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विषयः- **Announcement of 2017 Competition for the Young Statisticians Prize**

International Association for Official Statistics International Statistical Institute ले हरेक वर्ष Young Statisticians को लागि प्रदान गर्दै आएको Statisticians Prize को लागि December 15, 2016 सम्ममा Paper Submit को लागि विभागमा कार्यरत इच्छुक Young Statistician लाई अनुरोध गरेको जानकारी गरिन्छ । यस सम्बन्धी विस्तृत विवरण विभागको Webpage का साथै सूचना पाटीमा समेत हेर्न सकिने व्यहोरा अनुरोध छ ।

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बोधार्थः- श्री व्यवस्थापन सूचना प्रणाली, सूचना प्रविधि तथा लगत प्रशोधन शाखाः विभागको website मा सूचना अपलोड गर्नुहुन ।

International Association for Official Statistics
International Statistical Institute

August 29, 2016

To Heads of National and International Statistical Offices

Announcement of 2017 Competition for the Young Statisticians Prize

Each year, the IAOS awards Prizes to Young Statisticians who have authored excellent papers on official statistics. I am writing to ask for your cooperation in encouraging young statisticians to enter the competition by submitting their papers by December 15, 2016.

The International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is an international professional association promoting the understanding and development of official statistics. It has been actively contributing to this end since its founding in 1985. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and your office for supporting the activities of our association.

The Young Statisticians Prize is an annual international competition sponsored by the IAOS to encourage more young statisticians (those under the age of 35) to take an active interest in official statistics. The announcement of the 2017 competition, the Technical Guidelines for submitting papers and the YSP2017 submission template, are attached. Up to three prizes are awarded annually and the deadline for submission is December 15, 2016. The awarding ceremony for YSP2017 competition will take place during the 61st World Statistics Congress which will be held in Marrakech, Morocco in July 2017.

As the current IAOS President, I am asking you to encourage young statisticians in your office who are eligible for the competition to participate, and share the enclosed materials with other official statistical offices with which you interact, including those of federal, regional, and local governments.

The IAOS is looking forward to having many applications and to encouraging young statisticians to pursue careers related to official statistics either by working for official statistics agencies or by being actively engaged in research or developing applications of importance to official statistics. For the 2016 award, three winning papers were selected from 34 eligible applications.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation on this matter. I hope to maintain and strengthen the working relationship between your office and the IAOS.

Please explore the IAOS official website, for more information about the YSP2017

Prize: http://iaos-isi.org/

With warmest regards,

President of IAOS

Announcement of Competition

IAOS Young Statisticians Prize for year 2017

Announcement of Competition

To encourage more young statisticians to take an active interest in official statistics, the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is announcing its next annual competition for the best paper in the field of official statistics written by a young statistician. In addition to the monetary prizes, the first place winner will receive travel funds to present the paper at one of the sessions at the 61st World Statistics Congress in Marrakech, Morocco in July 2017.

We encourage submitters to address, and propose solutions to, pressing methodological or strategic issues in the area of official statistics at the regional, national or international level. The paper must be ten or fewer pages in length, be submitted in English, and not have been previously presented in a public forum or published. An international panel will judge the papers based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and/or strategic merit;
- Originality;
- Applicability of the ideas in (practice of) statistical offices; and
- Quality of the exposition.

Papers must be submitted by December 15, 2016 till 11:59 PM according to (GMT+2) timing. The decision of the panel will be final. Prizes will only be awarded if papers of significant quality are submitted.

A maximum of three co-authors is allowed for a paper. An author can participate in only one paper. The author or authors of the best paper will be awarded:

- A cash prize valued at €1,500 (divided among co-authors if applicable);
- Presentation of the paper at a session at the 61st World Statistics Congress, with airfare and hotel accommodation provided (for only one author in situations of co-authorship);
- Two years of IAOS membership; and
- A certificate of award from the IAOS acknowledging success in this competition.

Prizes may also be awarded to those in second and third place:

- 2nd Place - A cash prize valued at €1000, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate;
- 3rd Place - A cash prize valued at €500, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate.

Prize winning papers will be considered for publication in the Statistical Journal of the IAOS.

To be eligible, authors (and co-authors) must:

- Be under the age of 35 on **December 15, 2016**; and
- Be employed[1] by an official statistical agency[2] on **December 15, 2016**.

Submissions must comprise a maximum of 10 pages **plus** a cover page that must include:

- A mention that it is a "Submission for the IAOS 2017 Prize for Young Statisticians";
- The title of the paper;
- The name(s), job title(s), and e-mail addresses of the author(s);
- The name of the employing official statistical agency(ies); and
- An abstract of no more than 15 lines.

Any material beyond the core text of the paper, such as table of contents, references, appendices, tables, and graphs, must be contained within the maximum of 10 pages. Any submission exceeding 10 pages plus the cover page will be disqualified.

Please submit papers, in MS Word or compatible format[3] to:

(IAOS.YSP2017@inegi.org.mx)

You can submit questions you may have about the competition to the same e-mail address.

You may visit the following link, for more information: http://www.iaos-isi.org/index.php/statistics-prize

[1] Full-time, part-time, or contractual employees are eligible. Professional consultants or members of the teaching profession carrying out a contract with the agency are not eligible. An employee who also teaches or studies on a part-time basis is eligible.

[2] A National or International Statistical Agency, the Statistics Department of a Central Bank or the Statistics Department of a Ministry or Regional or Local Government in a decentralized National Statistical System.

[3] In Cambria, Times New Roman, or other standard (size 12) font, with side, top, and bottom margins of 1 inch (25.4 millimeters).

IAOS 2017 Young Statisticians Prize (YSP)

Guidelines for Formatting a Paper for Submission

- The paper must be presented in English.
- The paper must be prepared as a Word file.
- Before submitting the paper, it must be converted to a PDF file with no security protection.
- The original Word file plus the PDF file must both be submitted.
- The paper must comprise a maximum TEN pages including references, plus the cover page.
- Font and size: Times New Roman, 12-point.
- Margins: with side, top, and bottom margins of 1 inch (25.4 millimeters).
- Single spaced and single column.
- No page numbers.
- Participants must submit their CVs or a brief professional biography.

Organize the paper as follows:

1. The cover page:
    - State that the paper is a "Submission for the 2017 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians";
    - Paper title (at most two lines) in bold font;
    - Name(s) of author(s) and job title(s);
    - Affiliations(s): Department or organization within a statistical agency;
    - Website(s): Address of the agency;
    - City, country;
    - Author(s) age(s) on December 15, 2016;

- Contact author's e-mail address;
- Abstract: at most 15 lines.

Title, name(s), affiliation(s), age(s), and e-mail should be centered as indicated in the sample below.

2. Body of the paper:
   - All material, including the core text of the paper, table of contents, references, appendices, tables, charts, and graphs, must be contained within the maximum of 10 pages.
   - Organize the paper in sections: introduction, intermediate sections, and conclusion.
   - Text should be fully justified (left and right). Color graphics are acceptable. Information taken from the web or other electronic or paper sources should be properly referenced.
   - References within the text should preferably follow the style used in statistical journals as indicated in the example below: Holmberg, Anders, 2012, Discussion on assessing quality of administrative data. Statistica Neerlandica, Vol 66(1), p 34-40.
3. CV
   - Provide a CV or briefly describe the professional biography (of each author).

Note: these rules should be carefully followed and any submission that doesn't follow them will be disqualified.

4. YSP 2017_Submission Template. The submission template should be completed, saved and attached as a separate document.

Young Statistician Prize 2017 – Submission Template

Your name	
Title of your paper	
About you…..	
Will you be under 35 on December 15, 2016?	Yes/No
Will you be employed by an official statistical agency as at December 15, 2016?	Yes/No
Are you a professional consultant or member of the teaching profession carrying out a contract with an official statistical agency? *Note that if your answer is yes, you are not eligible for the 2017 IAOS Young Statistician Prize*	Yes/No
Is your agency a National or International Statistical Agency, the Statistics Department of a Central Bank or the Statistics Department of a Ministry or the Statistics Unit of a Regional or Local Government in a decentralized National Statistical System	Yes/No
About your paper ……	
Is your paper ten or fewer pages in length, excluding the cover page?	Yes/No
Is your paper in English?	Yes/No
Have you followed the guidelines for the paper in terms of format (i.e. font, margins, cover page etc.)?	Yes/No
Have you provided your paper both as a Word file and a PDF?	Yes/No
Has your paper been previously presented in a public forum, or being published, or submitted for publication? *Note that if your answer is yes, you are not eligible for the 2017IAOS Young Statistician Prize*	Yes/No
Do you have more than three co-authors?	Yes/No
Are any of your co-authors participating in other papers submitted to the IAOS 2017 Young Statistician Prize?	Yes/No
Have you included your CV with your submission?	Yes/No
Have you read and followed the guidelines for the paper? *Guidelines can be found here Guidelines for Papers.*	Yes/No

Thank you for your time. Please send this completed form with your paper to IAOS.YSP2017@inegi.org.mx ***before 11:59 pm on December 15 2016.***