

## 2024 Hukum Chandra Memorial Prize

The 2024 prize selection committee members were:

Eric Rancourt (Chair, Statistics Canada)  
Sharon Lohr  
Siu-Ming Tam  
Nancy McBeth

Dr. Hukum Chandra was a survey statistician from India who passed away due to COVID-19 in 2021. The memorial prize has been created to honor his memory. The prize is awarded to a mid-career statistician whose work is related to that of Hukum Chandra.

Selection criteria are:

- Quality of the paper.
- Overall quality of the CV.
- Topic closely aligned to Hukum Chandra's research interests
- Career trajectory close to Hukum Chandra's career trajectory.

The committee received 3 high quality submissions from around the world. All submissions were received within the deadline as specified by the call for expressions of interest and all applicants met the call's eligibility criteria.

**The committee unanimously agreed to award the 2024 Hukum Chandra Memorial Prize award to Dr. Nicola Salvati, University of Pisa, for his paper: 'A nested error regression model with high-dimensional parameter for small area estimation' (with Partha Lahiri) .**

The committee was impressed by the quality and scientific rigour of the paper and the quality of Nicola Salvati's CV.

The winner of the prize receives 500 euros and will present his work at the IASS October 2024 Webinar.

### Reference

Partha Lahiri, Nicola Salvati, A nested error regression model with high-dimensional parameter for small area estimation, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B: Statistical Methodology*, Volume 85, Issue 2, April 2023, Pages 212–239.  
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