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India Universities, Societies to Celebrate National Statistics Day



The Department of Statistics at Sri Venkateswara University and the Indian Society of Probability and Statistics (ISPS) are jointly organizing a 10th National Statistics Day on June 29, 2016. Professor M. Manorharan of Calicut University and Professor Avd Rao of AN University will provide guest lectures.

Workshop on the Economics of Mobility, Tourism Planned for Fall



The International Network on Regional Economics Mobility and Tourism (INRouTe) will conduct a workshop this fall titled "[Measuring Tourism and Sustainability: A Statistical Insight at Subnational Levels – UNWTO Guidelines in Line with the UN Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development](#)" on November 22, 2016 at the Palazzo Di CaFoscari Dorsoduro in Venice, Italy.

Statistics Professionals in Africa Re-launch Organization

At the Ethiopian Statistical Association (ESA) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, May 20-23, statistics professionals across Africa relaunched the [African Statistical Association](#) (AfSA). The ESA conference was jointly organized by the Ethiopian Statistical Association with the Central Statistics Agency, African Development Bank and UN Economic Commission for Africa. The conference established an interim steering committee (ISC) and advisory group (AG) of AfSA to advocate among national statistical associations, national statistics offices and community of data producers and users in Africa; facilitate the draft constitution of AfSA; and organize an inaugural conference for AfSA.

Conference on Official Statistics Set for Next Year in Bosnia and Herzegovina



The Institute for Statistics of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina and the School of Economics and Business of the University of Sarajevo are organizing [ICOS2017, the inaugural International Conference on Official Statistics](#), which will take place in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on March 30-31, 2017. The conference

aims to gather scientists and practitioners from multiple countries and disciplines to present their research, discuss opportunities and challenges that official statistics is facing, and pave the path for development and modernization of the field, while inspiring and attracting new generations to engage in this exciting work in the era of the global data revolution.

Financial Information Forum in Portugal Covers Data Integrity, Security



The Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) and the Banco de Portugal (BoP) organized the second meeting of the [Financial Information Forum of Central Banks of Latin America and the Caribbean \(FIF\)](#) in Lisbon, Portugal, May 4-7, 2016. The meeting focused on best practices in the collection, compilation, management, production and use of financial information. Pedro Duarte Neves, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Portugal, and

Fernando Tenjo Galarza, Director General of CEMLA, highlighted the role of information in the task of central banks to design and implement policies aimed at preserving monetary and financial stability. One particular session touched on the role that standards play in the process of information management, and the new edition of the *Manual of Monetary and Financial Statistics* was referenced. More than 50 representatives from 25 institutions attended the meeting, including notable groups such as Latin America and Caribbean and European national central banks, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the European Central Bank (ECB).

Statisticians Compile “10 Simple Rules for Effective Statistical Practice”



Statistics may be everywhere, but a constant challenge for researchers is that statistics aren't always understood, calculated or communicated effectively. Leading statisticians Robert Kass of Carnegie Mellon University; Brian Caffo of Johns Hopkins University; Marie Davidian of North Carolina State University; Xiao-Li Meng of Harvard University; Bin Yu of the University of California Berkeley; and Nancy Reid of the University of Toronto have penned “Ten Simple Rules for Effective Statistical Practice” to help researchers avoid pitfalls of misrepresenting

data or formulating hypotheses based on faulty statistical reasoning. The list was recently published in the journal [PLOS Computational Biology](#).

Call for Papers Issued for Upcoming Islamic Statistics Conference



The Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences is hosting the [14th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical and Allied Sciences](#) (ICCS-14) on December 12-15, 2016, at the National College of Business Administration & Economics Sub-Campus in Multan, Pakistan. The conference theme is "Statistical Sciences for Better Governance, Building and Facing a Viable Future with Prism of Prospects." The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 10, 2016; and the deadline for submission of full-length papers is November 15, 2016.

ASA Statement on P-values Published in *The American Statistician*



The American Statistical Association's Statement on P-values and Statistical Significance has been published in the [May 2016 issue](#) of *The American Statistician*. The statement has been downloaded more than 117,000 times since it was originally released on March 7, 2016. A Spanish version will soon be posted in the supplements section of the article, thanks to the work of Professor Lucas Garibaldi and his students at the University of Río Negro in Argentina.

New Issue of IAOS Journal Featuring U.S. 2020 Census Now Available



The [June issue](#) of the Statistical Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is now available. The theme of the issue is "The US 2020 Census: A New Design for the 21st Century." In addition to the papers related to the plans for the next U.S. census, there are papers reaching out to users and producers of official statistics throughout the world. The issue also features an interview with Stephen Penneck, Past-President of the IAOS, and former Director-General of the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS). All papers in the June issue are open access.

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