



The Mahalanobis International Award
for a Statistician from a Developing Country
for Lifetime Achievements in Statistics in a Developing Country or Region

Call for Nominations for 2017 Award
to be presented at the 61st ISI World Statistics Congress in Marrakech, Morocco

The Mahalanobis International Award is sponsored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation of the Government of India. The award recognises an individual for Lifetime Achievements in Statistics in a developing [\[1\]](#) country or region. It is expected that the award will have the potential to attract, inspire and motivate statisticians across the developing world to increase the quantity and improve the quality of their contributions to the cause of promotion and development of statistics and its applications. The award is presented biennially during the ISI World Statistics Congress.

This initiative by the Government of India serves the dual purposes of honouring Professor P. C. Mahalanobis for his lifetime contributions and achievements in Statistics, and recognising and stimulating progress in Statistics in developing countries.

The achievements of the candidates will be considered under three main criteria and reflecting the spirit of Mahalanobis's lifetime work:

- Academic leadership for developing countries;
- Professional and official leadership for developing countries; and
- Inspiration and capacity building within developing countries.

Some examples of contributions are:

- a) Innovative and concrete contributions to some field of application such as agriculture, economic development, education, health, industry, etc.
- b) Statistical capacity building at a national or regional level;
- c) Improvements of national or regional statistical systems and/or infrastructure;
- d) Enrichment of statistical methodology.

Nominations should be submitted by the primary nominator and supported by one to three other sponsors. The nomination package should be submitted online [here](#) as a single package and must include the completed nomination form, nominee's CV, and supporting letters from the nominator and other sponsors. The supporting letters must provide compelling justification and concrete evidence of the nominee's contributions. The CV, letters

of support, and all communications must be in English. Documents that are not in English should be accompanied by an English translation.

If you have any questions please contact [Mrs Liliana Happel](#) at the ISI Permanent Office.

The deadline for submissions is 30th November 2016.

The Mahalanobis award consists of:

1. An economy class return ticket to the ISI World Statistics Congress (WSC);
2. Per diem payment for accommodation and other living expenses while participating at the WSC;
3. Complementary WSC registration;
4. A monetary award of US\$10,000.

Previous winners of the award are:

- 2003: Professor C. R. Rao (India)
- 2005: Professor Benjamin Kiregyera (Uganda)
- 2007: Dr. Isidoro P. David (Philippines)
- 2009: Professor Pedro Morettin (Brazil)
- 2011: Professor Victor Yohai (Argentina)
- 2013: Dr. Lamine Diop (Senegal)
- 2015: Dr. Carlos Jarque (Mexico)

[1] Developing country according to World Bank classification:
<http://www.isi-web.org/component/content/article/5-root/root/81-developing>