



2018 IAOS Young Statisticians Prize

Announcement of Competition

Calling all Young Statisticians - Win a trip to Paris in 2018

The International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2018 IAOS Young Statisticians Prize. The international prize, which is designed to encourage more young statisticians to take an active interest in official statistics, is awarded for the best paper in the field of official statistics written by a young statistician.

In addition to the monetary prizes, the first place winner will receive travel funds to present the paper at the 16th IAOS Conference being jointly organized with the OECD on their premises in Paris from 19-21 September 2018, the first time the biennial IAOS conference has partnered with one of the leading international organizations. We encourage submitters to address, and propose solutions to, pressing methodological or strategic issues in the area of official statistics at the regional, national or international level. The paper must be ten or fewer pages in length, be submitted in English, and should not have been previously presented in a public forum or published. An international panel will judge the papers based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and/or strategic merit;
- Originality;
- Applicability of the ideas in (practice of) statistical offices; and
- Quality of the exposition.

Papers must be submitted before 11:59pm on December 31, 2017 according to (GMT) timing.

The decision of the panel will be final. Prizes will only be awarded if papers of significant quality are submitted.

A maximum of three co-authors is allowed for a paper. An author can participate in only one paper. The author or authors of the best paper will be awarded:

- A cash prize valued at €1,500 (divided among co-authors if applicable);

- An opportunity to present the paper at a session at the joint 2018 IAOS-OECD Conference, with airfare and hotel accommodation provided (for only one author in situations of co-authorship);
- Two years of IAOS membership; and
- A certificate of award from the IAOS acknowledging success in this competition.

Prizes may also be awarded to those in second and third place:

- 2nd Place - A cash prize valued at €1000, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate;
- 3rd Place - A cash prize valued at €500, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate.

Prize winning papers will be considered for publication in the Statistical Journal of the IAOS.

To be eligible, authors (and co-authors) must:

- Be under the age of 35 on December 31, 2017; and
- Be employed¹ by an official statistical agency² as at December 31, 2017

Submissions must comprise a maximum of 10 pages **plus** a cover page that must include:

- A mention that it is a “Submission for the 2018 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians”;
- The title of the paper;
- The name(s), job title(s), full date(s) of birth, age(s) and e-mail addresses of the author(s);
- The name(s) of the employing official statistical agency(ies); and
- An abstract of no more than 15 lines.

Any material beyond the core text of the paper, such as table of contents, references, appendices, tables, and graphs, must be contained within the maximum of 10 pages. Any submission exceeding 10 pages plus the cover page will be disqualified.

Please submit papers both in MS Word and PDF format³ to: iaosysp2018@gmail.com

You can submit questions you may have about the competition to the same e-mail address.

¹ Full-time, part-time, or contractual employees are eligible and an NSOs employee who also teaches or studies on a part-time basis is eligible. Professional consultants or members of the teaching profession carrying out a contract with the NSO agency are not eligible.

² A National or International Statistical Agency, the Statistics Department of a Central Bank or the Statistics Department of a Ministry or Regional or Local Government in a decentralized National Statistical System.

³ In Cambria, Times New Roman, or other standard (size 12) font, with side, top, and bottom margins of 1 inch (2.54 millimeters).