



International Year of Statistics News

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Congratulations to All for a Successful International Year of Statistics

After today, there will be just one day left in the International Year of Statistics (Statistics2013). As of now, 364 days of the worldwide celebration of statistics have passed with much activity, attention and fanfare committed by the 2,317 organizations from 128 countries that signed up for Statistics2013.

As 2013 comes to a close, it is the time to praise and congratulate those who have helped make the past year possible and make it so vibrant and constructive.

The credit for the overwhelming success of Statistics2013 is not solely attributable to the organizers of the event—although they played a significant part engaging statistical organizations around the world in the celebration and rightfully deserve accolades.

Instead, the largest share of the credit for Statistics2013's success goes to your organization and the other 2,316 participating organizations and their thousands of dedicated, hard-working members and employees who planned and conducted numerous activities and events that increased public awareness of statistical science and of the key contributions it makes to improve our global society.

There are too many key contributors to identify by name in this newsletter—we wouldn't want to omit a name. That's why we—[the members of the Statistics2013 Steering Committee](#)—tip our hats in honor of all that each of you have done and accomplished in the name of the International Year of Statistics and the profession of statistical science over the past year.

[You conducted countless events](#) throughout the year—and in late 2012 before Statistics2013 officially launched—that addressed [the campaign's three goals](#) of raising public awareness, introducing young people to statistics careers, and promoting creativity in statistical science. It was through these events that the public was introduced to statistical science and how it makes our world better.

We want to single out a handful of countries for their high participation in Statistics2013 and their uncommon commitment to the celebration. Those countries are Bulgaria, Mexico and Spain. We cannot point to any single reason why each of these countries were so engaged with the International Year of Statistics; we simply are grateful for everything each country did to make their countrymen and women aware of the celebration. To each we send a heartfelt: "Job Extremely Well Done and Thank You!"

The legacy of the International Year of Statistics will be [the recently introduced The World of Statistics](#), a new organization formed by the Statistics2013 Steering Committee and charged with continuing to work toward achieving Statistics2013's three primary goals and helping bring to reality [the newly announced International Prize in Statistics](#), a "Nobel-like" prize in statistical science that will recognize the major achievement of an individual or team in the field of statistics.

The World of Statistics will have its own website and related communications mediums. By late January, the [Statistics2013 website](#) will become www.worldofstatistics.org (remember to bookmark this new address in your "Favorites"). Additionally, the Twitter handle will change January 1 to @astatworld (please follow us). And, this newsletter will become *News of The World of Statistics*. Starting January 20, the newsletter will be published every three weeks and will be emailed to you and thousands of your colleagues worldwide.

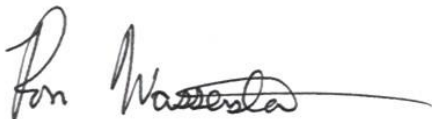
As you have done previously, please send us information about your organization's upcoming events and completed activities using either the Event Submission Form for the Activities Calendar or the Post-Event Information & Photo Submission Form on The World of Statistics website. We will publish your event on the Activities Calendar or your article in an upcoming issue of the *News of The World of Statistics*.

We strongly encourage your organization's active participation in The World of Statistics. If you choose to do so, you do not have to do anything. Your organization will be listed on the website of The World of Statistics as a participant and we'll continue to provide you information about statistics-related events around the world. To update or add contacts for your organization, send an email to ron@amstat.org. If you choose to not continue your organization's participation, please send an email with that message to ron@amstat.org.

As a continuing participant, we invite your organization to help populate The World of Statistics website with content about your planned events and activities and the other feature areas on the new website. Use either the previously mentioned webforms or email your organization's content to jeffrey@amstat.org.

In conclusion, we thank you for a successful International Year of Statistics and very much look forward to working with you and your colleagues through The World of Statistics.

On Behalf of the Members of the Statistics2013 Steering Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Wasserstein", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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