Announcement of World Bank Travel Assistance Grants
for attending WSC Short Courses or Satellite Meetings

The ISI and World Bank Group have just announced funding opportunities for developing country participants to attend the next ISI World Statistics Congress (WSC) in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), a WSC short course or a WSC satellite meeting.

This funding opportunity is, therefore, open to those planning to attend SAE 2015 - the First Latin American ISI Satellite Meeting in Small Area Estimation in Santiago, Chile, on August 3-5 of 2015.

This is a valuable opportunity to receive financial support to participate in the World Statistics Congress (WSC). Members of ISI and ISI Associations[1] who qualify are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. See the official ISI announcement for this grant here: http://www.isi-web.org/images/WBF2015/World%20Bank%20Fund%20for%20Rio%20WSC_Announcement.pdf

What is covered?

Funding will consist of return airfare, registration and visa fees, and accommodation.

For those applicants attending SAE 2015, the World Bank grant will cover these expenses to attend both – the WSC in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and the ISI Satellite meeting in Santiago (Chile).

Website WSC 2015: http://www.isi2015.org/
Website SAE 2015: http://www.encuestas.uc.cl/sae2015/

What are the requirements?

Applicants must be:

- Permanent residents of a developing country. See the official list of developing countries of the ISI here: http://www.isi-web.org/component/content/article/5-root/root/81-developing

- Members of the ISI (regular or elected). Association membership (e.g. IASS, IAOS, TIES, etc.) is not sufficient. Fees for joining the ISI are modest for

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[1] ISI Associations include: Bernoulli Society (BS), International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS), International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC), International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS), International Association for Statistical Education (IASE), International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS), The International Environmetrics Society (TIES).

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developing countries: €17 for members of less-developed countries, or €10 extra if you are already an IASS member. Find more on ISI membership here: http://www.isi-web.org/membership/join-the-isi-or-an-isi-section-

*** If you are not currently a member of the ISI, you are required to enroll as ISI member before you apply for this grant ****

Selection of awardees will be made by an international committee of the ISI. Candidates who have not received funding from the WB in the past will have priority.

Association members from developing countries are encouraged to apply. If you know of colleagues from developing countries who would benefit from this program, please pass on this information and encourage them to apply. While this is an ISI-wide competition, members can request a letter of support from their Association. If you are an IASS member, for example, please send a copy of your application to the scientific secretary, Mick P. Couper (mcouper@umich.edu).

When to apply?

The deadline for applications is 16th January, 2015.

Where to apply?

The application form is on the ISI website at:
http://www.isi-web.org/index.php?option=com_rsform&formId=52

The application form requires that you provide a 350-word letter describing how your participation in WSC 2015 will benefit your country (*mandatory field*).

- Please mention here that you plan to attend/present a paper/organize a session at the SAE 2015 ISI Satellite Meeting in Santiago.

If you are not planning to present a paper at the WSC, but only planning to present a paper/attend/organize a session at SAE 2015, then you do not need to complete the last part of the application that says "Please respond to EITHER 1. OR 2, below" (*non-mandatory field*).