

Dear Members,

Following a productive and inspiring 65th World Statistics Congress in The Hague, I am deeply honored to begin my term as President of the International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) for 2025–2027.

Stepping into this role, I am reminded of the immense dedication required to keep our global community vibrant. I want to personally thank our outgoing President, Natalie Shlomo. Her leadership and mentorship have been invaluable to me as President-Elect (2023–2025), and she leaves the Association with a clear and ambitious path forward. My thanks also go to our departing Vice-presidents Eric Rancourt, Jiraphan Suntornchost, Andres Gutierrez, and Annamaria Bianchi, as well as the ISI Executive Council and Permanent Office. Their tireless work behind the scenes is the reason our initiatives continue to thrive. Please refer to the Scientific Secretary's report for a list of our predecessors' recent accomplishments.

I am delighted to work alongside our newly approved Executive Committee: Ralf Münnich (President-Elect), and our Vice Presidents Gaia Bertarelli (Italy), Robert Clark (Australia), Haoyi Chen (China), and Katherine Jenny Thompson (USA). Together, we represent a diverse range of perspectives that will guide our strategy through 2027.

We are at a crossroads where traditional survey methods are meeting new data frontiers, and the IASS must be the home for that transition. To that end, we will continue to champion excellence through our flagship awards: the Hukum Chandra Prize (2026) and the Cochran-Hansen Prize (2027). These awards are more than just accolades; they are our way of ensuring that the next generation of survey statisticians, particularly from developing regions, has a seat at the global table.

Our Monthly Webinar Series will remain a cornerstone of our value to you. We are designing these sessions to be more than just lectures. We want them to be a space for:

- Discovery: Exploring frontier research in survey design and data integration.
- Problem Solving: Discussing the "messy" real-world challenges faced by National Statistical Offices.
- Practice: Providing hands-on training for the tools and software used daily.

Maintaining our financial health is a priority, and because membership fees currently do not support financial conference sponsorships, we are exploring a new seed partnership model. By funding specific deliverables, like short courses, in exchange for a share of the proceeds, we can continue to support 2026 conferences in a way that is sustainable for the Association. We also remain committed to providing no-cost co-sponsorships for mission-aligned events worldwide.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at plahiri@umd.edu. I look forward to working with all of you to make the next two years a period of growth and innovation for the IASS.

With best wishes,

Partha Lahiri President, IASS (2025–2027)