



International Association for Official Statistics

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IAOS' Challenges today – Mario Palma Rojo (IAOS President)

- Expanding the reach of our mission: New members
- Staying at the vanguard of the discussions on official statistics
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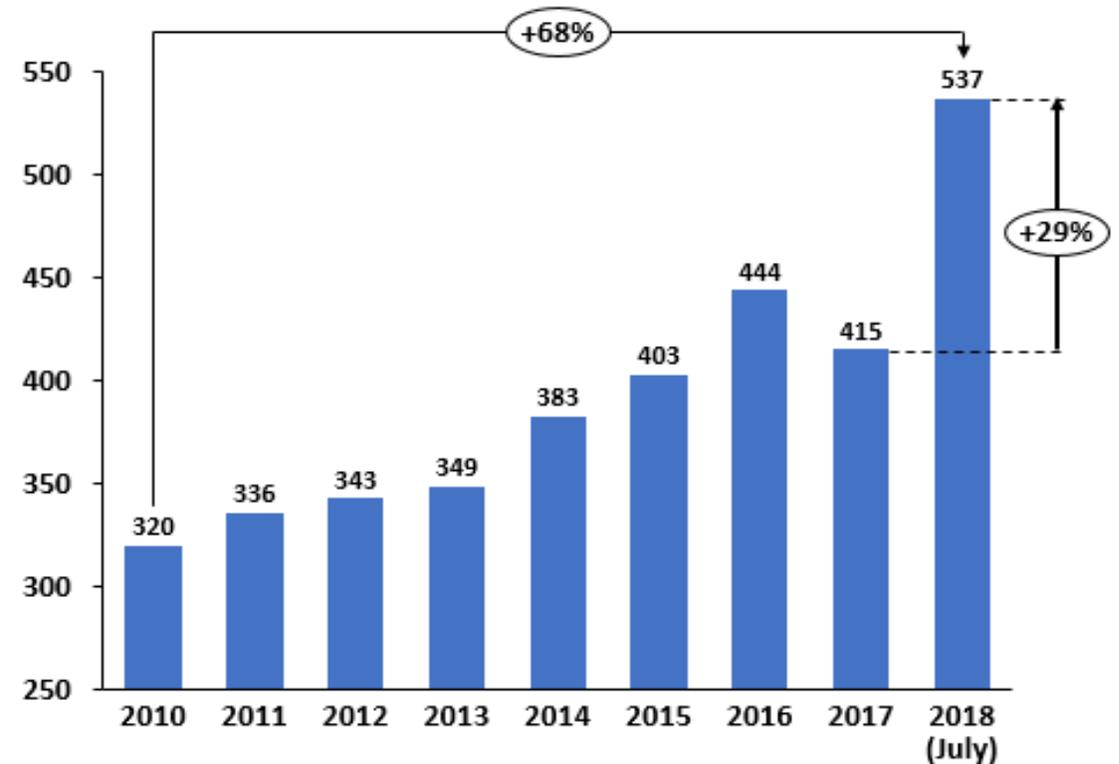
1) Expanding the reach of our mission: New members

Since 2010 IAOS has kept in general a **steady growth of its membership**, increasing members on average **by 5.7% annually during 2010-2017**.

In the first year of the Strategic Plan 2017-2019, IAOS members **increased by 29%**.

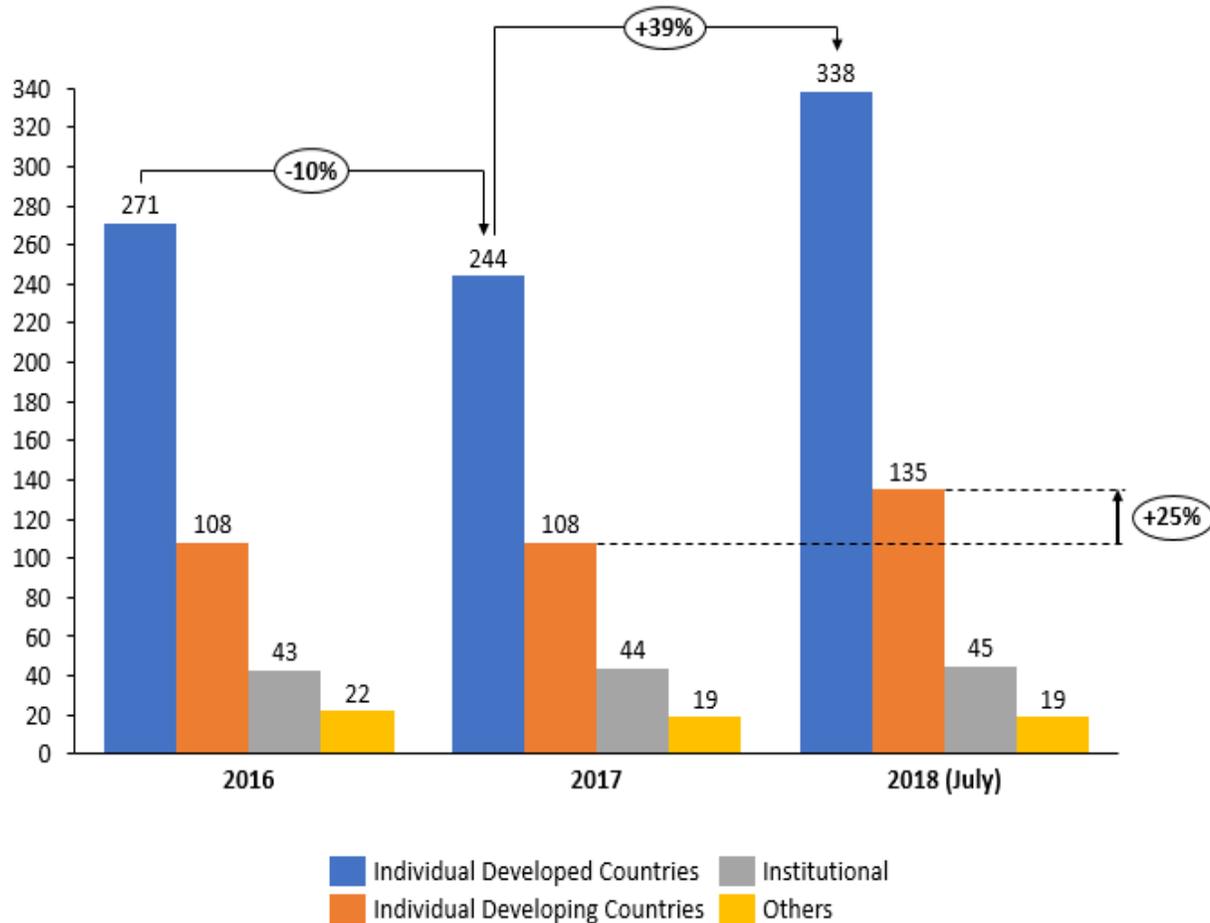
492 are individual members (92%)
45 are institutional members (8%)

IAOS Members 2010-2018



Note: Excepting 2018, membership figures are as of December for each year.
Source: ISI Memberships Office

IAOS Members by type of membership, 2013-2018



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Increase in the participation of people from both developed and developing countries.

The promotion of the 2018 IAOS-OECD Conference, as well as other activities (YSP and YSBS) have resulted in a positive impact in membership.

In upcoming years we will continue working on promoting IAOS globally.

2) Staying at the vanguard of the discussions on official statistics



IAOS Biennial Conference

Aim: Provide a forum for the analysis and discussion of the most relevant issue of official statistics.

- **Call for papers:** Very positive response. A total of 227 proposals.

- SPC decided to **increase the number of sessions originally planned** to accommodate as many relevant papers as possible.

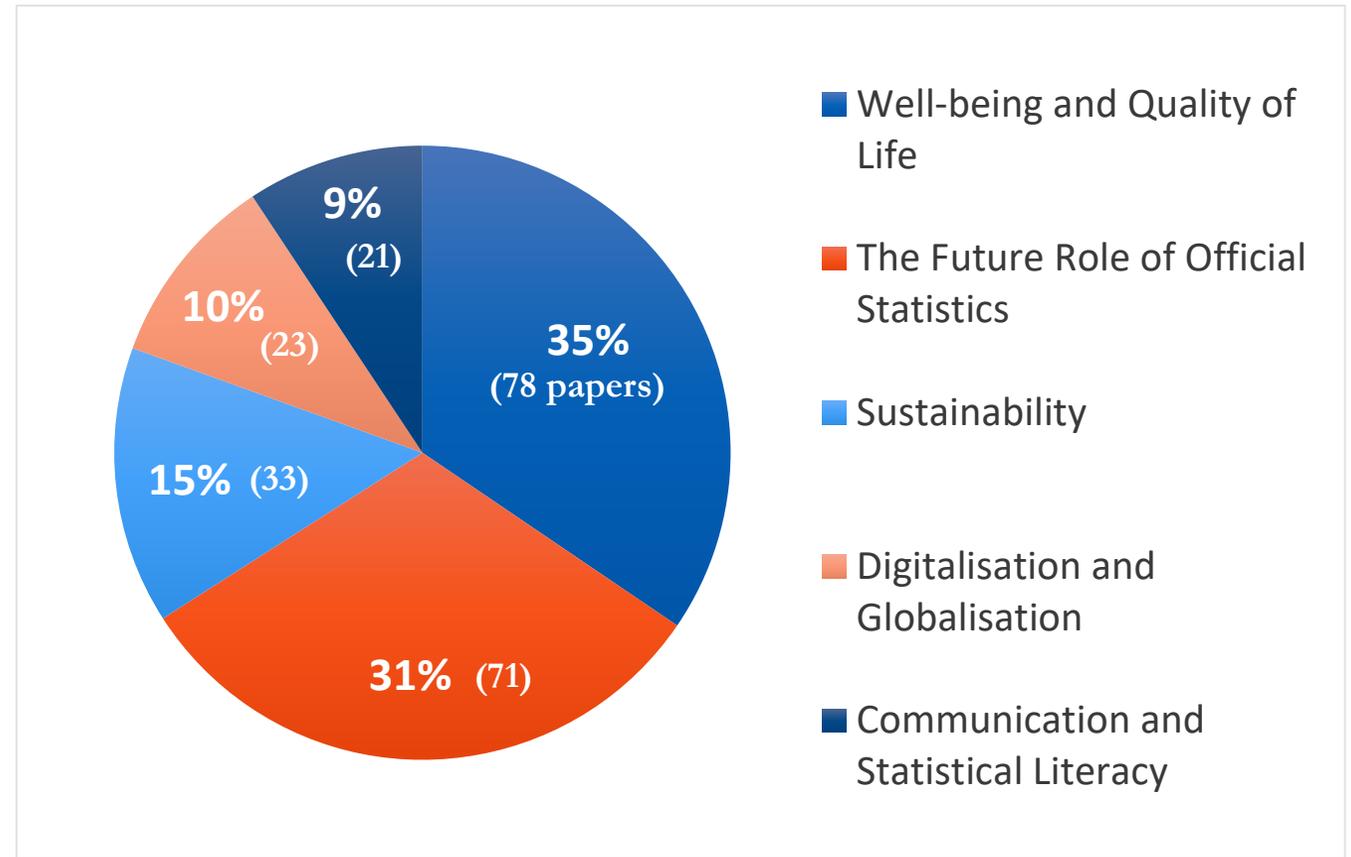
- **In total, more than 130 speakers** were allocated slots to present their research on official statistics.

- **20 poster session presenters.**

- **Special topic sessions:**

- Trust;
- Indigenous Statistics;
- Drug Statistics
- R&D Statistics and Innovation.

Number of papers submitted by theme, 16th IAOS International Conference



Source: Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) of the 16th IAOS International Conference.

3) External Political Threats to Official Statistics

The Defense of the Fundamental Principles

IAOS has added its voice to the ISI and other organisations for the statistical community support to the legal and public defense of cases where the professional Independence of NSOs and/or the integrity of official statisticians has been under threat.



Andreas Georgiou

Former President of the Greek Statistical Authority

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Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics (PRIS)

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Special Meeting

"NSOs Professional Independence: Threats and Responses"

Tuesday 18, September 2018

OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André Pascal, Paris 75016.

Programme.

9:30-11:00 hrs. "The Challenges to the Independence of Official Statistics: Some concrete cases".

Chair: Jean-Louis Bodin (France).

Speakers: Andreas Georgiou (Greece), Eric Rancourt (Canada), Jorge Todesca (Argentina), Petteri Baer (Presenting the case of Anar Meshimbayeva from Kazakhstan).

11:00-11:30 hrs. *Coffee break.*

11:30-13:00 hrs. "Institutional Governance and Support to Statistical Independence".

Chair: Stefan Schweinfest (UNSD).

Speakers: John Pullinger (UK), Mario Palma (Mexico), Olav Ljones (Norway).

13:00-14:30 hrs. *Lunch Break.*

14:30-15:00 hrs. Book Presentation. "Who cares to know? The Political Economy of Statistical Capacity".

José Antonio Mejía, Inter-American Development Bank.

15:00-16:30 hrs. Discussion: The Role of the International Statistical Community.

Moderator: Hermann Habermann

Rapporteur: Hallgrímur Snorrason

IAOS decided to dedicate a **full day special meeting** with high level sessions to analyse and discuss:

- **Concrete cases** of challenges to the Independence of Official Statistics;
- **Governance/Institutional arrangements** to support Statistical Independence;
- The role of the **International Statistical community.**

4) IAOS functioning: Voluntary internal work

IAOS is sustained mostly by the voluntary work of:

- *its EXCO members;*
- *some staff (who are in turn backed with their salaries and many other resources by their NSOs);*
- *our partner hosts (through their support in the organization of our biennial conferences).*

At IAOS we strive to work efficiently, optimising the usage of our limited (financial, time and human) resources and building a global network of people and institutions supporting IAOS that helps us ensure progress for our Association.

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