IASS News January 2017

Happy New Year!

- **IASS will sponsor many great conferences in 2017. We are looking forward to meeting you at one of them!**

    - **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. 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).

    - **Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian Network Workshop on Survey Statistics 2017** will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 21-25 August 2017. Details will be available soon on (https://wiki.helsinki.fi/display/BNU/Events).

    - **European Establishment Statistics Workshop (EESW) 2017** to be held in Southampton (UK) on 30 August-1 September. For more information on EESW17 and the E*uropean Network for Better Establishment Statistics* (ENBES), please visit www.enbes.org.

- **There is still time to submit a paper for the Cochran-Hansen Prize 2017 - Competition for Young Survey Statisticians from Developing and Transitional Countries**

    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 transitional country (living in such countries and born in 1987 or later).

    Submission for the 2017 C-H Prize is already open. We strongly encourage the 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 1 January 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).