

# *News from the World of Statistics*



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## **International Prize in Statistics Winner to be Announced on October 20**



The first recipient of the International Prize in Statistics will be announced October 20, 2016. Like the acclaimed Fields Medal, Abel Prize, Turing Award and Noble Prizes, the International Prize in Statistics is considered the highest honor in its field. It is bestowed every other year to an individual or team for major achievements using statistics to advance science, technology, and human welfare and comes with a monetary award of \$75,000 USD. The award officially will be presented

at the World Statistics Congress next July in Marrakech, Morocco.

## **CAUSE Cartoon Caption Contest Accepting Monthly Entries**



The Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education (CAUSE) has announced its fifth [Cartoon Caption Contest](#). Each month a cartoon, drawn by British cartoonist John

Landers, will be posted for academicians and students to suggest statistical captions. The best captions will be posted on CAUSEweb and the winner(s) will receive a coffee mug or t-shirt imprinted with the cartoon or free registration to [eCOTS 2018](#), the Electronic Conference for Teaching Statistics. Winners of the September Caption Contest were Eugenie Jackson, a student at the University of Wyoming, and Amy Nowacki from Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve University.

## **Scientific Workshop on Mathematical Models Takes Place in Cuba**

The Groups of Probability and Statistics and Optimization recently celebrated its second national workshop. Attendees included researchers and statisticians of the Centers of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Molecular Engineering, Evaluation of Medicaments, as well as professors from various universities and executives involved in research and administrative

institutions of Cuba. Talks centered on applications developed in the evaluation and development of new drugs, geostatic studies of diseases, and the dynamic of the Zika epidemic.

### JSM 2016 Sessions, Plenaries Now Available on ASA Website



If you missed something at [JSM 2016](#) or weren't able to attend, the educational presentations and plenary session recordings are now available online. This year's event was one of the largest, drawing more than 7,000 statistics professionals from around the world to exchange ideas and explore opportunities for collaboration. In the meantime, mark your calendars to join us next year, July 29-August 3, 2017 for [JSM 2017](#) at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

### IAOS Issues Call for Papers for Upcoming Special Issue



A special issue of the Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics will focus on urban, regional and small area statistics. [A call for papers](#) has been issued particularly for subject areas dealing with geographical and other breakdowns of official statistics related to relevant urban and regional planning, territorial and targeted policies on various levels of government are welcome. Papers dealing with the challenges and solutions of integration of geospatial and statistical data are most welcome.

The call embraces also new and evolving uses of small area statistics, e.g., easy access and open access to official statistics of high granularity showing the importance of official statistics in facilitating citizens' participation. All submissions will go through the SJIAOS review process, and the deadline for submitting a manuscript is December 1, 2016. Authors are requested to submit their manuscript electronically to the journal's editorial management system.

### Nominations Open for Ethel Newbold Prize in Statistical Science



Awarded every two years, the [Ethel Newbold Prize](#) recognizes a historically important role of women in statistics. The prize of 2500€ recognizes an outstanding statistical scientist for a body of work that represents excellence in research in mathematical statistics and/or excellence in research that links developments in a substantive field to new advances in statistics – without reference to the gender of the recipient. In fact, the prize will not be awarded unless the set of all nominations includes candidates from both genders. Generously supported by Wiley, the next recipient of the Ethel Newbold Prize will be announced in the spring of 2017, and the award presentation will take place at either the Bernoulli World Congress or the World Statistics Congress.

## Lectures, Presentations, Data to Mark European Statistics Day



Mark your calendars to celebrate [European Statistics Day](#) on October 20, 2016. Spearheaded by the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC), with support from members of the European Statistical System (ESS) and the European System of Central Banks, the theme of this year's event is "Better Data. Better Lives." A number of European statistical bodies are planning activities around the day, most notably lectures and presentations on the importance of official statistics at the Conference of European Statistics Stakeholders (CESS) in Budapest. CESS brings together European methodologists, producers, and users of statistics to discuss user needs, share best practices in the production of official statistics, present innovative ways of visualizing and communicating statistics, and advance new methodological ideas for collecting and analyzing data.

Additionally, Romania's National Institute of Statistics is hosting its own series of events around the theme of "Statistics: a Treasure to Be Discovered." Activities there include a round-table discussion titled "Agricultural Statistics - The Project of the New European Community Framework" that will feature experts from the NIS, Romania's NIE (National Institute of Economy), and the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).

## Women in Statistics, Data Science to be Focus of U.S. Conference



The ASA's [Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference](#) will take place October 20-22, 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event will bring together hundreds of statistical practitioners and data scientists for educational, professional development and networking opportunities and will highlight the achievements, career interests and role of women in today's statistics and data science fields.

Keynote speakers include Cynthia Clark, former administrator of the U.S. National Agricultural Statistics Service; Stacy Lindborg, vice president of Biostatistics at Biogen Idec; Wendy Martinez, director of the Mathematical Statistics Research Center at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); and Bin Yu, professor in the Departments of Statistics and Electrical Engineering & Computer Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

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