

IASI Award for Excellence

1. **Objective.** The IASI Award for Excellence (denominated the “IASI Award” for short in the remainder of this text) is aimed at identifying and recognizing new talents in the area of Statistics in the American region, to attract their attention towards the Institute, stimulate their action in favor of statistical development in the region, and facilitate the dissemination of relevant work of young statisticians.
2. **Characteristics.** The IASI Award will be granted, jointly with the statistical associations of the countries in the region, to the best scientific paper by a young author or by a young author and his/her academic advisor presented during its widest scientific meetings. The IASI Award will be granted at most twice a year. At least two years must elapse between two successive grants of the Award in the same country. The IASI Award may be delivered with occasion of a Seminar on Applied Statistics or with occasion of the broadest scientific meeting of the statistical association of the host country. In those years when IASI sponsors a Seminar on Applied Statistics, the Award will be granted at that meeting and not at the meeting of the statistical association of the host country. In this case, the two-year interval until the granting of next Award in the same country will be counted from the last broad meeting of the statistical association of that country where the Award was granted.
3. **The Award.** The IASI Award will consist in a diploma, plus US\$500.00 (five hundred U.S. dollars), converted into the local currency according to the exchange rules in force in the country. In addition to this, the winner of the Award will have automatic membership in IASI, with the annual dues covered for a two-year period. This will include the reception of the journal *Estadística* and IASI's Newsletter for the same period.
4. **Contest Commission.** The responsibility for the appointment of this commission, for each contest, belongs to the corresponding national statistical society, and whenever such society does not exist the responsibility will fall on the Executive Committee of IASI. Whenever the Award is granted during one of the Seminars on Applied Statistics, the initiative for the appointment of the Contest Commission will correspond to the Executive Committee of IASI. An active member of IASI, preferably residing in the country where the Award will be granted, shall compulsorily be in the commission. In addition to the IASI representative, the Contest Committee shall include a minimum of three statisticians active in the country, who shall not be eligible as Award candidates. This commission shall be established sufficiently in advance to allow for allow for the opening of the contest at least one year before the date when the Award will be granted, and its composition shall be reported to the Secretariat of IASI. The commission shall be responsible for the decisions on dissemination, evaluation and granting of the Award. The Contest Commission shall secure that the papers presented comply the minimum requisites established by IASI and will not be entitled to make exceptions to the regulations.
5. **Themes.** Themes in any area of theory and application of Statistics will be considered, giving emphasis to original applications and to the solution of problems of wide interest for the host country and for the countries in the American region in general. Theoretic contributions without a corresponding application will only be considered in case they represent a significant advance in the knowledge of the discipline at the international scale, which will require for

instance that the paper satisfy the acceptance rules of leading journals (JASA, JRSS-B, Biometrika, Annals of Statistics, etc.), in addition to present a clear illustration of how such methods are useful for relevant applications.

6. **Treatment of the theme.** For a paper submitted to the contest be entitled to the award, the theme chosen shall have to receive original, profound and broad treatment. It will be preferred that the theme have an impact in statistical practice or in the solution of a general interest problem. Simple analysis of data will not be accepted. The contributions shall have to include adequate interpretations of the results. If the Contest Commission for a particular contest finds that none of the presented papers meets standards for excellence, it shall declare the contest void.
7. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for the Award, the author shall be up to 40 years old in the date when the Award will be granted. Papers by a young author jointly with his or her academic advisor can also compete. No papers by more than two authors will be considered. For papers by a young author jointly with his or her academic advisor, the following conditions apply: (a) the advisor can not be the first author of the paper; (b) the paper shall be based on a graduation thesis of the young author, approved not more than eighteen months prior to its submission to the contest for the IASI Award. Whenever the Award is granted during a Seminar on Applied Statistics of IASI, candidates residing in any of the countries covered by IASI will be accepted in the contest. When the Award is not granted during a Seminar on Applied Statistics of IASI, only candidates residing in the country where the Award will be granted will be entitled to enter the contest. The winning paper will be published in the journal *Estadística* edited by IASI; consequently it has to be original, it may not have been published previously, and may not be submitted for publication by any other organization while it is evaluated for the IASI Award.
8. **Dissemination.** The Contest Commission designated for granting the award shall promote wide dissemination of the regulations established for each contest, which shall be reported to the Secretariat of IASI to allow for its dissemination through the WEB page and the IASI's Newsletter. In addition to this, once the evaluation has concluded, the commission shall present a report describing the results of its work and recommending the granting of the award to the winner if there is one, at least one month prior to the date when the award will be presented, to allow the Secretariat of IASI to take the necessary steps for the timely presentation of the Award.
9. **Publication and dissemination of the winning paper.** The winner of the Award is bound to: (a) present his or her paper during the meeting where the Award is presented, except when he or she present a justified excuse with sufficient time in advance, and (b) publish his or her paper in the journal *Estadística* edited by IASI. The Contest Commission may also encourage the submission of other meritorious papers participating in the contest, even when they are not winning papers.
10. **Appeals.** The decisions of the Contest Commission are final. Candidates entering the contest implicitly accept the regulations defined by the Contest Commission as well as their final decisions, against which there will be no grounds for appeals.