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## Farewell, it was very nice serving you!

by Juana Sanchez, Former Director of ISLP



Dear Colleagues,

As I told the Executive of the IASE months ago, August 31st 2009 will be my last day as Director of the International Statistical Literacy Project of the ISI. The IASE is our umbrella organization and therefore they are the ones in charge of looking for a

replacement. They are working on it, Allan Rossman said at the last ISLP closed meeting in Durban, August 18th.

I am a citizen of the United States and a North American at heart. With me, the ISLP has had two North American Directors in a row (and the only two Directors ever). I would encourage people from other countries to express their interest to the Executive of the IASE.

I was appointed in the late fall of the year 2006, and started working for the ISLP then. Officially, I started the position on January 2007. I tried to fit the work of the ISLP to my full time job as a lecturer at UCLA. I have enjoyed every minute of it, and I have learned immensely from it. But I have to leave now to dedicate more time to my regular job and my family. It is also time to let others bring new energy and interests to the project.

Since my health at the moment of writing is not great, I will make this newsletter short, and everything else missing will be updated in the wiki ISLP web site when I

get better. Now that I am not Director, I may find more time to update the web site!!! Please, for issues on the ISLP, contact the IASE executive from now on. You may find the IASE executive at <http://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/~iase/index.php>

Thank you very much to all the ISLP community who has worked so hard and achieved so much in these past two years. You all will be an inspiration to me in the years to come.

## ISIBALO International Statistical Literacy Competition of ISLP, Durban, South Africa, August 20, 2009-- Winners and award ceremony

### Age category: 12-14

**First Prize:** Micaela Zabalo (Argentina)

**Second Prize:** Amanda Ens (Canada)

**Third Prize:** Denise Msowoya (Malawi)

### Age category: 15-16

**First Prize:** Memory Nuka (Malawi)

**Second Prize:** Tamaryn Fortuin (South Africa-in photo)





**Third Prize:** Rosa de Vivo (Italy-left)

## Best Cooperative Project Award in Statistical Literacy 2009.

The best cooperative project award in Statistical Literacy for the year 2009 went to

### Age Category 17,18,AP

**First Prize:** Justus Mutanen (Finland-photo below)

**Second Prize:** Teele Semala Hala (Lesotho)

**Third Prize:** Moriah Rahamim (United States)

The award ceremony was conducted in the afternoon of Saturday, August 22nd in the main hall of the ICC in Durban, South Africa. Mr. Pali Lehohla,

statistician general of South Africa, invited hundred of school children from South Africa to be present during the ceremony. This young audience, together with the teachers and



other attendees of the ISI 54, made the hall vibrate with cheer and joy every time a winner was announced or every time the statistician general brought up the word "Statistics." You may see below some photos. More will appear in the ISLP web site. It was a unique experience for the learners and the teachers. Only Statistics South Africa can do things a exquisite and so tailored to children as this. Thank you SSA !!!

The monetary awards, diplomas, trophies and cheques were all provided by Statistics South Africa.

In the next weeks, the exams and key will be posted in the ISLP web site, as well as more details of the ISIBALO week and competition.



Math4Stats of Statistics South Africa and

EarlyStatistics a consortium of different partners (a college and several universities from Cyprus and other countries – Spain, Greece, Norway)

Ana Serrado Bayes (Spain) collected the trophy for EarlyStatistics and Themba Mhoto for Math4Stats. You may see them in the photo holding the trophies, together with some math4stats provincial coordinators and ISLP advisory board members. See more on these projects in the ISLP Web Site.

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Please, submit your resources, and articles to the future director of the ISLP or post them yourself in the wiki.

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