

GENESIS OF ISOSS

The Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) was established by Dr. Munir Ahmad, the then Professor of Statistics and his colleagues at the KFUPM, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia during the First Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICCS-I) held at Lahore on August 27-31, 1988 with the following objectives:

- ❖ bring together research workers and practitioners in statistical sciences from all over the world and in particulars from Islamic Countries through mutual exchange program,
- ❖ highlight the contributions of Muslim scholars to the development of statistical sciences.
- ❖ organize and strengthen a central information system by establishing data banks and centres of information,
- ❖ associate statistically developed countries to help in developing and transferring of statistical technology to Islamic Countries.
- ❖ promote the application of statistical sciences including computer and information technology in the development of Islamic Countries.
- ❖ promote the use of computer technology, robotics and artificial intelligence in Islamic Countries.
- ❖ establish training centres to promote statistical education.
- ❖ coordinate and unify courses in statistics at all levels of education in the Islamic Countries.
- ❖ organize conferences, seminars, colloquia, workshops, short courses, and any other means of communication helpful in exchanging scientific ideas.

Since its establishment the Society has been regularly organizing biennial conferences in collaboration with educational institutions/universities in various Islamic Countries:

- ❖ The First, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Islamic Countries Conferences on Statistical Sciences were held in 1988, 1994, 1999, 2001 and 2005 at Lahore (Pakistan).

- ❖ The Second and Ninth were held in 1990 and 2007 at Johor Bahru and Shah Alam (Malaysia) in collaboration with the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Johor Bahru, and Malaysian Institute of Statistics, Malaysia.
- ❖ The Third was held in 1992 at Rabat (Morocco); and
- ❖ The Fifth Conference was arranged in 1996 at Malang (Indonesia) in collaboration with the Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia. On this occasion, an International Workshop on “Recent Development in Applied Statistics” was held on August 21-23, 1996 at Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia to honour Prof. Dr. Munir Ahmad, President ISOSS for his contribution to statistical sciences.

The Society also holds:

- ❖ 3rd National Conference on Statistical Sciences on May 28-29, 2007 at National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences (FAST-NU), Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ 4th International Conference on Statistical Sciences on May 9-11, 2008 at University of Gujrat, Gujrat (Pakistan).

The conferences attended by 250-300 participants including 100-125 renowned international statistical scientists from 20-25 Islamic and other countries.

The proceedings of these conferences have been published containing reviewed, contributed and invited papers.

In addition to conferences, ISOSS had held four National and International Seminars and Workshops to discuss statistical applications to Islamic Economics and Population Censuses under Disturbed Conditions. These are:

- ❖ National Seminar on Statistics for Development held on February 17-18, 1990 at Islamabad (Pakistan) in collaboration with the Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (Pakistan).
- ❖ Pre-1991 Population & Housing Censuses Workshop held on July 19-20, 1990 at Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ First International Research Seminar on Statistics for Islamic Economics held on August 29-31, 1994 at Lahore (Pakistan) in collaboration with the University of the Punjab, Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ Second International Research Seminar on Statistics for Islamic Economics held on October 31 to November 01, 1995 at Bahawalpur (Pakistan) in collaboration with the Islamia University, Bahawalpur.

- ❖ First International Research Seminar on Population Censuses under Disturbed Conditions held on November 01-02, 1995 at Bahawalpur (Pakistan) in collaboration with the Islamia University, Bahawalpur, (Pakistan).
- ❖ One-Day Seminar on “Taguchi Quality Control Methods for Industrial Design of Experiments” held on October 18, 2003 at Regional Office of Higher Education Commission, Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ Two-Day Seminar on “Bio-Informatics, Information Technology and Biostatistics” held on December 27-28, 2003 at National College of Business Administration & Economics, Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ 6-Days Research Workshop on Recent Developments in Statistical Sciences held on December 23-29, 2005 at F.C. College, Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ 2-Day Post-Conference Workshop on “Recent Developments in Statistics” held on May 30-31, 2007 at Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore (Pakistan).
- ❖ One-Day Post Conference Workshop on “Recent Advances in Data Analysis” held on June 21, 2008 at National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences (FAST-NU), Lahore (Pakistan).

The Society has also managed to host Fourth Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Organizations of OIC Member-States (SH-4) in collaboration with Government of Pakistan, Statistics Division and Statistical, Economic & Social Research and Training Centre of Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC), Ankara Centre, Ankara, Turkey on February 11-13, 2004 at Ambassador Hotel, Lahore.

The Society also arranges lectures by eminent statisticians, statistical experts, professionals and academics visiting ISOSS Headquarters at Lahore to facilitate the exchange of new ideas and recent research findings.

The ISOSS Bulletin is published quarterly to disseminate salient features of ISOSS activities and news about statisticians and their accomplishments.

The ISOSS within the framework of its objectives and activities, established in 1994 an Institute of Quality Systems and Standards (IQSAS) to assist industries, businesses and services to institute quality culture in industries and to obtain ISO 9000, ISO 14000, ISO 46000 certification and CE Marking from international certifying bodies.