



IASS News December 2016

- **Competition for Young Survey Statisticians from Developing and Transitional Countries – The Cochran-Hansen Prize 2017**

In celebration of its 25th anniversary in 1999, the IASS established the **Cochran-Hansen Prize**. The Prize is awarded every two years for the best paper on survey research methods submitted by a young statistician from a developing or transition country (living in such countries and born in 1987 or later).

Submission for the 2017 C-H Prize is already open. We strongly encourage young, early career statisticians, to consider applying for this prestigious award and we also ask our members to promote this prize competition.

For information on how to submit a paper for consideration in the competition, eligibility rules and requirements for the paper, please visit the ISI website (https://isi-web.org/images/news/2016-022017_Cochran-Hansen_Prize.pdf) or contact Denise Silva (denisebritz@gmail.com).

A paper submitted for the competition must be written in English and must consist of original work which is either unpublished or has been published after January 1, 2016. It may be based on a university thesis.

The deadline for submission is **15 February 2017**. All papers must be sent to the chair of the IASS 2017 C-H Prize Committee, Professor Monica Pratesi (monica.pratesi@unipi.it).

- **Funding Opportunity for Developing Country Participants to attend the 61st ISI World Statistics Congress in Marrakech – 16-21 July 2017**

Application for funding from World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building is now open and will close on **6 January 2017**. Candidates must be permanent residents of a developing country, and must be ISI members (regular or elected). For more information visit <http://www.isi2017.org/index.php/isi2017/news/124-application-for-funding-from-world-bank-trust-fund-for-statistical-capacity-building> .

- **Future IASS Sponsored Conferences**

- ✓ **2017 Conference honouring Jon Rao on the occasion of his 80th birthday** from 24-27 May 2017, at Yun-An Auditorium in Kunming, China, hosted by the School of Mathematics and Statistics at Yunnan University. (<http://www.raoconference2017.com/>)

- ✓ **5th Italian Conference on Survey Methodology (ITACOSM 2017)** will take place at the Department of Statistical Sciences of the University of Bologna from 14-16 June 2017.

ITACOSM is a bi-annual international conference promoted by the Survey Sampling Group (S2G) of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS) whose aim is to promote methodological and applied research in survey sampling related to all sciences.

ITACOSM 2017 will include plenary (invited) sessions on relevant themes, specialized (invited) sessions on specific topics, contributed sessions, and poster sessions. The conference website is <https://events.unibo.it/itacosm2017>.

- ✓ **ISI Satellite meeting on Small Area Estimation (SAE 2017)** to take place in Paris from 10-12 July 2017 (<http://sae2017.ensai.fr>). The conference is organized by Ensai (Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse de l'Information), the CREST (Centre de Recherche en Economie et Statistique) and the ILB (Institute Louis Bachelier).