December 2021 Newsletter: International Association of Survey Statisticians

Jean-Claude Deville

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Jean-Claude Deville has passed away. Even if the news reached us with some delay, we still wanted to share it to leave him a tribute for his fundamental role in sampling and estimation methods. We all know the impact that his works on calibration, including generalized calibration for the treatment of response, on balanced sampling, on variance estimation and resampling have left on the theory and practice of sampling research. Personally, his works have profoundly influenced my research themes; his withdrawn but cordial attitude reflected his particularly original approach to problems which has always been an inspiration for me. In 2022 we will celebrate 30 years of calibration and remember him with a session in his memory during the ITACOSM2022 conference in June. Other initiatives will be announced in due time.

About the IASS

The new IASS LinkedIn page is now set up and running! Follow IASS activities and updates on LinkedIn! https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-association-of-survey-statisticians-iass

The December 2021 issue of *The Survey Statistician* **(TSS)** is being finalised and will be circulated in January. The TSS is an open access journal. If you would like to contribute an article for future issues to the *Ask the Experts*, *New and Emerging Methods*, and *Book and Software Review* sections please approach the TSS editors or M. Giovanna Ranalli (email below).

IASS Newsletters are available at http://isi-iass.org/home/2021-newsletters/

The calendar of events is available at http://isi-iass.org/home/events/

The IASS Twitter account @iass_isi

Please feel free to send items to publish in future IASS newsletters to M. Giovanna Ranalli by the 15th of each month giovanna.ranalli@unipg.it

IASS Webinar Series

The IASS Webinar Series continues to be a **very successful** initiative: the last webinar by Ray Chambers, Enrico Fabrizi and Nicola Salvati on Robust analysis of linked data had many participants from all over the world! The current timetable for IASS webinars is below. Note that CET is Central European Time. Links to register for the webinars are provided below where available. More details, such as abstracts will be directly emailed to registered members. A list of previous IASS webinars can be found here and recordings are available here. If you would like to contribute with suggestions for future speakers contact Andrea Diniz da Silva at andrea.silva@ibge.gov.br

#13 Making inferences from non-probability samples through data integration
Jean-François Beaumont
Wed, January 26, 2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM CET
Register at: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5376013043902022414

#14 Rescuing non-probability samples: an experience with model-based inference from a web-panel survey
Marcelo Trindade Pitta, Pedro Luis do Nascimento Silva
Wed, February, 23, 2022
Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4407747921751545614

#15 Approaches for combining data from multiple probability samples.
Marcel Vieira
Tue, March, 22, 2022
Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4492814937503201808

Call for Conference Support for 2022

The Call for Conference support for 2022 will be released in the January issue of the Newsletter.

Upcoming IASS-Supported Conferences

Latest Developments in the Theory and Practice of Sample Surveys and Censuses will be held on 12th March 2022 and followed by a workshop **Utilization of Remote Sensing in Sample Surveys and Censuses** held on 13th March, 2022. Organised by Pak Institute of Statistical Training And Research (PISTAR) Website: http://pistar.org/

Other Conferences on survey statistics and related areas

SAE 2022 - The 2022 **Small Area Estimation** international conference will take place at the University of Maryland, College Park, USA campus during May 23-27, 2022. https://sae2022.org/ At this time, the Program Committee of SAE 2022 invites submission of Invited Session proposals. Please visit https://sae2022.org/abstract for a guideline in writing such proposals. Please send your proposal via email to Professor Jiming Jiang, Co-Chair of the Program Committee jimjiang@ucdavis.edu. The deadline for submitting the invited session proposal is January 20, 2022.

ITACOSM2022 – The **7th ITAlian COnference on Survey Methodology** "Survey methods for Data Integration and New Data Sources" will be hosted by the Department of Political Sciences of the University of Perugia (Italy), 8-10 June, 2022. A short course on "Survey Data Integration" will be held in Assisi (Palazzo Bernabei, Italy) on June 7th by Jae-Kwang Kim. https://meetings3.sis-statistica.org/index.php/ITACOSM2022/ITACOSM2022. Deadline for the call for papers is February 14th, 2022. Abstracts can be submitted following the instructions given here

Q2022 - the European Conference on **Quality in Official Statistics** will be held on 8 to 10 June 2022 in Vilnius, Lithuania https://q2022.stat.gov.lt/lt/

Workshop on Survey Statistics 2022 of the Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian Network on Survey Statistics will be held in Tartu, Estonia on 23 to 26 August, 2022. https://wiki.helsinki.fi/display/BNU/Events

Awards

Call for nominations for the 2022 SAE Award
The Scientific Program and Local Organization Committees of SAE 2022 are jointly inviting nominations for the 2022 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Small Area Estimation (the SAE Award). All nominations should be sent by email to Professor J. N. K. Rao, Chair of the 2022 SAE Award Committee (jrao34@rogers.com). **The deadline for receiving the nomination is March 15, 2022**. The previous SAE Award winners are J.N.K. Rao (2017), Danny Pfeffermann (2018), Malay Ghosh (2019), Partha Lahiri (2020), Wayne Fuller (2021). For further details, please visit SAE 2022, Nomination. More info can be found here https://sae2022.org/nomination

Waksberg Award
The IASS congratulates the **2021 recipient of the Waksberg Award**, Professor **Sharon Lohr**, who gave the Waksberg Invited Address at the Statistics Canada 2021 Symposium on October 29th. The address on "Multiple-frame surveys for a multiple-data-source world" has been extremely interesting and well-crafted and succeeded in setting multiple frame surveys in the new perspective of data integration. Professor Lohr has also written a paper on the topic planned for publication in the December 2022 issue of Survey Methodology. The **2022 Waksberg Award** is going to Roderick Little, who will give the Waksberg Invited Address at the Statistics Canada 2022 Symposium and write a paper planned for publication in the December 2022 issue of Survey Methodology. The **Call for Nominations** for the 2023 Waksberg Award is available in the October Newsletter.

Other info

The Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS) of the ASA Information on activities of the Survey Research Methods Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA) are available at: https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection/home