people from developing and transitional countries to attend the
Short Courses, in particular, and the ISI Session, in general. In
the past editions, the U.N. Statistical Division represented the
major financial support source to attend the Short Courses.
Such a decision, together with the fact that the location of the
ISI Session makes the travel costs very expensive, might
seriously affect the attendance of the Short Courses. As a
consequence, the Courses might be cancelled in part or
completely.

The programme comprises the following Courses:

Course A: Workshop on Survey Sampling
Presented by: Graham Kalton (Westat); Steven Heeringa
(Survey Research Center, University of Michigan).

Course B: Variance Estimation in Complex Surveys
Presented by: Wayne Fuller (Iowa State University); Kirk
Wolter (University of Chicago); F. Jay Breidt (Colorado State
University); Anthony An (SAS Institute).

Course C: Workshop on Editing and Imputation of Survey
Data
Presented by: John G. Kovar (Statistics Canada); Eric
Rancourt (Statistics Canada).

Course D: Introduction to Survey Quality
Presented by: Paul Biemer (RTI International and University of
North Carolina); Lars Lyberg (Statistics Sweden).

Course E: Statistical Disclosure Control
Presented by: Anco Hundepool (Statistics Netherlands); Eric
Schulte Nordholt (Statistics Netherlands); Peter-Paul de Wolf
(Statistics Netherlands).

Course F: Design and Analysis of Repeated Surveys
Presented by: David Steel (University of Wollongong); Craig

The registration form with the Course fees is located on the
IASS website
http://www.cbs.nl/isi/iass/ and on the Session

For further information and expression of interest, please write
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IASE sessions at ISI 55, 5-12 April 2005, can now be found on
the following website: http://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/iase55.

ICOTS-7: Working Cooperatively in Statistics
Education
Salvador (Bahia), Brazil, July 2 - 7, 2006
The International Association for Statistical Education (IASE)
and the International Statistical Institute (ISI) are organising the
Seventh International Conference on Teaching Statistics
(ICOTS-7), which will be hosted by the Brazilian Statistical
Association (ABE) in Salvador (Bahia), Brazil, July 2-7, 2006.
2004 has been an important year of planning. The ICOTS
website has been in place since the beginning of the year,
thanks to the work of John Shanks and John Harraway, who
are continuously updating the information. By now, the website
contains summaries of Topics and Sessions, and contact
addresses for Session Organisers, as well as a list of deadlines,
first announcements and some guidelines. An ICOTS
planning meeting was held in July, on the occasion of
ICME-10 in Copenhagen, where members of the
International Programme Committee met with some
Topic Convenors, Session Organisers and potential participants.
Other informal meetings of the International Planning Committee (IPC) and Local Committee members
have taken place or are planned for 2005, and the first
announcement was distributed to conferences, e-mail lists,
websites and publications. The planning is accelerating now,
since Session Organisers are receiving expressions of interest
by researchers and teachers

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from all around the world. Please remember that there is still
time to offer Invited Papers. More information about the venue
and activities is given below.

Bahia’s capital of Salvador sits on a spit of land sticking south
south-west into the Atlantic Ocean), and the topography is
mainly hill and valley. Salvador sits on a vast bay, which at
1,100 square kilometres, 70 kilometres from north to south,
and 60 kilometres from east to west (at its widest point), is
the largest in Brazil.

A Bahia de Todos os Santos (the Bay of All Saints) is fed by
the Paraguaçu river (among numerous smaller sources), which
opens into the smaller bay of Iguape, which in turn gives way
to the principal bay. Although it sits well within the tropics at a
southern latitude of thirteen degrees, it receives a refreshing
sea-breeze which seldom falters until the wee hours of the
morning when things have generally cooled off anyway. The
settlement was founded in 1549 by Thomé de Souza and
quickly became the main Brazilian sea port and first capital of
Portuguese Brazil until 1763. The city still contains many
colonial buildings, including the first cathedral in Brazil, over
350 churches and the nation’s oldest medical college, but it
has become more famous due to the strong influence of
African culture on the city. Salvador is characterised by intense
cultural and artistic activity with cheerful, hospitable and proud
people. The city has several universities, including the
Universidade Federal da Bahia, Universidade do Estado da
Bahia, and Universidade Católica do Salvador. The majority
of the population of the city are of African ancestry. The rich
mixture of beliefs, traditions and races has led to the
development of a vast culture that is manifest in its popular
music, dance, art and cuisine. It is the center of Yoruba
Candomblé and the martial dance art of capoeira.

Salvador is famous for its traditions, including processions,
coming-of-age celebrations and its carnival. Its historical
precinct has been the cultural centre of the arts since 1985. It
is a place of famous artists and writers who have gained
international reputation. You can learn more about Salvador
and Bahia, its history, attractions and people from
http://www.bahia-online.net/.

Call for Papers
Statistics educators, statisticians, teachers and educators at
large are invited to contribute to the Scientific Programme.
Types of contributions include Invited Papers, Contributed
Papers and Posters. No person may author more than one
Invited Paper at the Conference, although the same person
can be co-author of more than one paper, provided each paper
is presented by a different person.

Voluntary refereeing procedures will be implemented for
ICOTS-7. Details of how to prepare manuscripts, the
refereeing process and final submission arrangements will be
announced later.

Invited Papers
Invited Paper Sessions are organised within 9 different
Conference Topics. The list of Sessions themes, with e-mail
contact information for Session Organisers, is available on the
ICOTS-7 website at http://www.maths.otago.ac.nz/icots7,
under “Scientific Programme”.

Contributed Papers
Contributed Paper sessions will be arranged in a variety of
areas. Those interested in submitting a contributed paper
should contact either Joachim Engel (Engel_Joachim@ph-
ludwigsburg.de) or Alan MacLean
(alan.mclean@buseco.monash.edu.au) before September 1,
2005.

Posters
Those interested in submitting a poster should contact Celina
Lopes (celilopes@uol.com.br) before February 1, 2006.

Special Interest Group Meetings
These are meetings of Special Interest Groups of people who
are interested in exchanging and discussing experiences
and/or projects concerning a well-defined theme of common
interest. Proposals to hold a SIG Meeting specifically oriented
to reinforce Latin American statistics education cooperation in
a particular theme are especially welcome. In this case, the
Organisers may decide to hold the meeting in the Portuguese
and Spanish languages.

Normally, an SIG Meeting will be held in the evenings and will
be allotted up to two 1½-hour time slots. Please note that the
number of SIG Meetings is limited, so they are offered on a
“first come first served” basis. The following SIG Meetings
have been recently organised:

SIG1: Training Mathematics Teachers to Teach Statistics in
Spanish and Portuguese Speaking Countries. Organisers:
Margarida Cesar (Portugal), macesar@fc.ul.pt and Teresita
Terán (Argentina), teresitateran@hotmail.com (Portuguese
and Spanish).

SIG2: Young Latin American Researchers in Statistics
Education. Organisers: Cileda Coutinho (Brazil),
cileda@puccsp.br and Blanca Ruiz (Mexico), bruiz@itesm.mx
(Portuguese and Spanish).

SIG3: International Research Forum on Statistical Reasoning,
Thinking and Literacy. Organisers: Dani Ben-Zvi (Israel),
dbenzvi@univ.haifa.ac.il and Joan B. Garfield (USA),
job@umich.edu (English).

SIG4: Curricular Development in Statistics Education in Latin
America. Organisers: Olga Leticia Escudero (Mexico),
ogal@sep.gob.mx and Clayde Regina Mendes (Brazil)
clayde@uol.com.br (Portuguese and Spanish).

Individuals or groups may submit proposals to establish a
Special Interest Group. Contact Carmen Batanero
(batanero@ugr.es). Only clearly non-commercial SIGs will be
accepted in the Scientific Programme. The IPC is in charge of
reviewing and accepting SIG proposals.
Organisers

Local Organisers
Pedro Alberto Morettin, (Chair), Lisbeth K. Cordani, Clélia Maria C. Toloj, Wilton de Oliveira Bussab and Pedro Silva.

IPC Executive
Carmen Batanero (Chair), Susan Starkings (Programme Chair), Allan Rossman and Beth Chance (Editors of Proceedings), John Harraway (Scientific Secretary) and Lisbeth Cordani (Local Organisers Representative).

More information is available from the ICOTS-7 website at http://www.maths.otago.ac.nz/cots7/ or from the ICOTS IPC Chair Carmen Batanero (batanero@ugr.es), the Programme Chair Susan Starkings (starksa@lbed.ac.uk) and the Scientific Secretary John Harraway (jharraway@maths.otago.ac.nz).

Statistics Education Research Journal (SERJ)
The editorial board of the Statistics Education Research Journal (SERJ) is pleased to announce the publication of the November 2004 issue of the Statistics Education Research Journal (Vol. 3, No. 2). This new issue, as well as archives of older issues, can be found on the SERJ web page at: http://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/serv.

The complete issue can be downloaded as a single PDF (about 1MB) or individual papers can be retrieved separately. Access to issues of SERJ is free.

Contents of Vol. 3, No. 2 (Nov 2004):
Special issue on reasoning about variability and variation (Guest Editors: Dani Ben-Zvi and Joan Garfield)
Jim Hammerman and Andee Rubin. Strategies for managing statistical complexity with new software tools.
Dani Ben-Zvi. Reasoning about variability in comparing distributions.
Arthur Bakker. Reasoning about shape as a pattern in variability.
Chris Reading. Student description of variation while working with weather data.

This issue contains an Editorial announcing important changes in the SERJ Statement of Goals and Policy and the addition of a Brief Reports manuscript format. The issue also contains sections with information about past and future IASE conferences and announcements of other future conferences with a statistical education research strand.

Inquiries and submissions should be sent to the Co-Editor Flavia R. Jolliffe (UK) at: F.Jolliffe@kent.ac.uk. Guidelines for authors and referees, a template for authors, and a copyright form, as well as prior and current issues of the journal, can be downloaded from the SERJ web page: www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/serv.

Update on International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP)
Over the past several months, two new pages have been added to the ISLP website. These are on Assessment at http://course1.winona.edu/cblumberg/islpassess.htm and one with relevant Newspaper and Internet Articles at http://course1.winona.edu/cblumberg/islparticle.htm. If you have any good articles (especially from countries other than the USA), please submit the articles along with an approximately 3 to 5-sentence paragraph of how they can be used when training teachers to Eunice Goldberg at egoldberg@gnl.edu. Please make sure to include a complete reference to where the article is located and, if possible, information on who needs to be contacted to get permission to reproduce the article on the website.

Also, the project is in need of one or more people to coordinate the web page dealing with resources in statistical literacy at the primary school level. If you have expertise in this area and are willing to help with the coordination of these pages, please contact Carol Blumberg at cblumberg@winona.edu.

Further, if you have other resources that you would like to see included on existing web pages, please send them to the appropriate page coordinators (see http://course1.winona.edu/cblumberg/islpassess.htm for e-mails). If you have ideas for additional web pages or other projects that you would like to have the ISLP Advisory Committee consider or any questions, please contact Carol Joyce Blumberg, ISLP Coordinator, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987-5838, USA; e-mail: cblumberg@winona.edu; Fax: +1-507-457-5376.

IASE Invited Paper Session Scheduled During Joint Statistical Meetings
The IASE has had its proposal for an Invited Session on "Publishing in Statistics Education Journals: Views from the Editors" accepted for the 2005 Joint Statistical Meetings. This Session will have the Editors (or their representatives) of the Statistics Education Research Journal, Journal of Statistics Education and Teaching Statistics prepare and present papers on the mission of their journal, the types of articles they would like to receive, and some of the common errors they find in submitted manuscripts that result in rejection. Gilberte Schuyten (IASE President) will serve as Discussant. Following the presentations by the Editors and the Discussant, there will be 30 to 40 minutes of open discussion devoted to questions from the audience and discussion by the Editors and members of the audience of what the journals and the organisations that publish them can do in the future to fit the needs of the statistics education community. This Session is also being organised by Carol Joyce Blumberg. The co-sponsors are the ISI and the ASA Section on Statistical Education. Details on the 2005 Joint Statistical Meetings to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, from 7 to 11 August are at http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2005/index.cfm.

2004 Issue of IASE Review Available on IASE Website
The 2004 issue of the IASE Review is available on the IASE website by going to http://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/~iae/publications.php and then clicking on the link to "IASE Review".

News of Members
Helen MacGillivray has been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Statistical Society of Australia (SSAI). Helen is an outstanding statistician who has made very significant contributions to the statistical profession, the IASE and the SSAI. She has filled major roles in many professional and government bodies, where she tirelessly advocates the importance of statistical practice and statistical education in our society. She has filled management roles in the SSAI since 1985, rising to the level of President in 1995. Effective statistical education in Australia is crucial to the future health of statistics. Helen has made distinguished contributions to statistical education with her own excellent teaching, involvement in senior secondary school teaching in Queensland, and international conferences on teaching. She has written many influential papers on the teaching of statistics.

Susan Starkings, one of the IASE Vice-Presidents, has been elected to serve as Chair of the Education Strategy Group and as Honorary Education Officer for the Royal Statistical Society (RSS) for the 2004 - 2007 term of office. For details of the RSS Education Activities, see the website http://www.rss.org.uk/education/index.html.

US-COTS, Columbus, Ohio, US, May 17 - 19, 2005
This major U.S. Conference on Teaching Statistics is sponsored by CAUSE, a new Consortium for the Improvement of Undergraduate Statistics Education (CAUSE Director, Dennis Pearl, Ohio State University, USA, pearl.1@osu.edu, http://www.CAUSEweb.org). Arising from strategic initiatives of the American Statistical
better statistics of social conditions, such as unemployment, and, in addition to monetary measures, we need to have international and regional comparisons were presented. Measurement and survey issues and issues relating to kind of indicators. The results of the latest research on both covered a wide range of themes and topics relating to presented and discussed during the Conference. The issues and 7 Contributed Paper sessions. More than 60 papers were issued. The keynote speech, he described how official statistics were used in planning and monitoring the Jordan Poverty Alleviation Committee under the Chairmanship of Alain Azouvi from in his Co-operation kindly welcomed us to the Conference and, in his attended. The Jordanian Minister of Planning and International countries as well as from many international organisations About 150-170 participants from developing and developed countries hosted by the Department of Statistics (DOS) of Jordan. The joint IAOS/IASS Conference on "Poverty, Social Exclusion and Development: A Statistical Perspective" was held in Amman, Jordan, from 29 November to 1 December 2004. It was the first conference held in the Middle East by both Associations and it proved to be a great success, combining the opportunity to consider in depth a number of important topics with exciting social activities. The Conference was hosted by the Department of Statistics (DOS) of Jordan. About 150-170 participants from developing and developed countries as well as from many international organisations attended. The Jordanian Minister of Planning and International Co-operation kindly welcomed us to the Conference and, in his keynote speech, he described how official statistics were used in planning and monitoring the Jordan Poverty Alleviation Strategy. The Scientific Programme was prepared by the Programme Committee under the Chairmanship of Alain Azouvi from France. The Programme comprised 16 Invited Paper sessions and 7 Contributed Paper sessions. More than 60 papers were presented and discussed during the Conference. The issues covered a wide range of themes and topics relating to economic and social statistics, population censuses and many kind of indicators. The results of the latest research on both measurement and survey issues and issues relating to international and regional comparisons were presented. Discussions showed clearly that poverty is a multi-dimensional issue and, in addition to monetary measures, we need to have better statistics of social conditions, such as unemployment, homelessness, sickness, hunger and social inequality. Better regional statistics for rural and urban areas as well as more disaggregated statistics of certain population groups—e.g. children, old people, immigrants, females—are also needed. Many participants felt that international guidelines on measurement of poverty and social exclusion would be of great help in the future.

Our warmest thanks to Dr. Hussein Shakhatreh, Director-General of the Jordanian Department of Statistics, and to his staff for all the practical arrangements and the warm hospitality during this successful Conference!

**Invitation to the IAOS General Assembly**

IAOS members are invited to attend the IAOS General Assembly meeting that will take place in Sydney on Friday, April 8, 2005, from 11:15 to 13:00. The location of the meeting will be announced in the ISI Session Bulletin. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

1. Opening remarks
3. Financial report
   - President (replacing the presently nominated Mr. Hermann Habermann, USA, who is unfortunately unable to assume this post): Mr. Brian Pink, Government Statistician, Statistics New Zealand
   - President Elect: Mr. Olav Ljones, Deputy Director-General, Statistics Norway
   - Vice-Presidents:
     - Mr. Paul Crowley, International Relations Office, Central Statistical Office, Ireland
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**Rob Edwards Reports:**

by an editorial board of experienced statistics educators. The CAUSEweb.org site also highlights an array of materials for those interested in statistics education research.

**Website for Up and Coming Conferences**

If you have a conference that is of interest to statistical education, then please contact Andrej Blejec, e-mail: andrej.blejec@uni-lj.si, who will add this to the IASE website. The IASE main page for communicating about conferences is http://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/~iase/conferences.php, so have a look to see what is up and coming.

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