September 2025 Newsletter: International Association of Survey Statisticians

IASS 2025 Annual General Assembly (AGM)

We are pleased to announce that the **2025 IASS AGM** will be held at the 65th World Statistics Congress (WSC) on **Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 12:30-13:55 pm** (CET) Room: Central America. We will also have a hybrid meeting and the link to join the meeting is:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6360132582?pwd=c0PT2gE8awwQdZ0pnUMnfF0EKxU1JX.1 &omn=84570729276
Meeting ID: 6360132582 Passcode: 270177

The **Agenda:**
1.   Welcome and Opening
2.   IASS annual report and budget 2024   - Assembly approval
3.   Discharge of IASS Executive Committee 2023-2025 and appointment of new IASS Executive Committee 2025-2027 – Assembly approval

IASS Executive Committee 2023-2025	IASS Executive Committee 2025-2027

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4.   President and Executive Committee report
5.   The Survey Statistician Editor's report
6.   Other business

 Please write to Natalie.shlomo@manchester.ac.uk if you would like to add to the agenda.

65th 2025 World Statistics Congress (WSC), October 5 to 9, 2025

Visit the 2025 WSC website: https://www.isi-next.org/conferences/isi-wsc2025/ .
The weekly overview week overview schedule is available:
https://www.isi-next.org/conferences/isi-wsc2025/week-overview/ and registration is open:
https://www.isi-next.org/conferences/isi-wsc2025/fees_2025/
The Invited Paper Sessions programme for the 2025 WSC is live on the website here:
 https://www.isi-next.org/proposals/36/
For the full programme, see: https://www.isi-next.org/conferences/36/programme/

The hybrid IASS General Assembly will take place on October 7 at 12.30-13.55 (CET) in Central America Room. The zoom link for the meeting is
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There are **two Special Invited Sessions** sponsored by the IASS at the 2025 WSC:

1. The Special Invited Session sponsored by the IASS President (SIPS1101) is delighted to announce the esteemed speaker: **Professor Yves Tille** from the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland. The discussants are **Dr. Pedro Silva** and **Prof. Changbao Wu**. **The session will be held on Thursday, October 9th in Room Oceania at the WSC from 9:20 am to 10:30 am (CET)**

2. The Special Invited Session (SIPS 1140) celebrating the 2025 Cochran-Hansen Prize winner: Dr. **Saurav Guha** (India). Dr. Guha will present his paper : "Small area estimation under a spatially correlated multivariate area-level model" that he co-authored with the late Hukum Chandra. **The session will be held on Wednesday, October 8th in Room Africa at the WSC from 9:20 am to 10:30 am (CET)**

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://isi-web.org/webinars-courses-workshops.

Please note the following confirmed upcoming webinars and the speakers:

IASS Webinar 57:   2025 Waksberg Award Lecture - Sampling for Business Surveys at Statistics Canada
Speaker: Waksberg Award Winner, Mike Hidiroglou with an introduction by Jean-Francois Beaumont
Date and Time: October 29th 2025, 2:00 – 3:30 pm (CET)
The registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8317573368925/WN_QqG-YmZsQZyOzRzP11y9jQ#/registration

 IASS Webinar 58: TBA

IASS Webinar 59: Some History of the Use of Models in Survey Sampling
Speaker: **Richard   Valliant**
Date and Time: **December 17th 2025 at 2pm – 3:30pm (CET)**
The registration link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/3717570757442/WN_PpuwQifNRYiy1q3M4JPrvw #/registration
(Note that this webinar is the cancelled webinar 55 that was scheduled for September 3rd 2025.)

Conferences on Survey Statistics and Related Areas

9th biennial European Establishment Statistics Workshop (EESW25), to be held on 5 - 7 November 2025 in Rome, Italy, at the premises of Istat, the Italian National Institute of Statistics. ENBES is organized by the European Network for Better Establishment Statistics, More information: https://sites.google.com/enbes.org/home/home/news-and-events/eesw25

The R Project – The Use of R in Official Statistics – uRos2025, the annual conference on the Use of R in Official Statistics, to be held on 24 – 26 November 2025 at Romanian National Statistics Institute, Romania. More information: https://r-project.ro/conference2025.html

The **4th Workshop on Methodologies for Official Statistics,** December 1-2, 2025, Istat Aula Magna , Via Cesare Balbo, 14 , Rome, Italy. More information is here: https://www.istat.it/en/event/fourth-workshop-on-methodologies-for-official-statistics/

Contributions Sought for a Special Issue of Survey Methodology on the theme: Shaping the future of survey statistics in the data-driven era

In light of the current and fast-changing pace of the data ecosystem, the planned special issue will cover many topics on the future of survey methodology and survey statistics, including:

- New forms of data collection (e.g. smartphone), passive data collection and other innovations in data collection
- Mixed mode data collections, adaptive and responsive survey designs
- Total survey error and methods for correcting non-sampling errors (coverage error, measurement error, non-response bias)
- Quality frameworks for non-survey data, uncertainty quantification for multiple-source statistics and variance estimation methods
- Future of survey sampling, including sampling Hard-to-Survey groups and ensuring equitable statistics
- Research and development with applications of machine learning and AI methods in survey research
- Data integration of multiple sources of data, including non-survey data (administrative data, census data, paradata and big data) and non-probability survey data
- Statistical data integration
- Small area estimation including data integration with non- survey data
- Using non-survey data to augment survey data collection, estimation and bias mitigation
- Non-probability sampling and compensating for selection bias
- Privacy and confidentiality

The deadline for submitting manuscripts to the special issue is December 31st, 2025. All manuscripts submitted to the special issue will be subject to the standard rigorous peer-review that applies to all submissions in Survey Methodology. Note that Survey Methodology publishes innovative theoretical or applied research papers, and sometimes review papers, that provide new insights on statistical methods relevant to National Statistical Offices and other statistical organizations.

Please consult the Survey Methodology website: www.statcan.gc.ca/surveymethodology, for more information about the journal.

The link to submit papers to Survey Methodology is through the submission portal: https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/surveymeth. Please indicate that the submission is for the special issue in your cover letter.

Maria Rosaria Ferrante and **Natalie Shlomo** are the guest editors.

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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Renew your Membership

We would like to thank you for being a part of our community and for your support in 2024. Please continue to support the International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) in 2025! The link to the registration page is here: https://isi-portal.odoo.com/become-a-member

There are two different fees for membership to the IASS for 2025 depending on what country you live in: 60 Euros for a year subscription or 35 Euros for a year subscription. The list of countries for the reduced fee is here: https://www.isi-web.org/resources/developing-countries
Please help us spread our important message around the world:

Promoting good survey theory and practice around the world

This month **reading of the month** is the special issue of the **Journal of Official Statistics, Volume 41 Issue 3, September 2025**, celebrating 40 years of the journal. You can access the special issue here: https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jofa/41/3

The special issue opens with an excellent introduction titled **Celebrating JOS Forty Years: Future Research Needs in the New Era of Official Statistics,** by Lilli Japec, Henri Luomaranta-Helmivuo, Li-Chun Zhang, Suad Elezovic and Yingfu Xie. The special issue includes 23 outstanding articles spanning the breadth and depth of relevant topics in shaping the future of official statistics. The articles focus on: National Statistical Systems, Survey Data Collection, Statistical Production, Inference and Analysis and Reflections on Quality in a Changing Landscape. Each section has dedicated articles from esteemed colleagues in the field of official statistics and survey statistics.

 The list of articles in the special issue are:

1. **First Forty Years of Journal of Official Statistics**, by Risto Lehtonen
2. **Challenges in a Federal Statistical Agency Ecosystem: The U.S. Census Bureau**, by Robert L. Santos
3. **GDP and Beyond: Dilemmas and Heresie**, by Steve MacFeely
4. **Future Pathways Embracing Multisource Statistics and Novel Data Sources at National Statistical Offices**, by Anders Holmberg
5. **Some Dimensions of Statistics Ethics and Scientific Integrity That Warrant Exploration Through Empirical Studies of Stakeholder Information Needs**, by John L. Eltinge
6. **Input Privacy Enhancing Technologies for Statistical Production: Motivations and Challenges**, by Fabio Ricciato
7. **Statistical Disclosure Control: Moving Forward**, by Josep Domingo-Ferrer, David Sanches and Krishnamurty Muralidhar
8. **Competence Training, and Collaboration of Universities with National Statistical Offices**, by Danny Pfeffermann
9. **Where Have the 20% Respondents Gone? Did We Lose Them or Failed to Win Them? And Is It Too Late**, by Barry Schouten
10. **The Future of Interviewer-Administered Surveys**, by Kristen Olson
11. **Future Research Considerations for Mixed-Mode Surveys**, by Leah Melani Christian
12. **Modernizing Data Collection**, by Frauke Kreuter
13. **Census Transformation and the Future of Population Statistics**, by James J. Brown and James Chipperfield
14. **Calibration Weighting for Analysing Non-Probability Samples**, by Jae Kwang Kim
15. **Blending Administrative and Nonprobability Survey Data to Enhance National and Subnational Estimates**, by Dan Liao and Paul P. Biemer
16. **Future Challenges in Sampling and Estimation**, by Guillaume Chauvet
17. **The Unknown Future of Statistical Data Editing: Some Imputations**, by Sander Scholtus
18. **Machine Learning Methods for Estimation in Official Statistics**, by M. Giovanna Ranalli
19. **Small Area Estimation in the Era of Machine Learning and Alternative Data Sources: Opportunities, Challenges, and Outlook**, by Nikos Tzavidis