

**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 57<sup>th</sup> 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.