

A Report of the Statistics WEEK in IRAN

Following the announcement of 20 October 2010 as the "World Statistics Day, Official Statistics" by the United Nations, Iranian Statistical Society (IRSS) decided to celebrate this day.

Since 23 October used to be "the National Statistics and Planning Day" in Iran, IRSS decided to celebrate one week as the **Statistics Week** (from 20 October to 26 October 2010).

Days of Statistics Week are announced as follows:

- 20 October: World Statistics Day-Official Statistics
- 21 October: Statistical Education and Statistical Literacy
- 23 October: National Statistics and Planning
- 24 October: Statistics in Industry (Production and Services)
- 25 October: Statistics in Other Sciences
- 26 October: Statistics as a Profession

Iranian Statistical Society set up a committee for celebrating this week.



Program committee consists of the representative from Iranian Statistical Center (ISC), Central Bank of IRAN (CBI), Central Insurance Company, the Ministry of Education and some universities.



Some of the important decisions of the committee were:

1. Considering all aspects of statistics.
2. Equipping and updating the websites of the ISC and IRSS with news about the week.
3. Organizing exhibitions in Tehran and other cities.
4. Organizing "Open Door Day" for Statistical Centers for general questions related to Statistics.
5. Organizing Seminars and Workshops on "Official Statistics, Industries, etc ...".



6. Unveiling a special coin for the occasion of the World Statistics Day by Central Bank of Iran. Its Denomination is 1000 Rial. On its Obverse, there is date and memorial sentence of World Statistics Day, and on its reverse, it is mentioned that CBI is producing economical statistics and indices for more than 75 years, as the eldest producer of statistics in IRAN.



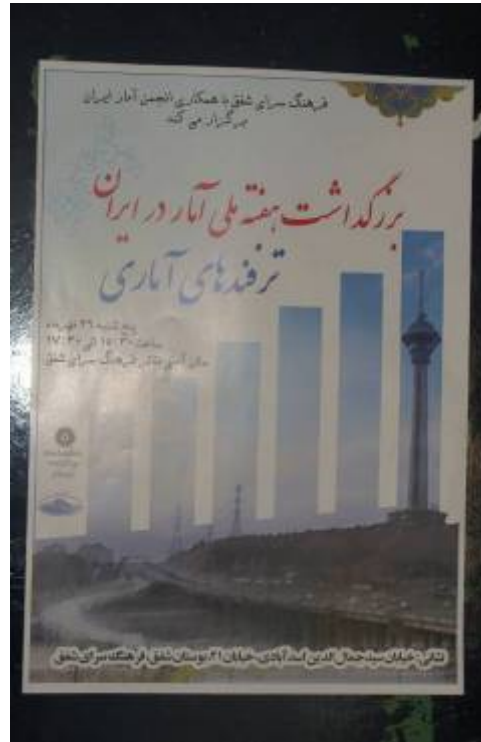
7. Publishing a special Stamp for the occasion of the World Statistics Day, which have been done by the ISC.



8. Holding a seminar on "Official Statistics" in Allameh Tabataba'i University. Lectures by: Dr. Navabpour and Khavari, followed by a round table on official statistics with the presence of the lectures as well as Professor Samad Hedayat and some representatives from the ISC and CBI, on 20 October 2010.



9. Holding Public seminars by: Dr. Kasra Alishahi of Sharif University of Technology, Dr. Omid Naghshine-Arjmand of Amir Kabir University of Technology and Mr. Afshin Ashofteh of the CBI at 3 different locations in Tehran for high school students and their families on 21 October 2010.



10. Giving a lecture by the head of the ISC in Friday Pray of Tehran and distributing some brochures during this lecture on Friday 22 October 2010.
11. Holding a Seminar in Tarbiat Modares University and some lectures by: Professor Hedayat, Ms. Rahimzade and Dr. Ganjali, on the application of Statistics in medicine, social sciences and literature on 25 October 2010.
12. Providing unity between centers which produce and present official statistics.



13. Popularizing Statistical knowledge among people and decision makers.

14. Working on Statistical Literacy.



15. Publishing books and papers on statistics for general audience.

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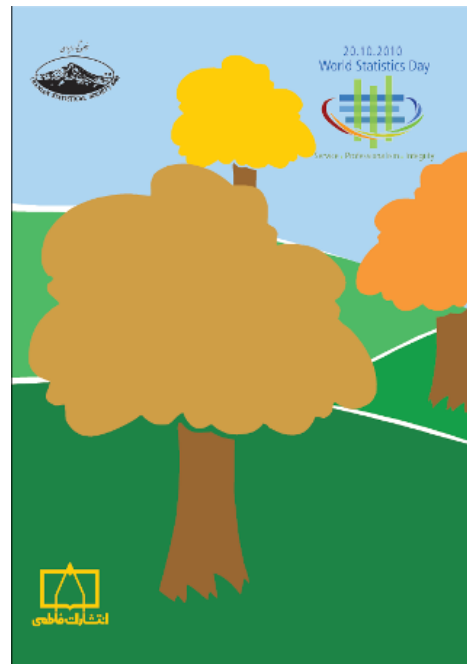
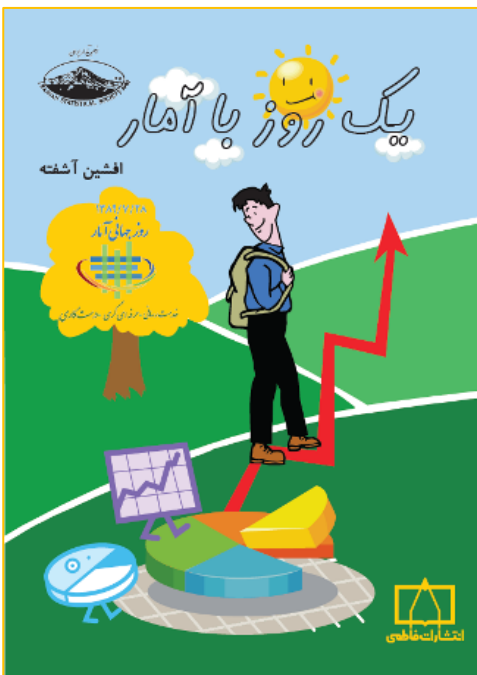
17. Publishing some scientific articles for newsletter and some other magazines.

18. Organizing a Statistical Museum by ISC.

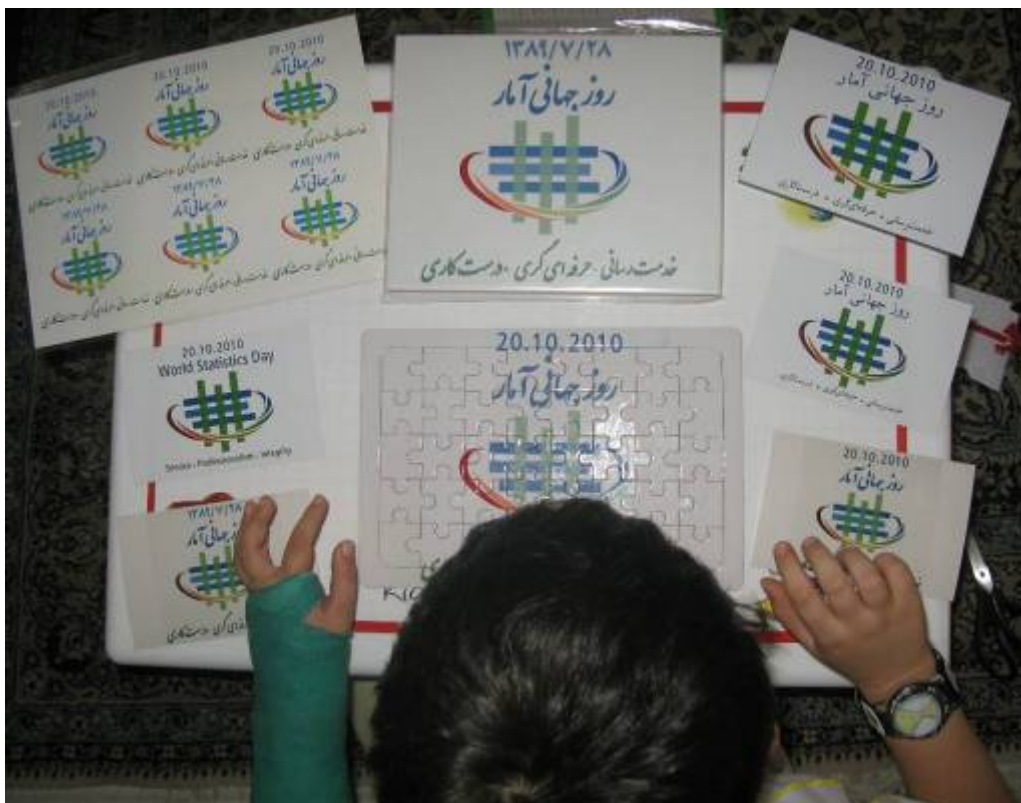
19. Recognizing the best thesis on statistical works in Insurance and Finance.

Achievements:

1. The primary design for holding National High-School student statistics competition.
2. Publishing the book "One Day with Statistics" written by Mr. Afshin Ashofteh for popularization of statistics.



3. Lectures at some universities and media.
4. Holding some statistics exhibitions and student workshops.



Proposals for further Works:

1. Setting up a committee for holding student statistics competition. (the first round will take place in the Summer of 2011)
2. Setting up a committee for organizing a seminar on "Statistics as a Profession".
3. Setting up a committee for preparation of the standards of statistics education in schools.
4. Organizing a common seminar on "Industry and the role of Statistics in other Sciences".
5. Setting up a committee for publishing some books with the aim of popularizing statistics.
6. Organizing a seminar for managers and decision makers to introduce the significance of statistics, in decision making.

Special Programs in Isfahan:

1. Designing the website and Persian Logo for World Statistics Day. Like: <http://www.IranStat.org/> and <http://www.SavadeAmari.com/>



2. Designing, publishing and setting 20 billboards in the different places in Isfahan and Tehran.



3. Publishing the article "Statistics, the need of people for modern life" by: Mr. Hossein Hajizadeh from CBI at a newspaper.
4. Holding a competition at seven different parts with cooperation of the ISC, CBI, IRSS and Isfahan University.



1. Holding some statistics exhibitions and high school student's workshops organized by Isfahan Mathematics House (IMH). This was held in Isfahan Teachers' Research Center during the week.
5. Holding Data-Mining Competition designed by IMH, as a Festival.



6. Holding an exhibition to introducing statistical activities to public, during the week.



7. Holding three lectures by the following lectures on statistical applications and statistical literacy:

- Prof. Samad Hedayat, Illinois University (26 October 2010)



- Dr. Mohamad Reza Faghihi, Shahid Beheshti University (28 October 2010)



- Mr. Afshin Ashofteh, Central Bank of IRAN (28 October 2010)



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