

IASS News November 2019

New Elected IASS Officers 2019-2021

Monica Pratesi (Italy) is President-Elect and the four new Vice-Presidents are: James Chipperfield (Australia), Isabel Molina (Spain), Nadia Lkoulf (Morocco) and Lucia Pereira Barroso (Brazil).

Congratulations to all the new elected officers. Thanks to all those who agreed to stand for election and to the nomination committee.

The Survey Statistician

The July 2019 issue of *The Survey Statistician* is available [here](#).

Highlights:

- The Ask the Experts section provides a response by Paul Biemer to the question: *Can a Survey Sample of 6000 Records Produce More Accurate Estimates than an Administrative Data Base of 100 Million? (The Answer May Surprise You)*.
- The New and Emerging Methods section presents an article *Quantile-type Methods for Small Area Estimation*, written by Nikos Tzavidis, James Dawber and Raymond L. Chambers.
- The Book & Software Review section contains a review by Aleksandras Plikusas of the book *The Unit Problem and Other Current Topics in Business Survey Methodology* (2018), edited by Boris Lorenc, Paul A. Smith, Mojca Bavdaž, Gustav Haraldsen, Desislava Nedyalkova, Li-Chun Zhang and Thomas Zimmermann.

The issue also contains a Country Reports section with nine country reports, as well as Table of Contents of relevant journals, and announcements for upcoming conferences.

Next TSS issue will be published in January 2020. The previous issues are [available](#) free of charge.

Upcoming conferences on survey statistics and related areas

Use of R in Official Statistics 2020 - 8th International Conference will take place on 6–8 May 2020 in Vienna, Austria. [Website](#).

Q2020 - 10th European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics will be held on 9–12 June 2020 in Budapest, Hungary. [Website](#).

ICES VI - The International Conference on Establishment Statistics will be organized on 15–18 June 2020 in New Orleans, U.S. [Website](#).

SAE2020 - Conference on Small Area Estimation will be held in 6–8 July 2020 on Naples, Italy, with a general theme "Big Data for Small Areas". Details will be announced.

Summer School on Survey Statistics 2020 will be organized on 24–28 August 2020 in Minsk, Belarus. [Website](#).

11e Colloque International Francophone sur les Sondages - 11th International Francophone Conference on Surveys will be organized on 13–16 October 2020 in Brussels, Belgium. [Website](#).

BigSurv20 - Big Data Meets Survey Science will be organized on 4–6 November 2020 in Utrecht, Netherlands. [Website](#).

The Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS) of the ASA

Information on activities of the Survey Research Methods Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA) are available [here](#).

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