

## Announcements

### IASS General Assembly

The next General Assembly of IASS members will take place during the ISI meetings in Berlin on **Thursday, August 14 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All IASS individual members, as well as the representatives of institutional members, are warmly welcomed to participate in this meeting. For additional information, please see the web site: <http://www.isi-2003.de/>.



### IASS Elections

In February, ballots were distributed to members of the IASS for the election of a President-Elect, two Vice-Presidents, a Scientific Secretary, and six Council Members. Results of the election will be announced and the candidates terms will begin at the end of the General Assembly.



### Joint IMS-SRMS Mini Meeting on *Current Trends in Survey Sampling and Official Statistics*, Calcutta, India, January 2-3, 2004

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) and the Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS) will jointly sponsor a mini meeting on *Current Trends in Survey Sampling and Official Statistics* to be held near Calcutta, India, January 2-3, 2004. This will be co-sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, Gallup Research Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Department of Statistics, University of Calcutta. The mini meeting is intended to serve as a bridge between mathematical statisticians and practitioners working on sample surveys and official statistics either in government or private agencies.

The following researchers have tentatively agreed to present their papers:

Arijit Chaudhuri (India), William Bell (USA), Heleno Bolfarine (Brazil), Jay Breidt (USA), Daniela Cocchi (Italy), Stephen E. Fienberg (USA), David Findley (USA), Marco Fortini (Italy), Wayne Fuller (USA), Malay Ghosh (USA), J.K. Ghosh (India/USA), Pilar Iglesias (Chile), Michael Larsen (USA), Brunero Liseo (Italy), Viviana Lencina (Argentina), Michel Mouchart (Belgium), S. James Press (USA), J.N.K. Rao (Canada), Stuart Scott (USA).

The meeting web page <http://www.jpsm.umd.edu/ims> contains relevant information concerning registration, the program, and other topics. If you are interested in presenting your paper at the meeting, please contact Partha Lahiri at [plahiri@survey.umd.edu](mailto:plahiri@survey.umd.edu). Local information can be obtained from Tathagata Banerjee at [btathaga@yahoo.com](mailto:btathaga@yahoo.com).



### IASS Program Committee for the Sydney ISI Session (2005) Invites Suggestions

By the time you read this, our committee will be in the process of completing the short-listing of topics for the invited paper sessions to be held during the Sydney ISI for the IASS part of the program. The discussions to reach a final decision will take place during the Berlin ISI Session in August. If you would like to propose a topic, please do so by sending a title and short abstract (up to 100 words) as well as any other comments and suggestions to the chair of this committee at the address below. Last minute suggestions are still welcome, provided they reach our committee before July 31.

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### **Exercises on Survey Methods with Solutions Editions Ellipses, 2003**

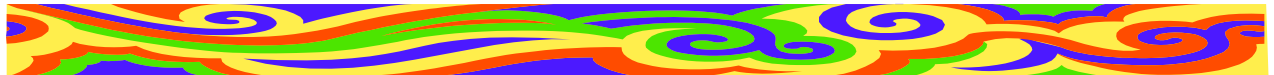
There are very few works containing survey exercises with solutions. In an effort to foster solid understanding of the discipline, Pascal Ardilly (INSEE, France) and Yves Tillé (Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland) offer a selection of 116 exercises, each accompanied by a detailed solution. These exercises are grouped in chapters and cover the main aspects of survey theory. The initial chapters are devoted to sampling methods: simple random sampling, stratified sampling, unequal probability sampling, multi-stage sampling, balanced sampling, and quota sampling. The next chapters deal with adjustment methods: ratio estimator, regression estimator, poststratified estimator, generalized calibration. One chapter is

devoted to variance estimation. The book concludes with exercises on nonresponse.

This work (300 pages, 25 Euros) contains exercises at all levels, some developing theoretical aspects, others dealing with more applied problems with numeric applications. Each chapter begins with a brief course reminder specifying the notations and the main findings.

Pascal Ardilly is the head of Sampling and Statistical Data Processing at INSEE in France. Yves Tillé holds a Ph.D. in statistics from Brussels Université Libre and is currently a professor at the Université de Neuchâtel in Switzerland. Both authors have already published textbooks in French:

- ◆ Les techniques de sondage (Sampling Techniques) P. Ardilly, (1994). Technip;
- ◆ Théorie des sondages, échantillonnage et estimation en population finie (Sampling Theory, Finite Population Sampling and Estimation) Y. Tillé, (2001). Dunod.



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# ASC2003

## THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE SURVEY PROCESS

The Association for Survey Computing  
announces its  
**Fourth International  
3 - day Conference**

### ASC2003 – What is it ?

The Fourth International Conference on Survey and Statistical Computing, hosted by **The Association for Survey Computing**. It follows on from similar events presented by the ASC in 1992 (Bristol University, England), in 1996 (Imperial College, London, England) and in 1999 (Edinburgh University, Scotland).

### ASC2003 – When is it ?

Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September 2003.

### ASC2003 – Where is it ?

Ideally located for a residential conference, **The University of Warwick, England, UK**, is situated in the heart of England on a large and pleasant campus, close to the City of Coventry and the historic towns of Warwick, Kenilworth, Stratford-upon-Avon and Royal Leamington Spa. Delegates will be accommodated close to the University's Central Campus and main Conference areas.

### ASC2003 – Who is it for ?

The Conference targets practitioners across all aspects of the survey research process. These are likely to be drawn from across the UK, Europe, North and South America and Australasia. The Conference's central theme will be **The Impact of Technology on the Survey Process**, and with contributions from commissioners, producers, and consumers of survey research alike. It will explore the often complex relationships between the push and pull of technological change and the expectations and demands created by them. It will also seek to examine how outcomes feed back to affect the processes which initially gave rise to them. Although a conference about technology, the topics to be discussed will appeal to everyone with an interest in survey design, data collection, analysis, reporting, or statistical computing.

### ASC2003 – Conference Proceedings

A bound volume of **Proceedings**, incorporating all the papers presented to the Conference, will be published prior to the Conference and distributed to all delegates.

### ASC2003 – What does it include ?

#### THE CONFERENCE IS BASED ON FIVE ELEMENTS

##### Plenary Sessions

The following Invited Speakers will address the Conference:

###### Norman Glass

(Chief Executive, National Centre for Social Research)

###### Denise Lievesley

(Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

###### Peter Mouncey

(Cranfield University School of Management)

###### David Pullinger

(Head of National Statistics Online, ONS)

##### Themed Streams of Contributed Papers

Some 40 Papers will be presented within six streams:

Data Dissemination  
Organisational Behaviour  
Survey Development  
Survey Modalities  
Survey Software  
The Effectiveness of the Internet

##### Poster Sessions

Providing an additional way of demonstrating the variety of developments in the field covered by the Conference.

##### The Conference Exhibition

An essential element at all ASC Conferences, providing opportunities for companies to meet the delegates.

##### The Social Programme

A number of social events have been arranged to enable delegates to meet together in a more informal setting.

### ASC2003 – What is the ASC ?

**The Association for Survey Computing** is a not-for-profit organisation based in the United Kingdom but drawing significant international membership and support. It provides a valuable forum for those concerned with survey research and statistical computing. Its many activities and links to other organisations are publicised through its web site ([www.asc.org.uk](http://www.asc.org.uk)) including the many conferences and workshops it runs, the register of available software it maintains and its support of other initiatives in the survey and statistical field. Over the past thirty years, the ASC has organised many one-day conferences and workshops, mainly in London but also occasionally in Edinburgh. ASC membership is wide-ranging at both individual and corporate level. It aims to keep its members up to date with developments in the application of computers to all aspects of the survey process. It has links with the British Computer Society, the International Association for Statistical Computing, the Market Research Society, The Royal Statistical Society and the Social Research Association.

### ASC2003 – More information ?

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The ASC web site provides the latest Conference updates, including titles of Papers and delegate fee structures.

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read *The Survey Statistician* on line!

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**International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS)**  
The Premier World Organization representing who's who in Sample Survey and Census Methodologies

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**FOUNDATION AND OBJECTIVES:**

Founded in 1973, the International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) has as its charge and mandate to promote the study and development of the theory and practice of sample surveys and censuses. It also aims to increase interest in surveys and censuses among statisticians, governments, and the public the world over.

**MEMBERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE:**

At present the IASS has approximately 1,200 members from 130 countries and 38 institutional members.

IASS headquarters are situated in Libourne (FRANCE) and operate, to a large extent, under the auspices of the French statistical agency INSEE, which lends its expertise and status to aid and promote the association's work.

The society is run by an Executive Committee, elected for a period of 2 year and a Council, elected for a four year period.

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**Association Internationale des Statisticiens d'Enquête (AISE)**

### Important Notices

- ◆ A PDF file of the newsletter is available on the IASS web site. Very few members no longer wish to receive the hard copy, but simply to be notified when a new issue is posted. Currently, we do not have a process in place to support this option. A process will be developed when an adequate number of members choose the above. Until that time, all members will continue to receive hard copies of the newsletter. Please send an e-mail to [LeylaMohadjer@Westat.com](mailto:LeylaMohadjer@Westat.com) if you would like to take advantage of the option mentioned above.
- ◆ Members are encouraged to view the IASS website ([www.isi-iass.org](http://www.isi-iass.org)) and provide comments or suggestions to Eric Rancourt: [eric.rancourt@statcan.ca](mailto:eric.rancourt@statcan.ca).

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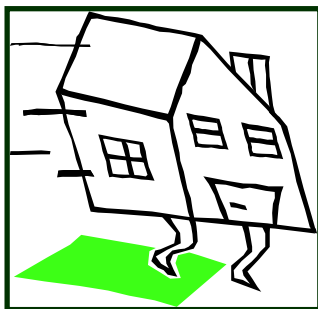
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