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To Heads of National Statistical Offices

**Announcement of 2014 Competition for the Young Statisticians Prize**

Each year, the IAOS awards Prizes to Young Statisticians who have authored excellent papers on official statistics. I am writing to ask for your cooperation in encouraging young statisticians to enter the competition by submitting their papers by February 3, 2014.

The International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is an international professional association promoting the understanding and development of official statistics. It has been actively contributing to this end since its founding in 1985. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and your office for supporting the activities of our association.

The Young Statisticians Prize is an annual international competition sponsored by the IAOS to encourage more young statisticians (those under the age of 35) to take an active interest in official statistics. The announcement of the 2014 competition, and the Technical Guidelines for submitting papers, are attached. Up to three prizes are awarded annually and the deadline for submission is February 3, 2014.

As the current IAOS President, I am asking you to:

Encourage young statisticians in your office who are eligible for the competition to participate, and

Share these materials with official statistical offices with which you interact, including those of federal ministries and regional and local governments in your country.

The IAOS is looking forward to having many applications and to encouraging young statisticians to pursue careers related to official statistics – either by working for official statistics agencies or by being actively engaged in research or developing applications of importance to official statistics. For the 2013 award, three winning papers were selected from 35 eligible applications.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation on this matter. I hope to maintain and strengthen the close working relationship between your office and the IAOS.

With warmest regards,

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