

**Name of Committee:  
Women In Statistics (CWS)**

Name of Chairperson: Penelope Bidgood

Year of Appointment of the Chair: 2011

Details about Current Committee Members:

Martha Farrar (USA) Webmaster

Grace Bediako (Ghana)

Cathy Chan (Taiwan) 2013

Yulia Gel (USA) 2013

Luay Shabaneh (Palestine)

Terisita Teran (Argentina) 2013

Michiko Watanabe (Japan) 2013

Amanda Golbeck - US Caucus of Women in Statistics Representative 2014

Activities in the Past 12 Months:

As can be seen above we have a number of new committee members, appointed in 2013. I am also pleased to report that we have 18 new country representatives. These include contacts made at the ISI in Hong Kong so that we have Morocco, Iraq, UAE, Jordan, Lebanon, China, Japan, Mexico and Russia represented for the first time.

At the last ISI WSC, the CWS sponsored an IPS and endorsed two STSs, as well as organising a networking reception and roundtable discussions.

The Committee decided to appoint a sub group, under Yulia Gel, to revise the content and format of the CWS webpages and to keep them updated.

Another subgroup, under Penny Bidgood, was formed to investigate and report on women's membership of ISI and its sections and engagement in the statistics profession more generally. This was partly in response to the President's call to increase membership and the representation of women

Proposed Activities in the Future 12 Months:

The CWS is sponsoring two proposed IPS at ISI WSC in 2015. These are titled "Advancing Women in Statistics; investigating and redressing the gender imbalance" and "Educating Future International Leadership in Statistics and Maximizing the Likelihood of Leadership" A few country representatives are interested in giving talks but do not feel able to organise a whole STS.

One talk of the "Advancing women..." IPS mentioned will report on outcomes from the investigation by Committee members as described above. Hence this analysis is ongoing over the next 12 months.

The editor in chief of the statistical journal of the IAOS suggested that an edition be devoted to the presentations and papers from the IPS "How can the statistics community help its younger members in the early stages of their careers" in Hong Kong. This session was dedicated to the memory of Martha Aliaga. I hope that this initiative can be achieved within the next 12 months.

The Website sub group will continue to progress the updating of the website, but please see below

Issues for the Consideration of ISI EC - Council :

Awa Thiongane stepped down as Council liaison in 2013 and a replacement has not yet been appointed.

The website sub group is seeking some financial backing in order to carry out their task and to keep the website updated. (Please note that googling Women in Statistics gives the ASA Committee first and we appear on the second page) I would regard updating our website as a priority.

The women's networking reception was a huge success in both Dublin and Hong Kong. I would like to hold a similar event in Rio, but this requires sponsorship. IBM sponsored us in Hong Kong I would be grateful for the EC/Council's help in this. Also there was a suggestion to hold the reception/round table earlier in the week - some women come to ISIs on their own so the chance to meet people early at the WSC helps.

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