Name of Committee: Awards Committee

Name of Chairperson: Helen MacGillivray
Year of Appointment of the Chair: 2013

Details about Current Committee Members:
The following were all appointed in 2014 unless otherwise indicated.
ISI Council Representative: Jim Zidek
ISI-at-large Representative: Clarice Demetrio
BS: Nancy Reid
IAOS: Angela Me
IASC: J.J. Lee
IASE: John Harraway
IASS: Risto Lehtonen
ISBIS: Maria Pilar Munoz-Gracia
TIES: Rosalba Ignaccolo (2015)

Ex-officio
ISI Director: Ada van Krimpen
ISI Permanent Office Liaison: Shabani Mehta

Activities in the Past 12 Months:
1. Web pages
The web pages for the Awards Committee and for the ISI and Association awards were re-designed and updated. The Chair and Association representatives check and send in updated information when available.

2. Tinbergen Committee
Chair: Nalini Ravishanker (USA)
Members:
Kaye Basford (Australia)
Yves-Laurent Grize (Switzerland)
Tommy Wright (USA)
Elena Zavora (Russian Federation)
Ex-officio:
Jack Kalbfleisch (USA)

By the closing date of 10th December, 2014, 27 eligible applications were received from 23 applicants. Initial scoring produced a shortlist of 6, with a final ranking giving a winner and joint runners-up, with judging completed by 26th March, 2015.

3. Mahalanobis Committee
The composition was given in the 2014 report. By the closing date of 30th September, 2014, 11 nominations were received. Committee members were asked to rank nominees based on contributions to statistics capacity building, institution building, social development and also methodological innovation. Each member was also encouraged to give separate rankings for work in 'official statistics' and other fields. The chair considered the top rankings and used total ranks, allowing for separate ranks if used.

Although there was some divergence in rankings, the decision was clear and completed by 8th March, 2015. Based on feedback from the chair and a letter from the Government of India, the Awards Committee (AC) chair was asked by the EC to design criteria and a rubric to assist future Mahalanobis committees in fulfilling the purpose of this award. A draft received feedback at the EC meeting in March, 2015, and the final version is now available.
4. WBTFSCB
   Chair: Delia North (South Africa)
   Members:
   Camelia Goga (France)
   Angela Me (Austria)
   Paulo Rodrigues (Brazil)
   Ron Sandland (Australia)
   Grace Shieh (Taiwan)
   Ex-officio:
   Werner Mueller (Austria)

   The closing date and timeline were designed to fit in with the requirements for CPS for WSC2015. Due to a decision by the EC in November, 2014, to combine support for satellites and short courses in the overall WBTFSCB process, and the associated need to inform Associations and arrange for letters of support, the closing date was extended to 30th January, 2015. Because more than 250 applications were received, the AC chair provided extensive assistance to the WBTFSCB chair in devising a selection process, and then from 23rd March until mid-June, 2015, (subsequent to the WBTFSCB’s processes) worked with the PO on applying letters of recommendation, identifying reserves, IPS/STS applicants and coordinating with EFTA, StatsSA and ASA funding.

5. Karl Pearson
   Only the AC chair was involved in this, as EC member and in discussions with the chair and previous chair.

6. Service Awards
   The ISI Service Awards were decided by the EC after members of the Awards Committee were asked if they had any suggestions for ISI Service Awards.

7. Awards brochure
   Association presidents and AC representatives were asked for the necessary information for the Awards brochure which the PO produced for the WSC2015 ceremony. Decisions on the various arrangements for presentations and timings during the WSC were made by the EC.

   Proposed Activities in the Future 12 Months:
   The criteria and rubric for the Mahalanobis will be sent to the 2015-2016 chair when appointed and the Government of India, and the call and committee for the 2016 award established.

   The AC chair will ask committee members for general feedback and for discussion on possible service awards by Associations.

   The AC chair will prepare for the EC a report and recommendations on processes for future WBTFSCB selections (and related matters) for WSC's.

   Issues for the Consideration of ISI EC - Council:
   1. Reference to Karl Pearson prize be removed from AC's TOR, as this award is overseen by EC.
   2. The EC develop sustainable criteria for ISI service awards.

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