

IAOS Annual Report (August 2013- July 2014)

July 2014

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to submit the IAOS Annual Report. This covers the work of the Executive Committee established at the IAOS General Assembly held in Hong Kong in August 2013.

The IAOS Statute stipulates that “9.1 The Executive Committee shall submit an annual report to the members within six months of the end of each fiscal year, unless the General Assembly extends this period.”

This report covers the period from the establishment of the present IAOS Executive Committee in August 2013 until early July 2014. A large part of the 2013 fiscal year (Jan.- Aug.) was already covered in the preceding report presented to the 2013 IAOS General Assembly. (For the preceding report, see <http://isi.cbs.nl/iaos/aboutus/GeneralAssemblyHongKong.htm>.)

In the following, highlights in the reporting period will be given. More detailed information is given in the annexes. The order of the present report follows the practice of the preceding report for 2013.

1. The IAOS 2014 Conference (Da Nang, Vietnam, Oct. 8-10, 2014) (cf. Annex 1)

The preparation of the IAOS 2014 Conference is progressing well. For invited papers sessions, 23 presenters have been secured, including three keynote speakers. For contributed papers sessions, about 70 proposals have been accepted. The Program Chair, Paul Brown (Statistics New Zealand), received more than 90 proposals of invited and contributed papers. After screening the proposals, they have been organized into 8 plenary sessions and 19 parallel sessions, all rich in contents. The program has been posted on the conference website since early July.

The registration system opened in early April 2014, and more than 130 people have already registered. I take this as a promising sign of good attendance and a successful conference.

To obtain more information, or to register your participation, please visit the conference website. (<https://iaos2014.gso.gov.vn/>)

2. The 60th ISI World Statistics Congress (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 23-27 July) (cf. Annex 2)

The scientific program of the 60th ISI WSC is being planned by the ISI Scientific Program Committee (SPC). Rolando Ocampo (INEGI, Mexico) has been representing the IAOS in the SPC and engaged in the deliberation of the Invited Paper Sessions (IPS).

In the SPC meeting in Rio de Janeiro in May 2014, which Rolando attended, the final list of the IPS was decided. It has been decided that there will be 18 IPS sponsored by the IAOS in the 60th ISI WSC, including 2 IPS sponsored jointly with IASS. This is a significant increase from the 59th ISI WSC in Hong Kong, where 10 IPS were sponsored by the IAOS. Those proposals submitted by IAOS members but not accepted as IPS were referred to consideration for the Special Topic Sessions.

The significant increase of opportunities for the IAOS sponsored sessions owes very much to the tremendous efforts to Rolando for patiently communicating with the SPC and the session organizers. I would like to express my appreciation to him.

For the full list of IPS, including those not sponsored by IAOS, see Annex 2 of the present report.

3. The IAOS 2016 Conference (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 6-8 December 2016) (cf. Annex 3)

The IAOS 2016 Conference will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 6 to 8 December 2016 to be hosted by the Statistics Centre of Abu Dhabi (SCAD). Ms. Ola Awad (IAOS President-Elect) and I visited Abu Dhabi to discuss the planning of the conference, including the conference venue. With generous support from Statistics Canada, Mr. Eric Rancourt has been appointed as Chair of the Program Committee. A Special session for the promotion of IAOS2016 was organized successfully at the 45th session of the UNSC Statistical Commission. The meeting aimed to extend invitation to high-level statisticians of national and international statistical organizations to the IAOS Biennial Conferences, and to promote better understanding about IAOS and SCAD.

4. Young Statisticians Prize 2014 (cf. Annex 4)

Call for papers was opened in September 2013, and closed on February 2014. Out of the total of 47 submissions from nearly 20 countries, three best papers were selected for the award. The three winners are as follows:

- First Prize: Ms. Laura O'Sullivan (Statistics New Zealand)
- Second Prize: Ms. Michelle Feyen (Statistics New Zealand)
- Third Prize: Andrius Čiginas (Statistics Lithuania)

The three winners will receive the certificates and the cash prizes. The first winner will be invited to the IAOS 2014 Conference to present her paper as in the past practice, but this year, the second winner will also be invited. This new arrangement has become possible thanks to the offer of funding support for this year's prize from IOS Press, publisher of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS. I would like to thank IOS Press for its support for the YSP.

Taking this opportunity, on behalf of the IAOS Executive Committee, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the YSP Selection Committee for their dedicated contribution to this program. To secure independence and neutrality, The IAOS Executive Committee makes it a policy to keep the YSP SC members anonymous. For this reason, I cannot give their individual names, but their contribution has been highly appreciated.

5. Membership publicity and website (cf. Annex 5)

Nancy McBeth has been taking charge of membership publicity and website. Since September 2013, three issues of the IAOS Members' Update (for IAOS members) and monthly issues of the ISI News (for ISI members) were distributed, with some more occasional news mail.

Under her leadership, the IAOS website has been improved for better visibility. We welcome your comments and suggestions for further improvement. Please send your suggestions to contactIAOS@gmail.com.

In parallel with the newsletters and the website, we have been making efforts to increase IAOS membership. Yasin Elhag Abdin (CBS, Sudan) has been actively contacting national and international statistical offices, particularly in his region, to invite the statistical offices and its staff

members to become institutional or individual members. He also made arrangements to distribute membership leaflets in international meeting in which he was engaged. Ms. Ola Awad approached Arabic countries to encourage the statistical insinuations & its' employees to join IAOS.

This kind of publicity for membership drive is important to strengthen our organizational basis. If you find appropriate publicity opportunities, please let me know. Also, if possible, please share membership information posted on the IAOS website with potential members.

(<http://isi.cbs.nl/iaos/joinus.htm>)

Nancy and Fritz Scheuren have been working together to consider new measures to improve publicity and communication with the IAOS members and the SJIAOS readers. I appreciate their efforts, and look forward to fruitful outcome.

6. The Statistical Journal of the IAOS (SJIAOS) (cf. Annex 6)

Since Fritz Scheuren took editorship of SJIAOS in April 2013, the publication has been improved in terms of quality and quantity. In 2013, 30 articles in four issues were published, which was the highest accomplishment since 2007 when the journal took the current form of publication. This year, two issues have already been published, and the published papers this year may exceed the record of the previous year. This achievement owes very much to Fritz's tireless efforts to find good authors and good papers all the time. I would like to thank him for his tremendous work he has been doing to revitalize SJIAOS.

He is also stepping up the outreach efforts for broader readership to non-IAOS members, such as introducing one open access issue of SJIAO every year. If you find good authors and papers that may fit for publishing in SJIAOS, please encourage submission of papers.

7. The IAOS Statutes

At the General Assembly meeting held on 27 August 2013 at the ISI WSC 2013 in Hong Kong, the IAOS Statute was amended to bring them into line with Dutch law and changes in the ISI statutes, and to align them more closely with the current mode of work. The amendments were subject to a consultation through our web site and to a formal vote of the membership. The result of the voting was 96 votes in favor to 1 against.

For the current text of the IAOS Statute, see <http://isi.cbs.nl/iaos/aboutus/statutes.htm>.

8. Financial Report for 2013 and the budget plan for 2014 (Annex 7)

Thanks to the efforts of the previous president, Stephen Penneck, the IAOS membership is on a gradual rising trend. The number of members as of July 1, 2014 was 380 (340 individual members and 40 institutional members), up by 40 members from the end of 2013 (309 individual and 40 institutional).

With the solid membership basis, the financial situation of the IAOS has been quite sound. While the balance in 2012 recorded a deficit, it turned to a surplus in 2013. This is mainly because the expenditure in the even years tend to be larger due to the cost of the IAOS biennial conferences. For the same reason, the budget plan for 2014 will be a slight deficit. But in the long run, the overall balance remains to be a surplus.

9. The Executive Committee meetings

After the current Executive Committee met for the first time in Hong Kong in August 2013, it has been holding teleconferences every two months, supplemented by frequent mail exchange. It also had a “real” meeting on 6 March 2014 in New York, using the opportunity of the UN statistical Commission. All the matters described in this report are the outcome of such meetings and the actions taken by the members of the Committee.

The reports of the Committee meetings are available in the IAOS website:

<http://isi.cbs.nl/iaos/aboutus/ExecutiveCommitteeMinutes.htm>

10. SCORUS (cf. Annex 8)

The Standing Committee on Regional and Urban Statistics (SCORUS) is a standing committee of the IAOS. On the activities of the SCORUS, please refer to the report prepared by Stephen Leung, SCORUS Chair. For more information about SCORUS, see <http://scorus.org/home/>.

Conclusion

The activities of the IAOS owes very much to the active and voluntary contribution of the many IAOS members. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank all those who have been supporting the IAOS activities, although I cannot name them individually. I look forward to continued support and active involvement to the IAOS activities by a broad range of members.

Sincerely yours,



Shigeru Kawasaki
IAOS President

Executive Committee Members: Shigeru Kawasaki (President)
Ola Awad (President-Elect)
Yasin Elhag Abdin (Member)
Lisa Blumerman (Member) (Jul. 2014 -)
Angela Me (Member)
Mario Palma (Member)
Nancy McBeth (Member)
Stephen Leung (SCORUS Chair)
Ada van Krimpen (Ex-Officio)
Steve Landefeld (former Member) (Aug. 2013 - Jun. 2014)

Extended Membership: Fritz Scheuren (Editor in Chief, Statistical Journal of IAOS)
Paul Brown (IAOS 2014 Program Committee Chair)
Debbie Tse (IAOS 2014 Program Committee Advisor)
Rolando Ocampo (2015 Rio WSC Scientific Program Committee)

Advisor: Nancy Gordon (Former Vice President)

Secretary to IAOS President: Naoki Makita

Annex 1 Report on Program Planning for the IAOS 2014 Conference

By Paul Brown and Shigeru Kawasaki

Summary

The conference program has been finalized and posted on the conference website. For the program as of July 2, see the table on the next page. There will be three keynote sessions, 9 plenary sessions, and 19 parallel sessions.

Keynote speakers

Three invited speakers have been confirmed. Dr Suryamin, Chief Statistician, Statistics Indonesia (BPS), Mr Hermann Habermann, former Director of UN Statistical Division; and Ms Carmelita Ericta, Administrator and Director-General of the Philippines NSO.

Theme 1: Meeting the expectations of users within resources- how to do more with less?

Two invited paper sessions are being planned. Session organisers have been appointed and presenters secured.

Theme 2: Exploiting new technologies and data sources – opportunities and challenges

One invited paper session is being planned. A Session organiser and presenters have been secured.

Theme 3: Building partnerships to enhance the value of official statistics

Two panel discussions and one invited paper session are being planned. Session organisers have been secured for all three. Presenters have been secured for the invited paper session and one of the panel sessions.

Innovations showcase

Expressions of interest have been received from Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE and Australia.

Regional/international

Three sessions are planned. SCORUS has undertaken to organise one and has secured presenters. Candidates for the other two sessions are being sought.

Contributed papers

Over 90 proposals were received when submissions closed at the end of February. Sixty seven have been accepted for presentation at 14 sessions. It is expected that some presenters will drop out, so the actual number of sessions may decline.

The remaining 30 papers have been accepted into the program as 'Room Documents.' These papers will be included on the conference web site, but will not be presented in a session.

ISI/WB Funding Assistance

Thanks to the World Bank Trust Fund administered by the ISI Executive Committee, 20 participants from developing countries will be receiving partial funding assistance. Total amount provided was US\$ 12,000, and the IAOS has been required to match US\$ 3,000, making the total amount US \$15,000. To ensure fair and effective use of the fund, the Program Committee has been consulted, and the recipients were decided.

Conference Promotion

The conference website is now being updated regularly as new information comes to hand. Please visit the conference website at <https://iaos2014.gso.gov.vn/>.

Appendix 1 (Annex 1): Conference Program of the IAOS 2014

(Draft as of 2 July 2014)

DAY 1					
Wednesday, 8 October					
7.30 - 8.30 am		REGISTRATION			
8.30 - 9.30 am		Opening and Welcome. Lotus Room 1&2			
9.30 - 10.45 am	Plenary Session 1	Keynote Address – Dr Suryamin, Chief Statistician, Statistics Indonesia (BPS). Lotus Room 1&2			
10.45 - 11.15 am		COFFEE BREAK			
11.15 am - 12.30 pm	Plenary Session 2	Keynote Address – Dr Hermann Habermann, former Director, UN Statistical Division. Lotus Room 1&2			
12.30 - 1.30 pm		LUNCH			
1.30 - 3.00 pm	Coffee break	Theme 3: National Crime Statistical Systems – A Forced Partnership? (Panel Discussion) Lotus Room 3	Theme 1: Meeting Increasing Expectations to Use Official Statistics to Inform Public Services and Policy. (Contributed Papers) Jasmine Room	Theme 2: Price and Economic Statistics (Contributed Papers) Hibiscus Room	Theme 3: Regional Partnerships (Contributed Papers) Magnolia Room
3.00 - 3.30 pm		COFFEE BREAK			
3.30 – 5.00 pm	Parallel Sessions 2	Theme 2: The Application of Big Data in Official Statistics (Contributed Papers) Lotus Room 3	Regional and International Organisations: SCORUS – Urban Statistics for Post-2015 Development Agenda Jasmine Room	Theme 3: The User-Producer Partnership (Contributed Papers) Hibiscus Room	Theme 1: Reducing the Work on Surveys and Making the Most of Micro-data. (Contributed Papers) Magnolia Room
5.00 pm – 6.30 pm	Parallel Sessions 3	Theme 1: State of the Art: Innovative ways of doing more with Less (Invited Papers) Lotus Room 3	Theme 3: Experiences with Partnerships 1 (Contributed Papers) Jasmine Room	Theme 2: IT Applications in Survey and Statistical Work (Contributed Papers) Hibiscus Room	Theme 2: Statistical Methods 1 (Contributed Papers) Magnolia room

DAY 2 Thursday , 9 October					
8.30 – 9.45 am	Plenary Session 3	Theme 1 Reputation and Image analysis – Measuring Interest Group Expectations and Trust (Invited Papers) Lotus Rooms 1&2			
9.45 - 10.45 am	Plenary Session 4	Innovations Showcase Lotus Room 1&2			
10.45 - 11.15 am		COFFEE BREAK			
11.15 am - 12.30 pm	Plenary Session 5	Keynote Address – Dr Carmelita Ericta, former Interim National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority Lotus Room 1&2			
12.30 - 1.30 pm		LUNCH			
1.30 – 3.15 pm	Plenary Session 6	Theme 2 Big Data (Invited Papers) Lotus Room 1&2			
3.15 – 3.45 pm		COFFEE BREAK			
3.45 – 5.00 pm	Parallel Session 4	Regional and International Organisations: Eurostat- Big Data and Official Statistics - From Discussion to Action (Invited Papers) Lotus Room 3	Theme 2: The Use of Administrative Data (Contributed Papers) Jasmine Room	Theme 1: Statistical Governance and Production of Statistics to Meet Increasing Demands Under Financial Constraints (Contributed Papers) Hibiscus Room	Theme 3: Experiences with Partnerships 2 (Contributed Papers) Magnolia Room
5.00 – 5.45 pm	Plenary Session 7	Young Statisticians Prize Presentation (First and Second Prize Papers) Lotus Room 1&2			
6.30 – 10.00 pm		Gala Dinner			

DAY 3 Friday , 10 October					
8.30 am – 10.00 am	Plenary Session 8	Theme 3 Toward a Global Statistical –Geospatial Framework (Invited Papers) Lotus Rooms 1&2			
10.00 – 10.30 am		COFFEE BREAK			
10.30 - 11.45 am	Parallel Session 5	Theme 3: The Role of Statistical Councils (Panel Discussion) Lotus Room 3	Regional and International Organisations: Asian Development Bank Jasmine Room	Theme 2: Statistical Methods 2 (Contributed Papers) Hibiscus Room	
11.45 am – 12.45 pm	Plenary Session 9	Summary and Conclusions Lotus Room 1&2			
12.45 – 13.15 pm	Plenary Session 10	Closing and Farewell Lotus Room 1&2			

A registration desk will be open at the conference venue on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 7 October

Annex 2 IAOS participation at 60th ISI World Statistics Congress

By Rolando Ocampo

The call for proposals for IAOS sponsored sessions for next ISI WSC to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2015 was published at IAOS webpage on 2013, where we invite all members to send me, marking copy to Shigeru, their proposals before November 8, 2013.

As the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) extended the deadline for the call for IPS proposals until 15 December at the WSC webpage, we did it too, and received more proposals and updates until that date.

There were a total of 25 IPS proposals received. After reviewing them, we ask 9 sessions' organizers to present 4 new proposals, by putting together the ones that were similar to each other to then have a new total of 20 approved IPSs proposals.

We requested the 20 Session organizers of the approved proposals to submit them on line at the WSC webpage before December 15, 2013, and helped the ones having trouble on doing it.

On February 2014, IAOS Executive Committee made a ballot with the 20 proposals, taking into account 4 criteria to evaluate them.

1. Importance of the subject (for countries and policy makers)
2. Importance for the International Development Agenda Post 2015
3. Broadness of the subject
4. Emerging subject (Innovating proposal)
5. Quality of organization/preparation

The results of this ballot were discussed and presented to EXCO members at our in person meeting at IAOS Side Event on March 6th, 2013, in New York City.

On April 2014, all SPC members were asked to review and score the 150 proposals received from all ISI Associations in order to prepare with this information the work for the SPC meeting at Río. The deadline date for sending the scoring back was May 1st, 2014.

Realizing that all SPC members (Association representatives to the SPC) will score other association proposals, we asked Frank Samaniego and Vijay Nair, about the weight of each association scoring for their own proposals, and they answered that each association's priorities will have the most weight.

When reviewing and scoring the list of all IPS proposals, we noticed that under IAOS "cluster" were 23 IPS proposals. 2 of our original 20 IPS proposals were presented with IASS as their main sponsor, and we found other 5 IPS proposals that were submitted directly on line by session organizers at the WSC webpage under the sponsorship of IAOS without passing through the EXCO approval.

At Rio's meeting the SPC selected a total of 16 IAOS Invited Paper Sessions, and the other 2 proposals submitted as IASS were approved, too. Having a total of 18 IAOS sponsored Invited Paper Session for the 60th ISI World Statistics Congress to be held from 26-31 July in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Right now we are requesting session organizers to confirm the information submitted on their IPS before 30, June, to then let the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) contact participants of the sessions and continue organizing the Program with the SPC.

List of the IAOS Sponsored IPS at the ISI WSC 2015 in Rio

IPS016	Measuring Progress, Sustainable Development and Wellbeing in a Post-2015 environment	Gemma Van Halderen
IPS017	Statistical Approaches to the Study of Corruption	Mario Palma, Angela Me
IPS018	Commercial Property Price Indices and their place in Official Statistics	Niall O'Hanlon
IPS019	Addressing methodological questions on large crime population and business surveys	Angela Me, Sojo Eduardo
IPS020	Cross-national comparability of national statistics	Ineke Stoop
IPS021	Statistical Literacy for Decision Makers	Walter Radermacher, Reija Helenius
IPS022	Changes in population and housing censuses: from evolution to revolution?	David Thorogood
IPS023	Towards the modernisation of statistical processes	Roberto Barcellan
IPS024	Urbanisation and Societal Challenges: How are statistics measuring up?	Derek Bond, Asta Manninen
IPS025	Quality frameworks: from development to implementation and monitoring	Antonio Baigorri, Kim Sinho
IPS026	How can National Statistics Offices (NSOs) take advantage of new data sources and collection modes?	Nancy Gordon
IPS027	How to improve statistics production of NSO and NSS? Answers from the public management perspective.	Federico Segui
IPS028	Open Data: new challenges and opportunities for NSOs	Amparo Ballivian, Federico Segui
IPS029	Statistical Network - international collaboration in industrialising the production of official statistics	Gary Dunnet
IPS049	Small area estimation for business and economic data	Susana Rubin-Bleuer
IPS053	Estimation and inference methods based on integrated statistical data	Li-Chun Zhang
IPS101	Towards integration of statistical and geospatial information	Shigeru Kawasaki
IPS102	The Statistical Journal of the IAOS Invited Paper Session	Fritz Scheuren

Annex 3 IAOS 2016 Conference

By Ola Awad

Since September, IAOS has been inviting proposals from national statistical offices to host the IAOS2016 Conference. As of October 10, which was the deadline of applications, only one proposal was received from Statistics Center of Abu Dhabi (SCAD).

In early October 2013, the Statistics Centre of Abu Dhabi (SCAD) proposed to host the IAOS 2016 Conference. The proposal was well planned and it was strongly accepted.

A visit by Mr. Shigeru Kawasaki & Ms. Ola Awad to SCAD was conducted on 23-25 February, 2014, during which a consensus was reached on:

IAOS conference 2016 will be held during the period (6-8/12/2016).

The conference will be held on Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Center (ADNEC).

Statistics Canada was approached with a proposal to nominate a potential chairperson for the IAOS 2016 program committee from their senior staff and they accepted the request and appointed Mr. Eric Rancourt, Director of International Cooperation Division. Mr. Eric in cooperation with us is looking for at least (16) members to be part of IAOS2016 conference program committee.

Once the IAOS2016 program committee is formed, all its' members will work closely together to come up with the proposed title and themes for the IAOS2016 conference.

In the meantime, SCAD is working on a promotional video for IAOS2016 to be launched during IAOS2014 conference, Vietnam. The leaflet of IAOS2016 will be distributed during IAOS2014.

Annex 4 IAOS Prize for Young Statisticians 2014

By Chair of the YSP Committee

By the deadline of February 3, 2014, a total of 47 submissions were received of which 15 were not accepted because of ineligibility. Two papers were forwarded back to their authors to modify them due to rule infractions. The **32 eligible submissions** represent 19 countries/territories.

The rating was implemented in two phases, in accordance with the process used in previous rounds of the competition. The 32 papers were split into two groups A and B. Two adjudicators were given group A and the other two were given group B. Each adjudicator was to recommend 7 papers plus 2 papers considered as "marginal" to advance to the Final Phase.

Based on SC suggestions, a **list of 15 papers** was proposed for final scoring. Adjudicators were to rate the papers in the final phase in accordance with the following scoring scheme:

(a)"scientific/strategic merit" (max. 40 points), (b)"originality" (max. 20 points), (c)"applicability of ideas in statistical offices" (max. 20 points) and (d)"quality of exposition" (max. 20 points).

The top paper scored an average of 91.5 points across the four adjudicators (Paper no. 14), the second place (paper no. 26) scored on average 87.8 points and (paper no. 47) the third place scored on average 83.3 points. The three winning papers to be awarded prizes and their respective scores are:

- **First Prize:** " Linking, selecting cut-offs, and examining quality in the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI)"- **Paper ID (14)**

By: Laura O'Sullivan- Statistics New Zealand (91.5 points).

- **Second Prize:** " Transforming how we produce statistics: An inside perspective"- **Paper ID (26).**

By: Michelle Feyen- Statistics New Zealand (87.8 points).

- **Third Prize:** "Domains similarity models in synthetic estimation"- **Paper ID (47).**

By: Andrius Čiginas- Statistics Lithuania (83.3 points)

The three authors will have the opportunity to present their papers at IAOS2014 conference. Moreover, the top three papers will be published in IAOS Statistical Journal in December Issue 2014.

Annex 5 Membership Publicity and Website

By Nancy McBeth and Shigeru Kawasaki

The **website** needs regular management to ensure it is up to date and its potential is used. I am very grateful to Nancy McBeth , Naoki Makita and Sakuya Iijima for their work on this. They have been progressively updating content, and generally tidying the website to ensure it is more user friendly for members. This is an ongoing task, and I know that the team would appreciate other help.

While the website is the main way we keep in touch with members, and others interested in the wider field of Official Statistics, we also use a number of other media.

We have kept in touch with our members by regularly posting items on our web site and producing a 'Members update' after each Executive Committee with links to new information items. These are at <http://isi.cbs.nl/iaos/newsletter.htm>

Regular updates are also sent to all members and other parts of the ISI family, as part of the monthly ISI members update.

In this last year, we have also expanded our publicity to use social media, such as Twitter and Facebook to share key information.

A publicity plan has also been developed for the Vietnam conference.

Annex 6 Statistical Journal of the IAOS

by Fritz Scheuren, Chief Editor

In the year 2013 four issues of the IAOS Statistical Journal were published, with (in rounded numbers) about 300 pages altogether and in 30 articles. The number of submissions was even greater than this, given the new Journal approach of asking IOAS Session organizers at the Hong Kong ISI Meeting to become special Journal Editors. Thus, published papers for 2014 promise to be even higher and may hit or even slightly exceed the 400 page limit in the IAOS contract with the publisher IOS Press.

The effort to increase readership was also a success in 2013, largely, however, because of the Special Interview Issue put out to commemorate *the International Year of Statistics*. Access to the Interview issue was completely open and so viewed/read by several thousand people, most non-members of the IAOS.

Efforts to put out a single open issue of the Journal each year are expected to continue. Two of the remaining three issues in 2013 had one paper completely open. While not as successful as the completely open 2013 issue thus practice will also be continued in the foreseeable future.

The quality of the Journal submissions is an area where further improvements need to be made but the papers that did appear hit a high standard. This was true even though for most of the authors English was not a first or even a second language. A new editor is being added to the Journal Board to help with submissions where language or an author's inexperience with Journal Publication is a barrier.

Just started in 2013 are two promising initiatives: (1) A greater emphasis on outreach to Non IAOS members and (2) experimenting with new ways to increase readership among existing IAOS members. Hand-in-hand with the quality and outreach efforts is an effort to obtain a modest scientific ranking for the Journal among its peers.

At present, because of spotty and infrequent publication in years prior to 2013 the Journal was not ranked. The goal will be to obtain a modest ranked by 2015 and then to work to improve it thereafter.

Annex 7 IAOS Membership and Financial Statement (2008-2013, 2014 est.)

IAOS Membership

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	1-Jul	19-Dec	31-Dec	5-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec	18-Dec
Individual	340	309	305	302	279	277	297
Institutional	40	40	38	34	41	36	37
TOTAL	380	349	343	336	320	313	334

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IAOS

	Unit: Euros						
INCOME	Planned						
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Membership / contributions							
Individual members	5,000	5,045	4,983	4,761	5,468	5,460	5,682
Institutional members	10,000	11,412	8,441	12,410	10,153	11,420	11,268
Other income		1) 110		85	16,561	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	15,000	16,567	13,424	17,256	32,182	16,880	16,950
EXPENSES							
Organisation							
Travel and meetings	5) 2,500	-	1,304	-	1,159	1,293	3,095
Postage/ freight	100	95	89	220	315	720	328
Conference expenses	6) 14,000		22,348	1,330	6,791	-	-
Other	7) 1,000	2) 16	94	26	-	-	-
Computer costs	2,100	2,141	2,145	2,624	2,673	3,046	2,657
Stationary	150	148	140	193	95	179	29
Telephone	8) 2,000	3) 1,184	24	498	474	68	70
Insurance	50	53	46	58	58	56	70
Office equipment		-		-	156	201	208
Bank charges	500	671	545	561	504	537	466
Staff costs	1,800	1,822	1,684	1,205	1,415	1,515	1,630
Consultants			197	342	980		
Website	500	170	433	433	615		
Auditors	500	414	431	440	423	519	461
IAOS Prize money	7,000	4) 6,977	5,161	6,681	-	8,563	-
Total organisation	32,400	13,771	34,641	14,611	15,658	16,697	9,014
Depreciation debtors	750	375	824	504	604	603	435
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,150	14,146	35,465	15,115	16,262	17,300	9,449
RESULT BEFORE FINANCIAL INCOME	-18,150	2,421	-22,041	2,141	15,920	-420	7,501
Equity Interest	6,000	5,938	7,409	5,739	5,692	6,612	5,454
RESULT OF THE YEAR	-12,150	8,359	-14,632	7,880	21,612	6,192	12,955
Equity Fund january 1	199,207	190,848	205,480	197,600	175,988	169,796	156,841
Year-end adjustments Result	-12,150	8,359	-14,632	7,880	21,612	6,192	12,955
Equity Fund december 31	187,057	199,207	190,848	205,480	197,600	175,988	169,796

1) Sale of labels

2) Support for SCORUS website
 Surplus of Macao Satellite (Negative expenditure) 1,000
 Lunch IAOS EC -1,233
 IAOS leaflet 74
 IAOS leaflet 175

3) Expenses for telephone conferences IAOS EC

4) Prize money and tickets for "Young Statisticians"

5) Travels of two persons to attend the IAOS Executive in NY in March 2014

Travel of Nancy Gordon to attend the ISI Executive Council in July 2014 representing IAOS

6) 11,000 Euros for travel expenses of keynote speakers and other officers to IAOS 2014
 \$3,000 to supplement the ISI/WB Support for participants from developing countries.

7) Support for SCORUS

8) Teleconferences held every two months (more frequently than the previous year)

Annex 8

IAOS ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014
REPORT ON SCORUS Activities

1. SCORUS Management Appointments

The SCORUS General Assembly held on 28 August 2013 during the 2013 World Statistics Congress in Hong Kong endorsed the appointment of following office bearers of the SCORUS management for the period 2013-2015:

- Chairperson: Stephen Leung,
- Vice Chairperson: Teodora Brandmüller,
- Secretary: Wendy Thomas
- Treasurer: Petra Kuncová

There are also SCORUS Regional Groups for Europe, Asia and United States. A key goal of the Regional Groups is to facilitate dialogue and sharing on urban and regional research and statistics and encourage new IAOS/SCORUS membership in the respective regions.

2. Conferences and meetings**2.1. SCORUS Europe Group Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 16 June 2014**

This is a regional conference organised by the SCORUS Europe Group, held back-to-back with the meeting of the EU National Urban Audit Coordinators on 17-18 June 2014. The theme of the Conference is "A European Urban Agenda?". There were three sessions with about 3-4 contributions in each session and a round table discussion afterwards as follows:

Session 1: Urban policy objectives on the international, European, national and city level

Session 2: International and national urban research supporting an urban agenda

Session 3: Urban research on the municipal level supporting urban policy

Round table: What to expect from a European Urban Agenda and how to contribute to it by urban research?

2.2. IAOS Conference, Da Nang, Viet Nam, 8 - 10 October 2014

SCORUS will organise a session on "Urban Statistics for Post 2015 Development Agenda" with the following 4 papers. The organiser is Dr. Markandey Rai of UN-Habitat.

- On Estimating the Urban Population using Minimum Information
- State Urban Youth Statistics for the Post 2015 Development Agenda

- The Challenges and Opportunities of Open Data for the Post 2015 Development Agenda
- Challenge in Collecting and Analyzing Big Data for Urban Environment

2.3. World Statistics Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 27 – 31 July 2015

SCORUS has put up two IPS proposals, namely “Urbanisation and Societal Challenges: How are statistics measuring up?” and “New Urban Agenda and Statistics”.

3. New SCORUS Website

The new website (www.scorus.org) launched in end-2012 continues to be maintained and updated by the Statistical Office of Latvia. Further enhancement to the website is being planned with a view to making it more useful to all SCORUS members and others who are interested to know about the SCORUS and its upcoming events.

4. Special edition of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS

SCORUS is still working on editing a special edition of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS (SJIAOS). The special SCORUS issue of the SJIAOS would make recent developments in urban and regional statistics and research visible and open to discussion worldwide. The papers would be of practical nature, more of applied type, providing tools to address urban and regional challenges and to seize options for change. “Added value of recent developments in urban and regional statistics and research” is proposed to be the tentative title for this issue.

Using open data will be the central concept of this issue with the following areas to be particularly addressed:

- Comparative urban and regional statistics and their power and usefulness in improving living conditions worldwide.
- Segregation and spatial differentiation.
- New modes of cooperation, networks, partnerships and interaction with customers.

The work is being coordinated by Ms. Asta Manninen (City of Helsinki Urban Facts, Helsinki, Finland) and Dr. Derek Bond (University of Ulster at Coleraine, UK) who are current members of the Editorial Board. Ms. Asta Manninen will serve as the contact person for this special edition.

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Chair, SCORUS