events will be held in Pucón, on October 23-27, 2011. [Website: http://cobal2011.usach.cl/](http://cobal2011.usach.cl/).

El Congreso Bayesiano de América Latina (COBAL) es un evento de carácter internacional cuya importancia en nuestra región es abrir un espacio que permita la discusión y la interacción entre investigadores, académicos y estudiantes, con el objetivo de fortalecer aún más el intercambio científico entre los bayesianos latinoamericanos.

Este congreso se ha realizado en dos oportunidades. La primera vez se realizó en el año 2002 en Ubatuba, Brasil, y posteriormente, en el año 2005 en Los Cabos, México. En ambas oportunidades se contó con la presencia de distinguidos investigadores del área.

Las Jornadas Nacionales de Estadística (JNE) es el principal evento de la comunidad Estadística a nivel nacional, y dentro de sus objetivos están:

- i) Difundir desarrollos recientes sobre teoría y aplicaciones de la Estadística en sus distintas áreas,
- ii) Comunicar resultados sobre innovación tecnológica basada en análisis estadísticos,
- iii) Presentar nuevas metodologías empleadas en la enseñanza de la Estadística,
- iv) Promover el desarrollo de la Estadística en la comunidad regional, nacional e internacional.

Estados Unidos

64° Instituto de Verano Anual sobre Técnicas de Investigación por Encuestas. El Instituto de Verano sobre Técnicas de Investigación por Encuestas es un programa de enseñanza del Centro de Investigación por Encuestas del Instituto de Investigación Social. Se encuentra en el campus central de la Universidad de Michigan, en [426 Thompson Street](#), en Ann Arbor, Michigan.

El 64° Instituto de Verano Anual se realizará del 6 de junio al 29 de julio de 2011. La misión del Instituto de Verano es proporcionar formación de postgrado rigurosa y de calidad en todas las fases de la investigación por encuestas. El programa enseña novedades en la práctica y teoría en el diseño, implementación y análisis de encuestas. Se ofrecerán cursos de postgrado en Metodología de Encuestas en dos períodos de sesiones consecutivos de cuatro semanas, del 6 de junio al 1 de julio y del 5 al 29 de julio. Hay varios cursos de una y dos semanas, que también pueden ser elegidos en cada período de sesiones. El

The Latin American Congress on Bayesian Statistics (COBAL) is an international event whose purpose is to allow discussion and interaction among researchers, academics and students, with the aim to further strengthen scientific exchange within the Bayesian community in Latin America.

This Congress has been performed twice. The first time was in 2002 in Ubatuba, Brazil, and the second time in 2005 in Los Cabos, Mexico. In both occasions the Congress counted with the participation of distinguished researchers in the field.

The National Meeting of Statistics (JNE) is the main event of the national statistical community, and among its objectives are to:

- i) Present recent developments in statistical theory and applications in different areas,
- ii) Communicate results of technological innovation based on statistical analysis,
- iii) Introduce new methodologies in the teaching of statistics,
- iv) Promote the development of statistics in the regional, national and international communities..

United States

64th Annual Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques. The Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques is a teaching program of the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research. It is located on the central campus of the University of Michigan at [426 Thompson Street](#) in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The 64th Annual Summer Institute will be conducted on June 6-July 29, 2011. The mission of the Summer Institute is to provide rigorous and high quality graduate training in all phases of survey research. The program teaches state-of-the-art practice and theory in the design, implementation, and analysis of surveys. Graduate-level courses through the Program in Survey Methodology will be offered in two consecutive four-week sessions, from June 6 through July 1, and from July 5 through July 29. There are a number of one and two week courses, as well, that may be elected in each session. Registration

registro y la orientación se realizarán en la mañana del lunes 6 de junio de 2011.

Para más información visite www.si.isr.umich.edu.

ACTIVIDADES INTERNACIONALES

42° Período de Sesiones de la Comisión de Estadística de las Naciones Unidas

Del 22 al 25 de febrero de 2011 se celebró, en la sede de las Naciones Unidas, en Nueva York, el 42° Período de Sesiones de su Comisión de Estadística. El programa estuvo, como de costumbre, enfocado al seguimiento de una amplia lista de actividades estadísticas desarrolladas en forma cooperativa al nivel internacional y regional, con participación de grupos de países y organismos y agencias internacionales.

Además de las reuniones destinadas al examen y debate de los temas de la agenda regular del Período de Sesiones, el programa de actividades incluyó una serie de seminarios, foros y otro tipo de eventos laterales, a los que se destinó espacio del 18 al 24 de febrero. En particular, el lunes 21 se realizó una reunión de trabajo de los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo y otros miembros de la Conferencia Estadística de las Américas, asistentes al 42° Período de Sesiones.

En estas reuniones participó el Secretario Técnico del IASI, acompañado por el Dr. Robert McCaa, del Centro de Población de la Universidad de Minnesota, miembro afiliado del IASI.

El Secretario Técnico aprovechó la ocasión para establecer contactos con los Directores de Estadística de varios países de la región, así como con representantes de organismos y agencias internacionales, en relación con diversos aspectos del programa de trabajo del IASI, en particular la XI Reunión sobre Estadística Pública.

Mención especial merecen los contactos diarios realizados por el Secretario Técnico con la delegación del Instituto Internacional de Estadística (ISI), compuesta por el Presidente, el Presidente Electo y la Directora de la oficina permanente, con quienes se analizaron ideas de cooperación futura.

and orientation will be held during the morning of Monday, June 6, 2011.

For more information visit www.si.isr.umich.edu.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

42nd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

The 42nd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission was held in the United Nations headquarters in New York, on February 22-25, 2011. The program was focused, as usual, in the follow-up of an ample list of statistical activities developed in cooperative way at the international and regional levels, with the participation of groups of countries and international organizations and agencies.

In addition to the meetings to examine and debate the themes in the regular agenda for the Session, the program of activities included a series of seminars, forums and other kind of side events, for which space was assigned from 18 to 24 February. Particularly, a working meeting of the members of the Executive Committee and other members of the Statistical Conference of the Americas attending the 42nd Session was held on Monday 21.

The Technical Secretary of IASI participated in these meetings, accompanied by Dr. Robert McCaa, from the Minnesota Population Center, an Affiliated member of IASI.

The Technical Secretary took advantage of the occasion to contact the Directors of Statistics of several countries of the region, as well as representatives of international organizations and agencies, in relation to diverse aspects of the work program of IASI, particularly the XI Meetings on Public Statistics.

Special mention deserve the daily contacts made by the Technical Secretary with the delegation of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), composed of the President, the President-elect and the Director of the permanent office, with whom ideas for future cooperation were analysed.

**Décima Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo
de la CEA - CEPAL**

Del 6 al 8 de abril de 2011 se realizará, en la ciudad de La Habana, Cuba, la Décima Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo de la Conferencia Estadística de las Américas (CEA), de la Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL).

La CEA-CEPAL es un órgano subsidiario de la Comisión, que promueve el desarrollo y mejoramiento de las estadísticas nacionales y su comparabilidad internacional, así como la cooperación internacional, regional y bilateral en materias estadísticas en la región.

**Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the SCA - ECLAC**

The Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA), of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) will be held in the city of Havana, Cuba on April 6-8, 2011.

The SCA-ECLAC is a subsidiary body of the Commission that seeks to promote the development and improvement of national statistics and assure they are internationally comparable. The Conference also promotes international, regional and bilateral cooperation on statistics in the region.

CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 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. Website: 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 14-15 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. 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.

2011

- Mayo/May
8-12
- The Fourth Lehmann Symposium, to be held in Houston, Texas, USA. This is the fourth of a series of Symposia on theoretical statistics with emphasis on optimality. The Symposium consists of a series of plenary lectures and invited sessions. Contributed papers are also welcome. The series started to honor Erich Lehmann's work and impact on the discipline. Those interested in presenting in a contributed session can email a title and an abstract to jrojo@rice.edu. A volume of refereed papers will be published. For more information visit www.stat.rice.edu/~jrojo/4th-Lehmann. Contact: Javier Rojo, phone 1-713-348-2797, e-mail jrojo@rice.edu.
- 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, University of Memphis. The goal of the conference is to bring together leading researchers in the area of design and analysis of experiments including combinatorial design and also the practitioners in the pharmaceutical, chemometrics, physical, biological, medical, social, psychological, economic, engineering or manufacturing sciences. Website: <http://www.msci.memphis.edu/ICODOE2011>. Contact: Manohar Aggarwal at maggarwl@memphis.edu or call at telephone 1-901-678-3756.
- Mayo/May
19-21
- GDRR 2011 - Second Symposium on GAMES AND DECISIONS IN RELIABILITY AND RISK, symposium to be held at Hotel Villa Carlotta, in Belgirate (VB), Lake Maggiore, Italy. The symposium, organised by CNR IMATI and George Washington University, follows the one held in Washington at the George Washington University in 2009. The objective of the symposium is to present novel use of game and decision theory in reliability and risk analysis and to bring together researchers from disciplines such as economics, engineering, finance, mathematics, medical sciences, probability and statistics who have a lot to contribute to this theme. All sessions at the symposium will be plenary, with a mix of invited and contributed talks. For more information visit www.mi.imati.cnr.it/conferences/gdrr11.html. Contact: FABRIZIO RUGGERI, telephone: +39 0223699532, fax +39 0223699538, e-mail fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it.
- 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
13-17
- Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy (SCMA) V, to be held in University Park, PA, USA. The SCMA conferences, held every five years since 1991, are the premiere forum for research statisticians and astronomers to discuss methodological issues of mutual interest. For more information visit astrostatistics.psu.edu/su11scma5/. Contact: Eric Feigelson, telephone 1-814-865-0162, e-mail: edf@astro.psu.edu.
- 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>.

2011

- Junio/June 26-29 ICSA 2011 Applied Statistics Symposium, to be held in The Westin New York Hotel at Time Square, New York, NY, USA. ICSA applied statistics symposium has successfully attracted statisticians all around the world, to exchange and explore new scientific research and application techniques. 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 traditional theoretical/applied areas, interdisciplinary research would be encouraged and promoted. Contact: stat2011@mathstat.concordia.ca. Web page <http://www.stat2011.ca>.
- 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/.

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- 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.
- 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 Sílvio 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.
- Oct./October 20-22 GEOMED 2011: Conference on Spatial Statistics and Geomedical Systems, to be held at the Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria, BC, Canada. GEOMED 2011 is the 7th international, interdisciplinary conference on spatial statistics and geomedical systems, and it is jointly sponsored by the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University. Today, more and more issues are arising in public health involving geography, spatial statistics, and medicine. GEOMED brings together statisticians, geographers, epidemiologists, computer scientists, and public health professionals to discuss methods of spatial analysis, as well as present and debate the results of such analyses. Detailed information is available at: <http://geomed2011victoria.com/>. Program Co-Chairs: Farouk Nathoo (nathoo@math.uvic.ca) and Charmaine Dean (dean@stat.sfu.ca).
- Oct./October 23-27 III Latin American Meeting on Bayesian Statistics (III Congreso Bayesiano América Latina-III COBAL) & XXXVIII National Meeting of Statistics (XXXVIII Jornadas Nacionales de Estadística-XXXVIII JNE), to be held in Pucón, Chile. Website: <http://cobal2011.usach.cl/>.

2011

Dic/December 4-9 67th Annual Deming Conference on Applied Statistics, to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA, sponsored by the American Statistical Association (ASA). The purpose of the three-day conference is to provide a learning experience on recent developments in statistical methodologies in twelve three-hour tutorials. The conference is followed by two parallel short courses. Web page: www.demingconference.com. Contact: Walter Young, telephone 6109891622, e-mail: demingchair@gmail.com.

2012

Feb./February 16-18 2012 American Statistical Association Conference on Statistical Practice, to be held in Orlando, Florida, USA. This is a conference designed to aid applied statisticians in improving their abilities in consulting with and helping customers and organizations solve real-world problems. Web page: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/csp/2012/index.cfm>.

Marzo/March 30-31 Information and Econometrics of Networks, to be held in Washington, DC, USA. For more information visit www.american.edu/cas/economics/info-metrics/workshop/workshop-2012-spring.cfm. Contact: Amos Golan, telephone 1-202-885-3770, fax 1-202-885-3790, e-mail: info-metrics@american.edu.

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 16-18 International Symposium in Statistics (ISS) 2012 on Longitudinal Data Analysis Subject to Outliers, Measurement Errors, and/or Missing Values, to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. For more information visit www.iss-2012-stjohns.ca. Contact: Brajendra Sutradhar, telephone 1-7098648731, fax 1-7098643010, e-mail bsutradh@mun.ca.

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.

2013

Agosto/August 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/.

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>.

2014

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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