



We invite your organization to join in a partnership among societies and organizations around the globe to celebrate 2013 as the International Year of Statistics (<http://www.statistics2013.org>).

The purpose of this International Year of Statistics (Statistics2013) is to promote the importance of Statistics, through the combined energies of societies and organizations worldwide, to the broader scientific community, business and government data users, the media, policy makers, employers, students, and the general public.

The goals of Statistics2013 include:

- increasing public awareness of the power and impact of Statistics on all aspects of society;
- nurturing Statistics as a profession, especially among young people; and
- promoting creativity and development in the sciences of Probability and Statistics

Registering as a participant in the International Year of Statistics creates no obligation of any kind. It simply indicates that your organization supports these goals.

To register your interest in participating, please go to <http://www.statistics2013.org/join.cfm>. When you register, you will provide the name of a contact person who will serve as a liaison for you. The liaison will help the International Year of Statistics Steering Committee know what kinds of activities you might be considering that relate to the goals of Statistics2013, and the Steering Committee will keep your liaison informed of activities being planned elsewhere across the globe.

There are numerous ways your organization might choose to recognize an international year of statistics through the activities you are already planning for 2013. We're not asking you to create new activities, though obviously that would be fine should that make sense for you. In the main, however, we envision a slight recasting of existing activities to acknowledge this international celebration of the importance of Statistics.

Thank you for your participation and support.

The International Year of Statistics Steering Committee

- Richard Emsley, University of Manchester, International Biometric Society representative
- Adam Jakubowski, Nicolaus Copernicus University, ISI/Bernoulli Society representative
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