**Annex B**

**IAOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 2013**

**REPORT ON THE COMPETITION FOR THE YOUNG STATISTICIANS PRIZE**

Over the past several years, interest in competing for the Young Statisticians Prize (YSP) has grown, and in 2011, the Executive Committee of the International Association for Official Statistics decided to award the prize annually, rather than only every other year. The number of submissions meeting the requirements described in the announcements of the competitions has increased as follows:

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| Year | Number of entries |
| 2009 | 6 |
| 2011 | 26 |
| 2012 | 23 |
| 2013 | 35 |

Each year, an international Selection Committee (SC) ranks the valid submissions using criteria of scientific and/or strategic merit; originality; applicability of the ideas in statistical offices; and quality of the exposition. The membership of the SCs gradually evolves over time, to maintain continuity while sharing the work among more people. Even though more papers are being received, the SCs remain favorably impressed by their general quality.

In 2013, the three winning papers are:

First Prize: “Using kernel methods to visualise crime data” by Kieran Martin and Martin Ralphs of the Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

Second Prize: “The policeman and the statistician – on the quality of the raw data in official statistics” by Anton Färnström of the Unit for Legal Statistics, Crime Prevention Council, Stockholm, Sweden

Third Prize: “ABS iPhone App – the way of the future?” by David Sullivan of the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australia

In addition to monetary prizes for up to three winning papers, each year the author (or a coauthor) of the paper winning first prize receives funds for travel and accomodation to present the paper at the World Statistics Conference or the IAOS conference. This year, in honor of the International Year of Statistics, funding was provided so that authors of all three winning papers could present them at WSC Hong Kong.

Moving forward, in order to better coordinate with the schedule of the World Statistics Conferences, which occur in August in odd-numbered years, the IAOS Executive Committee has decided to revise the schedules for the YSP competitions. The deadline for submissions for the 2014 YSP competition is February 3, 2014. The deadline for the 2015 competition will be December 15, 2014.

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