

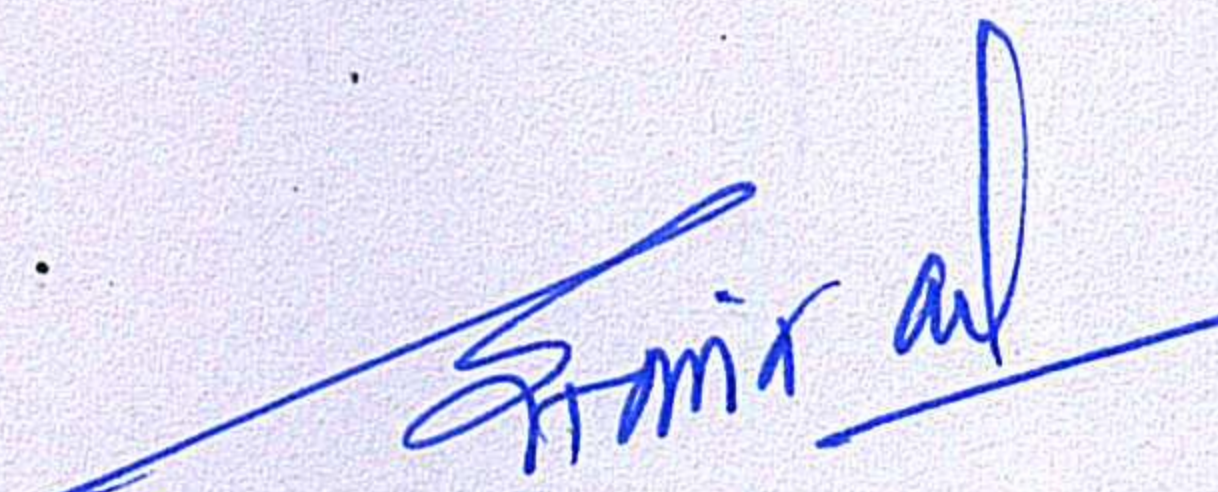
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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: - Competition for the 2017 AIOS Prize for Young Statisticians by International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) - Reg**

A copy of the self-explanatory communication dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 of the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) regarding competition for the 2017 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians is circulated herewith for information. Eligible and interested officers may submit paper(s) on Official Statistics for the competition by the stipulated date i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to the organizers, with the due approval and necessary permission from the competent authority.



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*Enclosures as above.*

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Subject: **Fwd: YSP2017 - extend the closing date to 15 February 2017**

To: Shrikant Kale <shrikant.kale@nic.in>

Date: 02/01/17 12:45 PM

From: RAJ KUMAR GAUTAM <rkautamiss2001@gmail.com>

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From: **Ajay Kumar Gupta** <akgupta@nic.in>

Date: Mon, Jan 2, 2017 at 11:12 AM

Subject: Fwd: YSP2017 - extend the closing date to 15 February 2017

To: Gautam R K ISS Director Training MoSPI <rkautamiss2001@gmail.com>

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From: **G C Manna** <gc.manna1@gmail.com>

Date: Jan 1, 2017 11:05:02 AM

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To: akgupta <akgupta@nic.in>, Raman Savithri <rsavithri@nic.in>

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From: **T.C.A. Anant** <tca.anant@nic.in>

Date: Wed, Dec 28, 2016 at 12:05 PM

Subject: Fwd: YSP2017 - extend the closing date to 15 February 2017

To: DG <gc.manna1@gmail.com>, DG <gc.manna@nic.in>

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From: **Stefan Schweinfest** <schweinfest@un.org>

Date: Dec 28, 2016 2:39:49 AM

Subject: YSP2017 - extend the closing date to 15 February 2017

Cc: Stefan Schweinfest <schweinfest@un.org>, Sabine Warschburger <warschburger@un.org>

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to share with you the attached letter in regard to the YSP2017 competition.

Kindly note that the deadline to submit papers has been extended to 15 February 2017.

For additional information, please check <http://www.iaos-isi.org/index.php/statistics-prize> or contact [IAOS.YSP2017@inegi.org.mx](mailto:IAOS.YSP2017@inegi.org.mx).

All the best,

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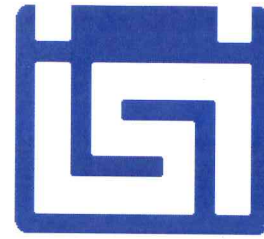
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Dr. G. C. Manna

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December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**2017 Competition for Young Statisticians Prize – Closing Date extended to 15 February 2017**

Dear IAOS members and supporters,

I am writing to ask your support to advise all Young Statisticians interested in the 2017 Competition for the Young Statisticians Prize, that the closing date has been extended to

**15 February 2017**

Apart from the monetary prizes, the first prize winner will be invited to present the paper at one of the sessions at the 61st World Statistics Congress in Marrakech, Morocco in July 2017.

The winning papers will also be eligible to be published in the Statistical Journal of the IAOS – SJIAOS.

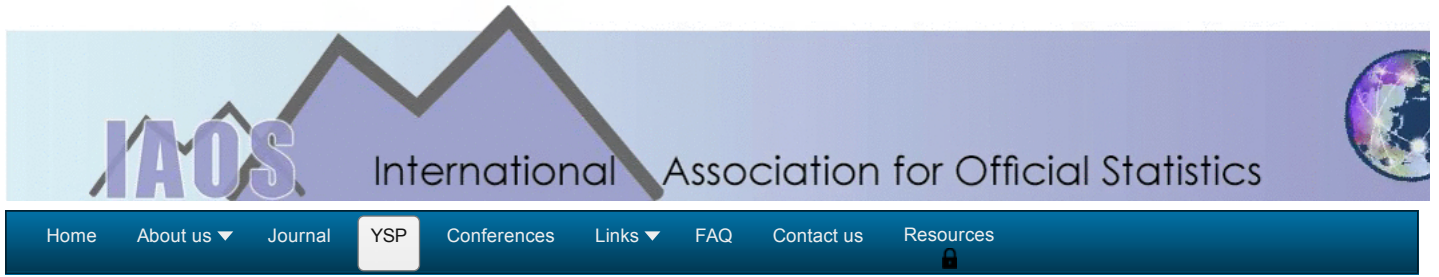
More details on the competition can be found on the IAOS website – at <http://www.iaos-isi.org/index.php/statistics-prize>, and you can contact us at ([IAOS.YSP2017@inegi.org.mx](mailto:IAOS.YSP2017@inegi.org.mx)) if you need more information.

Thank you again for your support for the Young Statisticians Prize competition, and wish you all the best for 2017.

See you in Morocco,

Ola Awad

IAOS President



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 61<sup>st</sup> 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 February 15, 2017 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 61<sup>st</sup> 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:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - A cash prize valued at €1000, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>[1]</sup> by an official statistical agency<sup>[2]</sup> on **February 15, 2017**.

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<sup>[3]</sup> to:

[IAOS.YSP2017@ineqi.org.mx](mailto:IAOS.YSP2017@ineqi.org.mx)

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

For more information, download the [YSP2017 Submission Template](#) & the [YSP2017 Guidelines](#).

## YSP 2017 Posters



<sup>[1]</sup> 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.

<sup>[2]</sup> 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.

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

**2016 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians**

The IAOS is pleased to announce that the international Selection Committee has completed its review and rating of the papers submitted for the 2016 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians. The Selection Committee was favorably impressed by the general quality of the papers submitted and judging them was a demanding process. The IAOS would like to express gratitude to the Selection Committee members for their considerable contribution.

The results of the 2016 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians are as follows:

First Prize: [Balancing Input-Output tables with Bayesian Slave-raiding ants](#) by: Rolando Gonzales Martinez (Bolivia)

Second Prize: [Variance reduction using a non-informative sampling design](#) by: Thomas Zimmerman (Germany)

Third Prize: [CURIOS: A framework to optimize CAPI surveys using paradata](#) by: Antoine Rebecq and Thomas Merly-Alpa (France)

The IAOS congratulates the winners and commends all the candidates for the effort that went into preparing their papers.

Abstracts can be accessed by through the links above.

**2015 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians****2014 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians****2013 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians****2012 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians****2011 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians**

## 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.



Sample:

*This sample is from the first-place winning paper in 2014, by Ms. Laura O'Sullivan.*

Submission for the 2017 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians

## **Linking, selecting cut-offs, and examining quality in the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI)**

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### Abstract

This paper examines why different linking approaches are used depending on the data being linked, the reason it is being linked, and the country's rules and regulations. We compare our linking approach in the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) with other linking at Statistics New Zealand and at the Australian Bureau of Statistics. We describe the new methods we have developed to select cut-offs, decide when to do a clerical review, and determine the quality of the links in the IDI. We explain how, during our development, dividing the links into near-exact and non-exact links has helped us to select cut-offs. Human intervention is an important part of our process, although we minimise the amount required where possible. We examined run-times, and found the biggest factor affecting these was block sizes.

1. Introduction.
2. Results.
3. Conclusions.
4. References.

## Young Statistician Prize 2017 – Submission Template

<b>Your name</b>	
<b>Title of your paper</b>	
<b>About you.....</b>	
Are you under 35 on December 15, 2016?	Yes/No
Will you be employed by an official statistical agency as at February 15, 2017?	Yes/No
Are you a professional consultant or member of the teaching profession carrying out a contract with an official statistical agency?  <i>Note that if your answer is yes, you are not eligible for the 2017 IAOS Young Statistician Prize</i>	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
<b>About your paper .....</b>	
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?  <i>Note that if your answer is yes, you are not eligible for the 2017IAOS Young Statistician Prize</i>	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?  <a href="#"><u>Guidelines can be found here Guidelines for Papers.</u></a>	Yes/No

**Thank you for your time. Please send this completed form with your paper to [IAOS.YSP2017@ineqi.org.mx](mailto:IAOS.YSP2017@ineqi.org.mx) before 11:59 pm on February 15, 2017.**