

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICIANS
OF INDIAN ORIGIN
NEWS LETTER**

November 18, 1993

Dear Members;

We are happy to report the suggestions of the nominating committee for the following positions of the Executive Board

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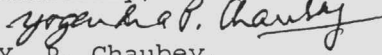
You will recall that we had requested the membership to send their suggestions to the nominating committee. As no nominations for any positions have been received by the nominating committee, the above people are declared duly elected for the suggested respective positions.


The remaining five positions of Directors at Large will be filled by the above executives. The Steering Committee having fulfilled it's mandate, is declared to be dissolved.

Any suggestions or comments, hence forth should be addressed to the President of the Association.

Wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely;


Y. P. Chaubey,
Secretary


T.D. Dwivedi,
Chairman

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**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICIANS
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November 22, 1993

Dear Members and Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that the formation of the above association is now complete. I am quite confident that, with your support and help, the present executive will be able to develop our association so that it achieves its objectives and the goals and aspirations of its members.

I am extremely grateful to you all for the encouragement, help and support given to me during my tenure as Chairman of the Steering Committee. I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Steering Committee and all those who attended and made comments during the meetings held at Montreal, Atlanta and Cairo.

I would also like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their help and Professors G.S. Mudholkar, P.K. Sen, J.N. Srivastava, A.K. Srivastava, J.S. Rao, Subir Ghosh, B.K. Sinha, J. Seturaman, J. Singh and Z. Govindrajalu for their advice and comments from time to time. Last but not least, I would like to thank Professor Y.P. Chaubey, my colleague, who has always been with me for better or worse.

In the end, I would like to request you all to make a serious effort to make our association a success. With this, please permit me to say that the Steering Committee is dissolved. Thanking you, with my very best wishes for the Season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

T.D. Dwivedi

T.D. Dwivedi, Chairman
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**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICIANS
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NEWSLETTER #1

JULY 1994

There will be a couple of meetings of the International Association of Statisticians of Indian Origin (IASIO) in Toronto along with the ASA meetings.

TECHNICAL SESSION

8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m., Monday, August 1994
LISMER ROOM (CONVENTION LEVEL): Toronto Hilton Hotel

PANEL DISCUSSION

CLINICAL TRIALS: CURRENT ISSUES

(We will examine statistical aspects of this field, in the environment of competing interests such as Science, Government Regulations, Resources, Ethics, Manufacturers Interests, Interests of the Medical Establishment, and the needs of the Public at large.)

Panelists:

David Demets, University of Wisconsin
Satya Dubey, Food and Drug Administration
Karl Peace, Biopharmaceutical Research Consultants
J.N. Srivastava, Colorado State University

Organizer:

Sudhir Gupta, University of Northern Illinois

Moderator:

Harji Patel, Berlex Laboratories

BUSINESS MEETING OF IASIO

This will be held immediately after the above technical session in the same room, starting at 9:15 p.m. All concerned are cordially urged to attend.

International Association of Statisticians of Indian Origin

Brief History

During the past several years, suggestions had been made from time to time by various individuals concerning the need of an Association of Statisticians from the Indian sub-continent. In view of that, during a conference in Montreal in May 1991, Professor Dwivedi called a meeting of Indian Statisticians who were present there. It was unanimously and enthusiastically agreed that steps should be taken to create an organization which would look after the interests of Statisticians of Indian Origin all over the world. A steering committee consisting of seven people was formed with Dr. Dwivedi as chairman. This committee contacted many people in North America and elsewhere..

A second meeting of Indian Statisticians was held in Atlanta in August 1991. This meeting was attended by more than fifty people. A good deal of constructive discussion took place. It was suggested that the steering committee be expanded to about 25 people. The current name of the association was agreed upon. Next, a couple of meetings of Indian Statisticians took place in Cairo, Egypt, in September 1991(along with ISI meetings) to further discuss this matter. In these meetings, a good deal of discussion took place. Some of the people who took specially active part include: Asit Basu, Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, J.V. Deshpande, J.K. Ghosh, Subir Ghosh, Gopal Kanji, Sati Mazumdar, Anis Mitra, Vijay Nair, Prem Narain, J.S. Rao, P.S.S. Rao, J.S. Rustagi, P.K. Sen, J. Sethuraman, J. Singh, Murari Singh, B.K. Sinha, and J.N. Srivastava. In this meeting the Atlanta resolution was further upheld. It was decided to develop a constitution in consultation with the Indian statistical community, and develop bylaws. This was accomplished during 1992, 93. A nominating committee consisting of Dr. S.R. Dalal, J.N.K Rao, and M.S. Srivastava was appointed and suggestions were invited for office bearers. As a result of this, the following people were elected:

President: J.N. Srivastava, Colorado State University, USA

Vice President: K.V. Mardia, University of Leeds, England

Secretary: T.D. Dwivedi, Concordia University, Canada

Treasurer: Y.S. Chaubey, Concordia University, Montreal