



The International Association
of Survey Statisticians



IASS General Assembly

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IASS Activities

- Scope of the report : August 2019 – August 2020
- **Regular activities:** conference support, monthly news, The Survey Statistician, IASS website
- **IASS webmaster:** Harry Raymond and Melini Cooper (ABS)
- **ISI Working Groups:**
 - ISI Data Science Working Group - Isabel Molina
 - ISI Publication Committee - James Chipperfield and Danutė Krapavickaitė
 - ISI Working Group for the International Year of Women in Statistics and Data Science - Solange Correa-Onel
 - ISI Young Statisticians Committee - Peter I. Ogunyinka

IASS Activities

- **WSC 2021**
 - Programme Committee - Monica Pratesi
 - Short Course Committee - Maria Giovanna Ranalli
 - Cochran-Hansen Prize Committee Chair – Isabel Molina
- **NEW INITIATIVES**
 - IASS Webinars – Monica Pratesi, James Chipperfield, Pedro Silva and Gaia Bertarelli
 - Information on sample surveys for COVID-19 surveillance – IASS country representatives, Gaia Bertarelli and Pedro Silva

IASS Activities

- **WB Statistical Capacity Building Fund**
 - Joint venture of ISI and all associations
 - IASS Short Courses
 - Webinars based on expertise of the associations (joint work)
- **Meeting with IAOS Council** to promote collaboration
- **To be planned – volunteers and ideas are welcome**
 - Proposal of invited session for the JSM 2021 – submission system is open until September 8
 - IASS activity to celebrate the World Statistics Day October 20



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Financial Report – Lucia Barroso

Amendment to the IASS Statutes to allow future fully digital general assemblies

A temporary law has been approved in The Netherlands which allows for virtual General Assemblies, even if the statutes do not allow. This year, virtual General Assemblies are allowed.

The temporary law COVID-19 Justice and Security has entered into force. The law is important for associations and foundations.

This law makes it possible for associations to hold a fully digital general meeting, even if this is not included in the articles of association.

The law entered into force on April 24, 2020 and is effective until September 1, 2020.

IASS Statutes

5. General Assembly

5.1. The General Assembly shall be the highest authority of the Association and has the following responsibilities and authority:

- a) Decisions for any changes to the Statutes;
- b) Appointment and, when necessary, dismissal of members of the Executive Committee;
- c) Establishment of Associations to promote the mission and objectives of the Association in particular areas of specialization or in particular geographical regions;
- d) Approval of the annual report;
- e) Decisions relating to the dissolution of the Association; and
- f) Decisions regarding the installation and working modalities of Association Committees.

5.2. A meeting of the General Assembly shall be convened every year. There shall be a meeting of the General Assembly of the Association at each ISI biennial World Statistics Congress.

New proposal for article 5.2:

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IASS Statutes

11. Amendments to the Statutes

11.1. Amendments to the Statutes shall be decided by a General Assembly meeting convened during a World Statistics Congress. Proposals for amending the Statutes may be submitted by the Executive Committee, or by individual members if they are signed by at least ten members.

11.2. The President will ask the Executive Director to transmit the proposals to the membership at least three months before the General Assembly. In case of a proposal submitted by individual members, the views of the Executive Committee shall be transmitted to the membership with the proposals. The members shall be asked to express their opinions. They may express their opinions electronically before the General Assembly. In this case the electronic votes will be cast in proxy form during the General Assembly.

11.5. A simple majority is required for the amendments to be successful, except in the cases provided by Article 11.6 where a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required to be successful.

11.6. The dissolution of the Association or the alteration of its name shall be treated as an amendment of its Statutes.

Amendment to the IASS Statutes to allow future fully digital general assemblies

We ask the members to express your opinion, stating if you agree or disagree with the new proposal for article 5.2 as follows.

Please express your opinion writing agree or disagree in the question panel (Q&A chat tool)

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Scientific Secretary Report – James Chipperfield



Conference and Special Issue of Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A
in memory of Fred Smith and Chris Skinner
Southampton, UK, 8-10 July 2021

Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission deadline: 1 October 2020

We warmly invite abstract submissions for presentation at a conference in memory of Fred (TMF) Smith and Chris Skinner, who both passed away during winter 2019/20. The conference will be based around the themes that interested Fred and Chris during their research careers, including (but not limited to)

- analysis and modelling of complex survey data
- time series methods in the analysis of survey data
- statistical disclosure control
- official statistics

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The Survey Statistician Report

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