

May 2024 Newsletter: International Association of Survey Statisticians

IASS 2024 General Assembly

We would like to invite you to attend the 2024 IASS General Assembly. The IASS General Assembly will take place online, and is scheduled for Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 14:00 hr./ 2pm CEST. An invitation including the zoom link will be sent via email prior to the meeting.
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https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_58o85NU3ROq9hkSFWAhKYQ#/registration

Members are invited to propose agenda items. If you have any suggestions for items you would like to add to the agenda, please inform IASS President Natalie Shlomo by email (natalie.shlomo@manchester.ac.uk).

The Annual Report 2023 will be shared with you prior to the General Assembly and we will be voting to approve the Annual Report during the meeting. This includes the 2023 IASS Budget. We will also be voting on the 2024-2025 IASS Strategy Document available here: http://isi-iass.org/home/wp-content/uploads/IASS-Strategy2023-2025_V2.pdf and out now for consultation.

We look forward to seeing you at the General Assembly on July 17th .

IASS Sponsored Sessions at International Conferences and Workshops

The IASS would be happy to continue partnerships with local organizers of workshops and conferences around the world and to sponsor sessions focusing on cutting-edge applications of survey statistics. If you would like to collaborate on organizing a session, please get in touch with **Natalie Shlomo** natalie.shlomo@manchester.ac.uk.

We are delighted to announce the upcoming IASS sponsored sessions:

Invited Session at the Statistics Canada International Methodology Symposium 2024, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, from **October 29 to November 1, 2024**. The topic is **Small Area Estimation**. Invited speakers are: **Francois Verret**, Statistics Canada; **Emily Berg**, University of Iowa and **Andreea Erciulescu**, Westat and the session is chaired by **Natalie Shlomo**, President of the IASS 2023-2025.

Invited Session at the 2024 Third Workshop on Methodologies for Official Statistics, ISTAT, Rome, Italy, from **December 4 to 5, 2024**. The topic is **Advancements in Small Area Estimation**. The session will be chaired by **Natalie Shlomo**, President of the IASS 2023-2025 and the speakers will be announced.

Call for Contributed Papers Session (CPS) for the 65th World Statistics Congress

We invite statisticians, data scientists, researchers, and professionals to contribute by submitting abstracts on topics spanning the vast landscape of statistics. Share your expertise and be a part of shaping the future of statistical sciences. For more information, visit the CPS page and submit by the deadline of 17 June 2024.

<https://www.isi-next.org/conferences/isi-wsc2025/contributed-paper-poster-submission/>

IASS Webinar Series

The IASS Webinar Series continues to be a **very successful** initiative. The current timetable is available on the calendar of events page of the IASS website: <http://isi-iass.org/home/events/> for upcoming IASS webinars. Note that CET is Central European Time. Links to register for the webinars are also provided in the advertisement. A list of previous IASS webinars with the presented slides can be found at: <http://isi-iass.org/home/webinars/> while recordings for past webinars can be found at: <https://www.isi-web.org/courses-webinars-workshops>. If you would like to contribute with suggestions for future speakers, please contact **Andrés Gutierrez Rojas** at andres.gutierrez@cepal.org.

IASS Webinar 41: Comparing Data Quality and Sources of Error in Probability-based Online Panels and Online Opt-in Samples

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Mercer

Date and Time: 26 June 2024, 2:00-3:00 pm (CET)

The registration link: TBA ([check the website here](#))

Please note the following confirmed upcoming webinars:

IASS Webinar 42: 31 July 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). FRAUKE KREUTER

IASS Webinar 43: 28 August 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). PAUL CORRAL

IASS Webinar 44: 25 September 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). NIKOS TZAVIDIZ

IASS Webinar 45: 30 October 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). HUKUM CHANDRA PRIZE

IASS Webinar 46: November 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). ANDREW TATEM

IASS Webinar 47: 18 December 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). ISABEL MOLINA

IASS Webinar 48: 29 January 2025, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET). DANNY PFEFFERMAN

The Survey Statistician

Watch out for the **July 2024 issue** of the **The Survey Statistician** coming out soon.

We are very grateful to all of the Editorial Team, and particularly to Danuté Krapavickaite and Alina Matei, for continuing to ensure up-to-date and relevant articles, ask the expert, news items and country reports for the **The Survey Statistician**.

Call for Conference Support for 2024

The International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) will consider providing financial support for workshops, conferences and similar events that:

- promote the study and development of the theory and practice of statistical surveys and censuses and associated subjects, and
- foster interest in these subjects among statisticians, organizations, governments, and the general public in different countries of the world.

To apply for support, please send a document project, including a budget sheet, to IASS President Natalie Shlomo (Natalie.shlomo@manchester.ac.uk) and to the IASS President-Elect Partha Lahiri (plahiri@umd.edu) before June 30th, 2024. Applications should address the criteria set out above and comply with the mission of IASS. The total amount of funds available under this scheme will be € 1,800 in one year and will be shared to support more than one project.

Conferences on survey statistics and related areas

ICES VII - The Seventh International Conference on Establishment Statistics (ICES VII) will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, **June 17–20, 2024**. Continuing in the tradition of ICES I to ICES VI, ICES VII will explore new areas of establishment statistics while showcasing state-of-the-art methodology. <https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2024/>

CANSSI-CRT Workshop on Modern Methods in Survey Sampling will be held on **July 8-10, 2024** at University of Ottawa. More information here: <https://canssi.ca/events/workshop-survey-sampling/>

Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian Network (BNU) Workshop on Survey Statistics 2024 will be held on **August 26-30, 2024**. More information: <https://wiki.helsinki.fi/xwiki/bin/view/BNU/Home/>

2024 International Total Survey Error Workshop (ITSEW2024) will be held on **September 18 to September 20, 2024** at George Washington University, Washington DC, United States. The goal of ITSEW is to promote discussion of questions of research, methodology and practice relating to Total Survey Error (TSE) and Total Survey Quality, and Blended Data. More information: <https://www.niss.org/events/international-total-survey-error-workshop-itsew> and [register here](#):

PSD2024: Privacy in Statistical Databases 2024 - Nice, France, will be held on **September 25-27, 2024**. Details on the conference here: <https://unescoprivacychair.urv.cat/psd2024/>

Statistics Canada International Methodology Symposium 2024 – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, will be held on **October 29 to November 1, 2024**. The theme of the conference is: 'Shaping the future of official statistics'. For all accepted proposals, the presentation (in English or French) is due by **September 6, 2024**. Conference proceedings will be published online. A final paper

must be submitted by **January 10, 2025** for inclusion in the proceedings. Visit the website:
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/conferences/symposium2024/index>.

13th edition of the International Francophone Conference on Sample Surveys - Esch-Belval, Luxembourg will be held from November **5 to 8, 2024**. View the website here:
<https://sondages2024.sciencesconf.org/>

65th ISI World Statistics Congress 2025 will be held on October 5-9, 2025 at the Hague. More information: <https://www.isi-next.org/conferences/isi-wsc2025/>. Deadline for Contributed Paper/Poster Sessions is June 17, 2024.

Call for Submissions:

Journal for Survey Statistics and Methodology, Special Issue: Survey Research from Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean

Guest Editors: Carolina Franco, Mamadou Diallo, Sunghee Lee, Denise Britz do Nascimento Silva

The *Journal for Survey Statistics and Methodology* seeks submissions for a special issue on survey research from Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Survey research stands to benefit from examining the richness of applications, ideas, and contributions from investigators around the world. This issue aims to highlight work from locations that are typically underrepresented in JSSAM and other leading journals. In keeping with the theme of the special issue, it is desirable for at least one of the authors in a submission to be working in one of the regions covered, and applications must use data primarily from these regions. The issue will showcase interesting survey papers from various countries. Submissions to the special issue are welcomed through **August 16, 2024**. Electronic copies of the manuscripts should be uploaded at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jssam> following the [manuscript preparation instructions](#). To ensure consideration in the special issue, authors must include a cover letter that clearly states that the manuscript has been submitted for consideration for the special issue on "Survey Research from Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean." Queries about this special issue should be directed to Carolina Franco at franco-carolina@norc.org.

IASS Websites:

The Survey Statistician issues are available at <http://isi-iass.org/home/services/the-survey-statistician/>

IASS Newsletters are available at <http://isi-iass.org/home/services/newsletters/>

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

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Reading of the Month

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs Statistics Division supports the important work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys (ISWGHS). See this website for more information about this group: <https://unstats.un.org/iswghs/>

A new report has recently been published on the ISWGHS website titled: **Small Area Estimation with Geospatial Data: A Primer** written by **Joshua D. Merfeld, Haoyi Chen, Partha Lahiri, and David Newhouse** and available here:

<https://unstats.un.org/iswghs/documents/geospatial-data-for-SAE-outline.pdf>

This paper provides a general overview and practical suggestions for using geospatial data in small area estimation (SAE). It discusses commonly used geospatial variables and publicly available repositories for this type of data. It then covers the basics of SAE methods as well as an introduction to the different types of data structures used with geospatial data, with a focus on the R programming language. Finally, it provides an in-depth example of how to pull geospatial data and use it to generate small area estimates using an accompanying repository on GitHub.