

IASS News April 2016

- **Funding Opportunity to Attend the 9th French Colloquium in Survey Sampling**

As a sponsor of the 9th French Colloquium in Survey Sampling (<http://sondages2016.sfds.asso.fr/inscriptions/>), and with the assistance of the ISI World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (WTFSCB), IASS has set up a competitive award to financially support young statisticians from developing countries to cover expenses to attend the event.

Based on 9 submissions, the scientific committee has selected three candidates and also launched a second opportunity to identify other candidates, which will end by May 16. **So, there is still time to prepare a short paper and submit an application.** For details, follow the link <http://sondages2016.sfds.asso.fr/pays-en-developpement/>.

The 3 shortlisted candidates in the first round (and their papers) are:

- ✓ **Daouda Ilboudo** (Burkina Faso) - Evaluation de l'impact d'un programme/projet sur les performances des entreprises d'une localité: plan de sondage, mesure et significativité de l'impact (Evaluation of the impact of a program/project on the performances of enterprises of a village: sample design, measurement and significativeness of its impact);
- ✓ **Arouna Sow** (Burkina Faso) - Estimation provinciale du taux de chômage au Burkina Faso: une illustration de l'application des techniques d'estimation sur petits domaines (Provincial estimation of the unemployment rate in Burkina Faso: an example of the application of small area estimation techniques);
- ✓ **Belmondo Voufo Tanakem** (Cameroon) - Estimation sur petit domaine: application à la construction de la carte de pauvreté du Cameroun (Small Area estimation: application to the construction of the poverty map of Cameroon).

- **Invited Paper Session Proposals for the 2017 WSC**

61st World Statistics Congress (WSC) of the ISI will be held from 16 to 21 July 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco. The Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) received 33 IPS proposals related to IASS. We would like to thank the IASS community for making an active contribution to the development of the WSC scientific programme. The SPC will meet next May in Marrakesh to deliberate about all the proposals.

- **How to contribute to the next issue of the IASS Newsletter – The Survey Statistician**

We would like to invite all members to contribute to our newsletter by volunteering to send articles, book/software reviews and country reports to the next issue of *The Survey Statistician* to be published in July.

Check *The Survey Statistician* issues at <http://isi-iass.org/home/services/the-survey-statistician/> .

Please let Denise Silva (denisebritz@gmail.com) know if you would like to contribute an article to the New and Emerging Methods Section.

If you have any questions which you would like to be answered by an expert, please send them to Ken Copeland (copeland-kennon@norc.org) and if you are interested in writing a book or software review, get in touch with Natalie Shlomo (Natalie.Shlomo@manchester.ac.uk).

- **Future IASS Sponsored Conferences and Meetings**

- ✓ **ICES V** - The Fifth International Conference on Establishment Surveys, 20-23 June 2016 (<http://www.portal-stat.admin.ch/ices5/>).

- ✓ **BNU 2016** - The Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian (BNU) Network on Survey Statistics will take place on 22-26 August 2016 in Kyiv, Ukraine. (<http://wiki.helsinki.fi/display/BNU/Events>).

- ✓ **The 9th French Colloquium in Survey Sampling** to be held in Quebec, Canada on 11-14 October 2016 (<http://sondages2016.sfds.asso.fr/>).

- **Future events on Survey Statistics and Survey Methods** – check the calendar of events and the January 2016 issue of *The Survey Statistician* on our website <http://isi-iass.org/home/>.