

## **Irena Križman, Vice-President of the ISI, received the *Blejec Award* for her "outstanding achievements in the development of statistics in Slovenia".**

Irena Križman devoted her entire professional career to statistics. She worked in the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SURs) for almost forty years and was SURs Director General for the last ten years before her retirement in 1993. Already before that, as the SURs Deputy Director, she had a vision for transforming the office into a modern, internationally opened and professionally competent organization. With her energy and determination, she managed to modernize the statistical system in Slovenia, always following high professional standards, openness and independence of statistical services.

Irena has been also active on the international statistical scene. Not only within the ISI, where she served as President of the IAOS and now as ISI Vice-President, but also as a member of councils and committees in organizations like the World Bank, Eurostat and European Commission. For more than 25 years she was the main organizer of successful international conferences known as Radenci meetings. Radenci meetings were a place for exchanging experiences between prominent international statisticians. Irena was always in favour of bridging the gap between the official statistics and academia which is realized in the Statistical Society of Slovenia (SSS). The SSS is proud to have such a prominent member.

About the award:

The *Blejec Award* is the most prestigious award of the Statistical Society of Slovenia. The award is named after Marijan Blejec (1919 - 1992) who is considered the most important Slovenian statistician in former Yugoslavia. As a chief methodologist in the Slovenian Statistical Office after the war and later as a professor of Statistics at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana, he introduced modern statistics not only to the office and Economics studies, but also to many other scientific disciplines at the University of Ljubljana and industry. He was an elected member of the ISI .



*(From right to left): Irena Križman (receiver of the Blejec Award), Andrej Blejec (President of the SSS), Ana Slavec (receiver of the Award for the Excellence of Statistical Reporting in the Media)*