

IAOS Contribution to ISI Newsletter – September 2013

IAOS General Assembly

The IAOS General Assembly was held during the WSC in Hong Kong and saw the formal election of the new Executive Committee

Shigeru Kawasaki, Professor, Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan (President)

Ola Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (President – elect)

Yasin Elhag Abdin, Director General, Sudan (Member)

Steve Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, USA (Member)

Angela Me, Chief, Research and Trend Analysis Branch, United Nations, Vienna (Member)

Mario Palma, Vice President, INEGI, Mexico (Member)

Stephen Leung, Assistant Commissioner, Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China (SCORUS representative)

Ada van Krimpen, Director of ISI Permanent Office, will continue to be an ex-officio member supporting the Executive Committee as treasurer.

In addition, consistent with the new statutes, I have also appointed Nancy McBeth, Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi to the committee.

In my presidential address to the General Assembly, I set out my goals for the presidency. Essentially, I would like to pursue the strategic goals set by the outgoing President (Stephen Penneck) for his term, as I find them appropriate for my term as well. They are as follows:

- (1) Delivering successful conferences and workshops
- (2) Developing and supporting the membership
- (3) Delivering successful publications and communications
- (4) Improving our effectiveness

In achieving these targets, I would like to place special emphasis on the following points.

- (1) To encourage more active engagement of members worldwide
- (2) To strengthen relationship with other ISI associations and academic societies
- (3) To improve communication among the IAOS members through the web site

The incoming committee will be working hard to achieve these.

2014 Young Statisticians Prize of IAOS

The planning is well underway for the 2014 Young Statisticians Prize. Information about the [2014 competition](#) including timetable and application details is now on the IAOS website.

The winner's prize includes attendance at the 2014 IAOS conference in Da Nang, Vietnam.

Please share the information about the Prize with your colleagues who may be eligible.

Entries for the 2014 Young Statisticians Prize of IAOS close on February 3 2014.

For details of YSP, visit IAOS website (<http://isi.cbs.nl/IAOS/index.htm>), and see the section of 'Young Statisticians Prize'.

2014 IAOS Conference - 8 to 10 October 2014

Planning for the 2014 IAOS Conference is well underway. The [conference](#) has the theme: 'meeting the demands of a changing world'. It will be held from 8 to 10 October 2014 in Da Nang Vietnam.

The conference will examine how producers of official statistics can work with others to maintain relevance, add value and respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by new technologies and data sources.

We encourage contribution from, and participation by, producers and users of official statistics, and those organizations who have key relationships with official statistics producers - such as data providers, data disseminators and educational institutions.

The themes of the conference cover a broad range of topics, such as:

- How to respond to emerging user needs – such as the demand for real-time data
- Innovative forms of data collection – using different sources such as social media and different modes such as mobile phones
- The role of official statistics in a “big data” world
- Improving data sharing while protecting privacy and confidentiality
- Promoting understanding to wider audiences through linking and combining data
- Building partnerships with commercial data suppliers
- Sharing production processes

More information can be found at the conference website <http://iaos2014.gso.gov.vn>

Abstracts must be submitted by 31 January 2014. These should be submitted to 2014iaos@gmail.com

Any questions about the work of the IAOS should be directed to Shigeru Kawasaki (President), at Kawasaki.shigeru@gmail.com