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as stated by law decree n. 322/89, Istat, the Italian National Statistical Institute, is committed to organise the *National Conference of Statistical Information* and the *Exhibition of Statistical Information* every two years. These events represent an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge among all participants, both insiders and outsiders.

The Conference, in particular, is intended to serve as a forum for official statistics producers and users to focus on the importance of producing and disseminating reliable and impartial statistics and to address current achievements and future improvement actions to be taken.

Furthermore, the Conference aims at increasing general public awareness on the role played by official statistics in the policy-making process.

The first Conference was held 10 years ago and since then different topics have been dealt with: supply and demand for statistical information, challenges set by social developments, official statistics independence and quality, technological innovation impact, ability to evaluate and respond to user requirements.

The next Conference will be held in Rome, Palazzo dei Congressi, 15-16 December 2008; for further information, please visit the website (in Italian only): <http://www.istat.it/istat/eventi/conferenze/nonaconf/>