



Letter from the President January 2023

Dear Friends of the IASS,

The year 2022 still saw us going through difficult times and we all tried to identify solutions in different unique ways to keep us healthy and safe from the ongoing pandemic. Thankfully things have been under control in most of the countries and all of us are gradually limping back towards normalcy.

I am happy that amongst all these hardships, wars and difficult times in many countries we have still been able to keep our mission of Promoting good survey theory and practice around the world.

We were successful in conducting IASS webinar programs ourselves and in collaborations with other organizations throughout the year. You will be pleased to know that a series of webinars on survey methods, inference from surveys and other data sources have already been put in place and are available on the IASS website. These webinars are open access and can be used by our members all over the globe for learning purposes. This has been facilitated by our active IASS Executive Committee members along with the colleagues of ISI PO. The lectures are all available on the IASS website for you to revisit and share.

IASS has organized and promoted competitions to award scientific prizes to its members: the new Hukum Chandra prize to Prof. Torabi who provided a special invited webinar on October 26th. See: <http://isi-iass.org/home/events/iasswebinar-22-2022-hukum-chandra-prize-winner/>, to contribute in research areas of Hukum's work. The 2023 recipient of the Waksberg Award is Prof. Ray Chambers, who will give the Waksberg Invited Address at a special IASS Invited Papers Session at the World Statistics Congress and publish a paper in Survey Methodology. The traditional Cochran-Hansen Prize will be awarded in 2023 for the best paper on survey research methods submitted by a young statistician from a developing or transition country. See <http://isi-iass.org/home/cochran-hansen-prize/>.

IASS promoted Invited Paper Sessions (IPS) Proposals to the 64th WSC 2023. There were 18 submitted invited papers session proposals sponsored by the IASS to the 64th WSC in Ottawa. An evaluation and selection process is now being undertaken by the Scientific Programme Committee of the 64th WSC chaired by Prof. Mark Podolskij.

Following the steps of the IASS strategy for 2022-23, we ended this year with the IASS's Recruitment drive – a letter from the President and the President-Elect, that has been spread throughout our networks using also our new IASS social media accounts, to increase our membership and reinforce IASS representatives in each country. I am sure that the networks of our scientific community continue to expand with solutions and opportunities through IASS communication plan and social networks. I hope that the coming year will come with a safer world to live in and work with our families and friends, and will allow unrestricted travel to consolidate our friendship and sharing of knowledge during ISI-IASS supported conferences.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the IASS board, to convey our season's greetings to all of you and wish all a happy, peaceful, safe and healthy 2023.

With my best wishes,

Monica Pratesi

IASS President