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Improving Official Statistics

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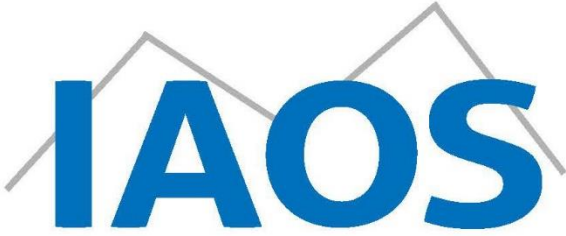


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Overview of 2021 – 2022 Activities

- Webinars
- IAOS Membership
- SJIAOS
- Young Statistician Prize
- SCORUS
- 17th IAOS Conference, Livingstone, Zambia, 2023
- 18th IAOS Conference, Krakow, Poland, 2022
- 64th ISI World Statistics Congress, Ottawa, Canada, 2023



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Webinars

- **February 2022:** *“Writing manuscripts for Official Statistics journals: Guidelines for practitioners and researchers”* workshop organized under the auspices of the ISI, and on the initiative of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS, five international journals on statistics and their publishers. 236 participants attended the workshop, & *“Ethics, trust, governance and use of data: Enhancing Official Statistics Capacity to address these issues”* organized a Side Event at the UNSC 53rd Session.
- **November 2021:** *“Statistical linkage of multiple disparate data sources with an application to estimate COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy rates for small areas”* webinar co-sponsored by IAOS and ASA Washington Statistical Society.
- **June 2021:** *“The role of National Statistical Offices in society and why professional independence is its foundation”* webinar hosted by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), International Statistical Institute (ISI) and IAOS.
- **February 2021:** *“More on Misuse of Statistics: Time to Speak Out”* webinar organized as a United Nations Statistical Commission 2021 Side Event.



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Upcoming Webinars

- **June 2022:** *“Building strong Integrated National Data Systems to transform people’s lives”* webinar to be organized by the IAOS and World Bank. More details will follow shortly.



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IAOS Membership

2021 - earlier 2022: 187 new members, including 12 former members reinstated

Increased number of personal membership: 592 members as of early 2022 vs 408 – in 2020

Free membership for SJIAOS authors: 45 members as of early 2022, 99 members in 2021

SJIAOS: some statistics

	2021	2020
Articles published	105	145*
Manuscripts rejected (%)	15	12
Turnaround time for reviews (days)	18	25
Number of authors	270	230
From different countries (number)	50	65
From non-core regions (%)	21	38
First time authors (%)	20	30
Visits to the journal (x 1000)	70	48
Downloads from 2021 content (total from 2016-2020 content: 51000)	7000	
Citations	396	287
Website visits (page views) (x 1000)	50	32
Visits SJIAOS discussion platform (x1000)	17	10

* in 2020 (Vol 37) there were 5 issues (Official Statistics in Africa) compared to 4 in 2021 (Vol 38)



Content: Journal main themes

2021	March	Misuse of Statistics: time to speak out
	June	Assessing Compliance with the UN FPOS
	September	New developments in Training in Official Statistics
	December	Statistics on difficult to measure population groups
2022	March	The 5x2030 Initiative
	June	Manuscripts from the The Hague ISI WSC 2021

In all issues: The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Official Statistics



Content: Website discussions

2021	7	Misuse of Statistics: time to speak out
	8	The UNFPOS: a suitable and current self-regulatory instrument or an outdated 'paper tiger'?
	9	The demand and format of Training in Official Statistics
	10	Statistics on difficult to measure population groups: challenges to leave no-one not-included
2022	11	Large international projects on the development of official statistics: the example of the 50x2030 Initiative
	12	The positive and negative aspects of standardization in official statistics
	Special	Fostering integrity and trust in the evolving data ecosystem



Some other issues

Workshop Writing manuscripts for Official Statistics journals

446 people registered, 236 connected of which
57% received certificate of attendance

New Manuscript Tracking System

Editorial manager as of February 2022

Changes in list of emphasis editors

Four resigned, five new welcomed, total ca 40

Advisory Board

Met twice in 2021



Plans 2022/2023: how to stay at the fore front ?

Combine interest for all with innovative specialized themes

Stay on top of, or even in front of, new developments

Increase author and readership further beyond traditional core regions

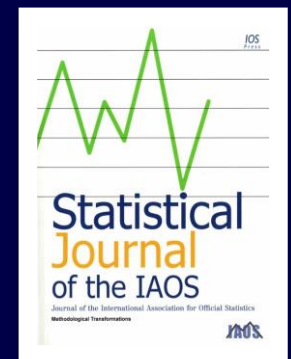
Stimulate 'open data' and 'FAIR' publishing

Further shorten the review and revision turnaround time

Stimulate open access



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Young Statistician Prize

Gemma Van Halderen
IAOS Executive Committee
Young Statistician Prize Focal Point





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- Young Statistician Prize
 - An **international prize** encouraging young statisticians to take an active interest in official statistics
- Prizes awarded for the best **papers** in the field of official statistics **written by** young statistician(s)

An international selection panel scores submissions based on four criteria

Score	Criteria	Criteria in practice
40 points	Scientific and/or strategic merit	Is it a pressing methodological or strategic issue? E.g., confidentiality, data integration, geospatial, big data
20 points	Originality	Can be originality in the context of the maturity of the country
20 points	Applicability of the ideas in the practice of statistical organisations	Needs to demonstrate applicability, even hypothetically
20 points	Quality of exposition	Allowing for non-English speaking

2022 statistics to date

Number of submissions	33
Developing: Developed	20:13
Asia	8 - Indonesia x 2, Tajikistan, Viet Nam, Hong Kong, Israel, Oman x 2
Americas	5 - USA, Canada x 2, Costa Rica, Mexico
Europe	11 - Belarus x 6, Netherlands, France, Spain, Germany, Austria
Africa	8 - Tanzania, Cameroon x 2, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, Egypt, Morocco, Zimbabwe
Oceania	1 – Australia
Number of Authors	43
Male: Female	19:24



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Broad timeframe

- March 2022 – round 1 assessments - **done**
- April 2022 – round 2 assessments - **underway**
- End May 2022 – finalise winners
- June 2022 – announce winners





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Issues being actively managed

- 2020 and 2021 first place winners have not been able to take up the travel part of their prize due to COVID-19. We are in regular contact with winners and identifying opportunities
- Quality of expositions – remains an issue. We worked with the Editor-in-Chief of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS to contribute writing tips to the ‘writing journal submissions’ workshop
- Number of submissions – we saw a bounce back in 2022 on the number of submissions. Thank you to all IAOS members who promoted the Prize and mentored young statisticians to make a submission

SCORUS activities 2021 -2022

SCORUS

Standing Committee on
Regional and Urban
Statistics

Organisation of webinars

Topics:

- City statistics – challenges and opportunities
- Measuring sustainable development goals (SDG) at regional and local level
- Communication of data at regional and local level

Participation

- 80 participants per webinar (in average)
- 5 speakers per webinar

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Outreach

- SCORUS website has been redesigned
- Visit us: <http://www.scorus.org>
- Join us on LinkedIn

Organisational matters

- Renewed Statute
- General assembly took place in July 2021

Zambia: IAOS-ISI Conference

Host: Zambia Statistics Agency (Zamstats)

IAOS-ISI Conference

- The 17th IAOS Conference and 1st ISI Africa regional conference
- *Theme: “Better Lives 2030: mobilizing the power of data for Africa and the world”*
- Initially planned for **May 2020** in Livingstone, Zambia
- Postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak
- **New dates: April 4-6, 2023**

- The venue is still the same, Avani hotel, by the **Victoria Falls**
- ZamStats is revamping all the committees in preparation for the conference
- Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) will be reconstituted
- **Budget** – Hoping to get the sponsorship from Eurostat WBTF/ISI and IPUMS International

Avani Hotel



Victoria falls



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16-20 July 2023



64th ISI World Statistics Congress
Ottawa, Canada



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64TH WORLD STATISTICS CONGRESS

Key Dates

	Invited Paper Sessions	Contributed Paper Sessions/Posters
Call for IPS Proposals starts / Call for CPS submissions starts	25 April 2022	1 September 2022
Call for Proposals ends	15 July 2022	N.A.
SPC notifies Session Organisers	15 September 2022	15 January 2023
Abstract/Paper Submission starts	15 September 2022	15 September 2022
Abstract/Paper Submission ends	15 December 2022	30 November 2022
Early Bird Registration opens	1 November 2022	
Regular Registration opens	1 April 2023	