

2020 IAOS YOUNG STATISTICIANS PRIZE

Announcement of Competition

**Best paper
wins €1,500
and a trip
to the
2020 IAOS
Conference
in Zambia!**

CALLING ALL YOUNG STATISTICIANS

The International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is pleased to announce the launch of the **2020 IAOS Young Statisticians Prize (YSP)**. This 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 a monetary prize, the first-place winner will receive travel funds to present his/her paper at the IAOS Conference that will be held in Livingstone, Zambia, from 19th - 21st May 2020.

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 no more than 4 000 words, 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 in the practice of statistical organizations;
- Quality of the exposition.

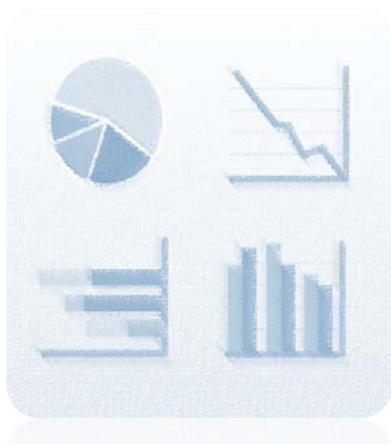
PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 11:59PM (UTC) ON 30 NOVEMBER 2019

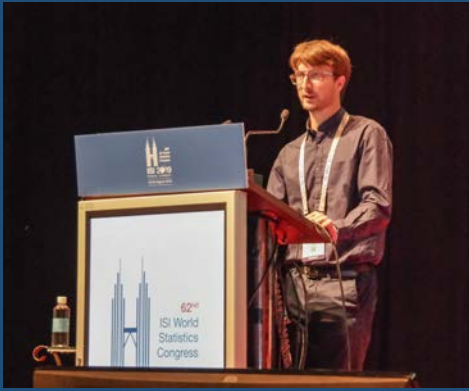
The decision of the panel will be final. Prizes will only be awarded if papers of significant quality are submitted.

PRIZES

1st Place:

- A cash prize of €1,500 (divided among co-authors if applicable);
- An opportunity to present the paper at the 2020 IAOS Conference, with airfare and hotel accommodation provided (for only one author in situations of co-authorship);
- Two years of IAOS membership;
- A certificate of award.





2019 First Prize winner, Vianney Costemalle, presenting his paper at the 62nd ISI World Statistics Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2nd Place

- A cash prize of €1000, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate;

3rd Place

- A cash prize of €500, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate.

A prize will also be awarded to the best paper from a developing country:

- An honorable mention, 2 years of IAOS membership, and a certificate.

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

ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

A maximum of three co-authors is allowed for a paper. An author can participate in only one paper.

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

- Be under the age of 35 on 30 November 2019; and
- Be employed¹ by an official statistical organization² as at 30 November 2019.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Submissions must comprise a maximum of 4 000 words (including references, appendices, tables, and graphs) **plus** a cover page that must include:

- A line that it is a “Submission for the 2020 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);
- An abstract of no more than 15 lines.

Any submission exceeding 4 000 word will be disqualified.

Submissions must comply with the [YSP Competition Guidelines](#).

Along with their paper, participants should also fill and send the [2020 YSP Submission Template](#).

Please submit papers, in MS Word and PDF format to: ysprize2020@gmail.com.

More information can be found at <https://www.iaos-isi.org/index.php/statistics-prize>. You may also submit any question you have about the competition to the e-mail address above.

¹Full-time, part-time, or contractual employees are eligible and an NSO's 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 a NSO agency are not eligible.

²A National or International Statistical Organization, 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. Statistical departments of non-statistical international organizations as well as schools of statistics formally attached to official statistics offices (such as ENSAE in France and STIS in Indonesia) are included, but university programs that are not formally attached to official statistics offices (such as EMOS1-labelled university programs in Europe) are excluded.