

# News from the World of Statistics



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## Time Running Out to Submit Nominations for International Prize in Statistics



The [International Prize in Statistics](http://www.worldofstatistics.org) recognizes a “major achievement” by an individual or team in the field of statistics, and in doing so, helps raise media and public awareness of the growing importance of statistics to modern life and promotes understanding of the myriad and diverse ways statistics affects the lives of every person alive today.

Other fields have their own award programs, and now it’s time that statistics get recognized with the same esteem. Help call public attention to the important role statistics, data analysis, probability, and the understanding of uncertainty have played in the past and are playing today in the advancement of society, science, technology and human welfare, with a decided focus on current developments!

The deadline for nominations is quickly approaching. Email the completed [nomination form](#) and related materials to [Nominations@statprize.org](mailto:Nominations@statprize.org) by no later than **August 15, 2016**. The recipient(s) will be announced in October, and the award will be presented in July 2017, at the World Statistics Congress in Marrakech.

## Statistician Pens Piece Addressing, Identifying Sketchy Statistics



Famed statistician David Spiegelhalter finds value in using numbers to convey scope and magnitude, but too often, finds that statistics and data are being stretched and misrepresented to affirm or contrast one message over another. In an article appearing in [The Guardian](#), Spiegelhalter cites nine distinct examples of statistical references were inaccurate, including an examination of the Brexit Campaign, and numerous other references to health, economic and crime data in both the U.K. and the United States. While he notes that not all

professionals are dishonest or out to scam the public, and that a number of noble groups undertake efforts to fact check, his frustration with the continued barrage of dishonest use of data by politicians and spin doctors is evident when he says: “It’s only by public scrutiny and exposure that anything will change.”

### **IASS July 2016 Issue “The Survey Statistician” Now Available**



The International Association of Survey Statisticians has published its [July 2016 issue](#) of *The Survey Statistician*. In addition to regular columns and features of country reports on activities related to survey methodology, listings of relevant journals, and announcements of upcoming conferences, the issue also contains articles titled “Indirect Sampling for Hard-to-Reach Populations” by Pierre Lavalée of Statistics Canada and a response to the question “Why the Resurgence in Interest in Address-Based Sampling?” by Rachel Harter of RTI International.

### **Royal Statistical Society Announces RSS 2016 International Conference**



This year's [International Conference of the Royal Statistical Society](#) has attracted a record number of submissions for talks and posters. The Conference, which takes place at the University of Manchester September from 5-8, 2016, will feature keynote talks from Christl Donnelly of Imperial College London, Anne Glover, former chief scientific adviser to the president of the European Commission, Xiao-Li Meng of Harvard University, and Noel Cressie of the University of Wollongong, Australia. In addition, the three-day program includes nearly 40 invited sessions across 12 topics streams plus 11 professional development workshops and more than 100 poster presentations.

### **United Nations Conference Releases New Sustainable Development Report**



On July 18, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) launched a special online report dedicated to sustainable development goals (SDGs). Titled “[Development and Globalisation: Facts and Figures](#),” the report is compiled every four years to coincide with the UNCTAD quadrennial conference. It covers all the SDG goals, and it focuses on targets that are relevant to the UNCTAD mandate.

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Extreme Value Analysis Conference Set for The Netherlands



The 10th International Conference on Extreme Value Analysis will take place at Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), The Netherlands, from June 26-30, 2017. It will include presentations on all probabilistic and statistical aspects of Extreme Value Analysis, and applications in Climate and Atmospheric Science, Industrial Risks, Geosciences, Hydrology, Finance, Economics and Insurance,

Biosciences, Physics, Telecommunications, and Stochastic Networks. The conference will bring together a diverse range of researchers, practitioners, and graduate students whose work is related to the analysis of extreme values in a broad sense. Topics of interest include univariate, multivariate, infinite dimensional extreme value theory, heavy tails/light tails, order statistics and records, rare events and risk analysis, and spatial/spatio-temporal extremes. Registration is likely to open in January 2017.

## Statistics Part of Upcoming Global Medical Conferences



The International Conference on [Metabolic Syndromes](#) will take place October 17-19 in Rome. With a theme of “Advancements in Metabolic disorder diagnostics and newer treatment strategies for prevention cure,” the event focuses on the following areas: Metabolic Syndrome, Insulin Resistant Syndrome, Nutrition and Metabolic Responses, Cardiovascular Disorders, Endocrine

Disorders, Regulation of Energy Metabolism, Gender Aspect of Metabolic Syndrome, Inflammation and Metabolic Syndrome, Obesity – Diabetes Metabolism, and Metabolic Disorders in Children.



The Sixth International Conference on [Diabetes and Endocrinology](#) takes place December 5-7, 2016, in Dallas, Texas. Building off a theme of “New Recommendations and Practical Approaches in the Treatment of Endocrinal Disorders,” the conference contains 13 tracks focusing on Hormones and Endocrine Glands, Neuro Endocrinology, Endocrine Regulation, Pediatric Endocrinology, Exploration and

Production, Biofuels and Hydrocarbons, Petroleum and Petrochemicals, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, and Energy Balance and Obesity, among others. Five keynote and workshops are planned as are 50 plenary lectures.

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