

## 2014 IAOS Young Statisticians Prize

### 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 statistician under the age of 35. Up to three winning papers may receive monetary prizes. In addition, the first place winner will receive travel funds to present the paper at one of the sessions at the IAOS Conference in DaNang, Vietnam in October 2014.

We encourage submitters to address, and propose solutions to, pressing methodological or strategic issues in the area of official statistics at the local, 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 3, 2014 until 11:59 PM according to (GMT +2) time.** 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);
- An opportunity to present the paper at a session at the 2014 IAOS Conference, 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 to compete for the Young Statisticians Prize, authors (and co-authors) must:**

- Be under the age of 35 on February 3, 2014; and
- Be employed by an official statistical agency between August 1, 2013 and February 3, 2014.

Please note that full-time, part-time, or contractual employees are eligible. An employee who also teaches or studies on a part-time basis is eligible. However, professional consultants or members of the teaching profession carrying out a contract with the agency are NOT eligible.

Also, an Official Statistics Agency is defined as: 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.

**To be eligible, papers must meet all the Technical Guidelines.** They are available from the IAOS Home Page below, by clicking on the YSP link:

<http://isi.cbs.nl/IAOS>

One of these Guidelines concerns the length of the paper -- a maximum of 10 pages **plus** a cover page that must include all the items specified in the Guidelines. Any material beyond the core text of the paper, such as a table of contents, references, appendices, tables, and graphs, must be contained within the maximum of 10 pages.

**Any paper that exceeds 10 pages, that omits the cover page, or that does not follow any of the other Technical Guidelines will be disqualified.**

You may submit any questions you have about the competition to:

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For more information about the IAOS, please visit:

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