

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics will be organized at Department of Statistics, Mathematics & Computer Application, Faculty of Basic Sciences and Humanities, Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur-848125 (Bihar) from 03 to 05 December, 2009. Dr. V.K. Bhatia, Director, IASRI, New Delhi will be the Sessional President and deliver the **Technical Address**. Dr. H.S. Gupta, Director, IARI, New Delhi will deliver **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture** and Prof. Bikas Sinha, ISI, Kolkata will deliver **Dr. V.G. Panse Memorial Lecture** during the Conference.

Symposia on the following topics will be organized during the Conference:

(a) Statistical and Computational Genomics

Convenors : Dr. Rajender Parsad, IASRI, New Delhi
 Dr. B.M. Prasanna, IARI, New Delhi
 Dr. V.K. Shahi, RAU, Pusa, Samastipur

(b) Statistical and Informatics Perspectives of Climate Change

Convenors : Dr. P.K. Malhotra, IASRI, New Delhi
 Dr. R.C. Agrawal, NBPGR, New Delhi
 Dr. B.C. Choudhary, RAU, Pusa, Samastipur

In addition to this, there will be presentation of contributed research papers. The last date of submission of contributed research papers for presentation is September 30, 2009. To encourage the young researchers, the Society gives Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Award for Young Scientist to the researchers below 35 years. Those interested may submit five copies of their full length papers along with abstracts to the Secretary on or before September 30, 2009.

The Registration fee for the delegates are as under :

Society Members	Rs. 1500 (including boarding)
Non Members	Rs. 1500 + Rs. 210 (payable to Society)
Students/Research Fellows (Members)	Rs. 800
Students/Research Fellows (Non Members)	Rs. 800 + Rs. 110 (payable to Society)
Accompanying Persons	Rs. 500 each
Foreign Delegates	US \$ 210 (or equivalent)
Local Delegates	Rs. 500 + Rs. 210 (payable to Society)

Dr. S.P. Singh, University Professor & Chairman, Department of Statistics, Mathematics & Computer Application, Faculty of Basic Sciences and Humanities, Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur-848125 (Bihar) will be the Organizing Secretary of the Conference.

Further details of the Conference may be obtained from the Secretary, Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, IASRI Campus, Library Avenue, Pusa, New Delhi-110012.

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NEWS

Dr. Hukum Chandra, Senior Scientist, Division of Sample Survey, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi and life member of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics has been awarded the prestigious **Cochran-Hansen Prize 2009** by the International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) for his research on “*Small Area Estimation under Transformation to Linearity*”. He received this award at the 57th Session of the International Statistical Institute, Netherlands held in Durban, South Africa during August 16-22, 2009 by IASS President Pedro Silva. The Prize was established in 1999 and is given to a young statistician from a developing country for the best paper on survey research methods. He is an active member of the Executive Council of the Society.

CONDOLENCE

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics deeply mourn the sad and sudden demise of Drs. A.K. Banerjee, R.K. Khosla, D.P. Handa and Shri J.K. Kapoor during the year 2009.

Drs. A.K. Banerjee, R.K. Khosla, D.P. Handa and Shri J.K. Kapoor were life members of the Society and took keen interest in its activities. With their demise, the scientific community in general and the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics in particular have lost great statisticians.

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics convey their heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the members of the bereaved families and pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed souls and enough strength to the respective bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss.