

Winners of the Juárez Lincoln Martí Project Annual Award

In 2006 we began awarding the Juárez Lincoln Martí Project (JLM) Annual Award for International Education. We want to recognize, even if it is with this modest gesture, a fellow Ibero-American educator, an institution, or a magazine, that has stood out for its work in favor of *International Education* in our environment. The JLM Award is awarded every year in December, and consists of the sending of some statistics books, as well as a letter of recognition.

To further clarify this concept, we review an exchange we had with a dear colleague, highly regarded and situated in our international statistical community, whom we consulted in relation to some candidates, and who suggested others. We clarify that the *Educator Award is awarded to an individual*, or in exceptional cases, to an institution or a journal. The person or institution awarded may have stood out for their work in the area of Education, and clearly the award also extends to their collaborators. And as with any major effort, this one goes beyond a single person. When the JLM Award is for a group, it is awarded not only to the person in charge of the group, but also in recognition that this work also includes the efforts of other meritorious people who work under the direction, or influence, of the winner.

There are three different ways to select JLM Project Educator Award winners. The first is for the previous winners to send us names and proposals of candidates. The second, that potential candidates send us their CVs and their data, to be evaluated. Finally, the Project Manager reads and evaluates the work of our colleagues, which comes to us through the news published in the Quarterly Newsletter, the announcements on ResearchGate, etc.

We ask colleagues to send us their nominations of candidates for the JLM Annual Project Award at least three months before December. The fundamental condition for giving this award is to carry out a strong work in favor of the COLLECTIVE within the teaching or dissemination of statistics in our geographical environment. The candidate proposal form is as follows.

2006 Award of the Year

The 2006 Prize went to Galician Professor **Manuel Presedo Quindimil**, from the University of *La Coruña*. Dr. Presedo has an outstanding and extensive teaching work, as well as university extension. His main contribution recognized by this award is having been one of the founders, as well as President, of the Galician Society for the Promotion of Statistics and Operational Research, SGAPEIO. This professional association includes middle and secondary school teachers, as well as university-level teachers, and statisticians. This meritorious work implicitly recognizes the need to teach the subjects of our area, from an early age. Two volumes of Johnson's book of *Discrete and Continuous Distributions* have been sent to you in acknowledgement, which we hope will be of use to you.

The nomination for the award, submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

Manuel A. Presedo Quindimil, graduated in Mathematics (specialising in Statistics and I.O.) from the University of Santiago de Compostela (1986) and PhD in Mathematics from the University of Santiago de Compostela (1991). He has been a professor in the Department of Statistics and I.O. of the University of Santiago de Compostela between 1986 and 1995. He is currently a professor in the Department of Mathematics at the University of La Coruña. He is a member of the Society of Statistics and I.O. and of the SGAPEIO, having been Secretary (between 1993 and 1997) and President (between 1997 and 2001) of the latter. Between 1998 and 2001 he was a member of the Galician Council of Statistics.

He currently works at the Faculty of Computer Science of the University of La Coruña, researching in fields related to the non-parametric estimation of curves and the application of bootstrap methods to different problems, in particular those related to hypothesis testing. For two years he has been collaborating with a research group of the Department of Computing of the University of La Coruña on problems in the field of information retrieval. On the other hand, he has been participating in different projects promoted mainly by the SGAPEIO and the Juárez Lincoln Martí project for the dissemination, teaching and better use of Statistics and I.O. in companies, secondary education and society in general.

2007 Award of the Year

The 2007 Prize went to Venezuelan Professor **Audy Salcedo**. Professor Salcedo has directed, since its foundation, the electronic journal *Alternative Hypothesis*. This publication contributes to disseminate in Latin America, in Spanish, the main works on statistical education that appear in the SERJ (Statistical Education Research Journal) published by the international association IASE (International Association for Statistical Education). In addition, Professor Salcedo has always given enthusiastic support to those of us who have participated in Latin American congresses. The Prize is a public recognition of his meritorious work, and consists of introductory books to statistics that include the Minitab software.

The nomination for the award, submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

Professor Audy Salcedo has a Bachelor's Degree in Education with a Mention in Mathematics (1988) from the *Central University of Venezuela* (UCV), a Master's Degree in Education with a Mention in Teaching Mathematics (2002) from the Universidad Pedagógica Experimental Libertador. He did PhD studies in Education at the National University of Distance Education of Spain (thesis pending). In the years 1980 – 1996 he worked as a mathematics teacher in secondary education, writing 14 textbooks for primary and secondary education. In 1995 he began in higher education, in the training of secondary school teachers, teaching the subjects of statistics and mathematics didactics, at the UCV and the National Open University. During the period 2000 – 2004 he served as coordinator of the Education Career with a Mention in Mathematics, at the National Open University.

Since 2005 he has worked at the School of Education of the UCV, where he has been Head of the Department of Statistics and Informatics Applied to Education (2006 – 2008), Coordinator of the Cooperative Program of Teacher Training. (2005 – 2008), Head of the Chair of Quantitative Methods (2004 – 2006) and advisor to the Office of Planning of the University Sector of the National Council of Universities. Prof. Salcedo has been the main manager of the electronic journal *Alternative Hypothesis*, has organized and given teacher training workshops in primary and secondary schools in the teaching of statistics, and has written two books for the National Open University on how to teach statistical ideas and concepts. In 2007 Audy was distinguished with the Educational Research Award, Teaching Mention – School of Education of the UCV.

2008 Award of the Year

The 2008 Award went to Brazilian Professor **Lisbeth K. Cordani**, for her teaching, administrative and university extension work. Lisbeth has helped organize and contributed to the teaching of many workshops for teachers in secondary schools, on how to teach statistical ideas and concepts at the pre-university level. He has also worked on the promotion and reinforcement of statistical education within the field of national statisticians, mainly SINAPE, the biennial symposium on probability and statistics promoted by the Brazilian Statistics Association, ABE.

The nomination for the award, submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

Lisbeth K. Cordani holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the *University of São Paulo* (1966), a Master's degree in Statistics from the University of São Paulo (1976), and a PhD in Education from the University of São Paulo (2001). She retired as a professor at the Institute of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of São Paulo, where she worked between 1971 and 1996, mostly teaching at the undergraduate level, as well as in consulting activities through the consulting service of the Department of Statistics. He currently teaches at the University Center of the Maua Institute of Technology. Lisbeth has published two books with co-authors: one on statistical introduction and the other on models with errors in variables. He has specialized in topics such as linear models, models with errors in the variables and orthogonal parameterization.

Lisbeth was Scientific Secretary of the Brazilian Statistical Association (2002-2004) and served as a board member of this association on several occasions. He was also a member of the board of the Brazilian Chapter of RBRAS, International Biometric Association. She also served on the board of the International Biometric Society, was vice-president of IASE and was the main force in the successful organization of the ICOTS conference in Salvador, Bahia, in July 2006. Most recently, Lisbeth served as Secretary General of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science (2005-2007) and is currently the second Treasurer of this society, roles in which she has acted to forge closer links between the statistical and scientific communities.

His enthusiasm for the cause of statistical education in Brazil and internationally is extraordinary. For these reasons, we support your candidacy for the prize offered by the JLM Project for statistical education in Ibero-America.

2009 Award of the Year

This year TWO Ex-Aequos Awards **were awarded**, for the selection of which we requested help from several of the previous winners. Let us remember that these recognitions do not refer to the professional credentials of those selected, but to their contributions to statistical education, especially international.

The nomination for the award, submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

This year we have decided to give two awards to two valuable colleagues who have contributed to statistical education in the region in two different but complementary ways. The decision to award both is based on the fact that it was very difficult to choose between one and the other.

The *First Prize* goes to Professor **Clarice García Borges Demetrio**, from the Department of Exact Sciences of ESALQ/USP, São Paulo, Brazil, for her extensive work teaching courses and workshops on applied statistics in Latin America, including in Argentina, Colombia, Peru, Guatemala, Mexico, and numerous universities in Brazil; as well as "the program they are organizing for the training of researchers in Latin America." <http://isi.cbs.nl/iamamember/CD3/abstracts/papers/3543.pdf>

The *Second Prize* goes to Professor **Adriana Graciela D'Amelio de Tari**, from the *National University of Cuyo in Mendoza, Argentina*, for her work in the Statistical Literacy Project in Mendoza (<http://www.deie.mendoza.gov.ar/aem/>), which disseminates statistical culture among citizens and is a great example to follow. This project was also a finalist in the international competition of the ISLP (Int. Stat. Literacy Project, <http://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/~iase/islp/competition>).

With these two awards, we also want to honor the Ibero-American professional woman, who often returns home, after a full job at the university or the consulting office, to also take care of the family, children, elderly parents and uncles, etc. And who, on some occasions, stumble upon a "glass ceiling" that prevents them or makes them work more than necessary, to reach the same level as other colleagues of the stronger sex. Those of us who have gone through these problems, for political and "ethnic" reasons, know this well.

We congratulate the two winners of the JLM Project's 2009 Annual Award for their well-deserved efforts and wish them continued success in their careers. Soon they will receive some books, as a modest tribute to our Project. His Vitas follow:

Clarice Demetrio is “Engenheira Agrônoma” (1975) from Escola Superior de Agricultura “Luiz de Queiroz”, University of São Paulo (ESALQ/USP), has Master in “Experimentação e Estatística” (1979) from ESALQ/USP, PhD (1985) in “Agronomia - Estatística e Experimentação Agrônômica”, from ESALQ/USP, and Postdoctorate (1986 – 1987) at Imperial College of Science and Technology, Londres, England. She also did an specialization in Statistique Appliquée in the Faculté de Sciences Agronomiques de L'Etat, Gembloux, Bélgica, 17/08 - 02/09/83, and was a visiting professor in , , and .AustraliaBelgiumEnglandFrance

Clarice has given talks and taught courses on the theory and application of Generalized Linear Models and extensions in Argentina (07/02-01/03/1996, 4-15/8/1997, 15-23/10/2001, 5-7/10/2005, 12-14/10/2005, 10/10/2006, 17-18/09/2008, 31/08-05/09/2009), Colombia (14 a 18/8/2002, 10-20/2/2003, 1-5/8/2005, 14-16/2/2006, 2-12/4/2007), Guatemala (6-7/11/2003), México (14-17/10/2009), Peru (10-12/12/2002, 22-23/9/2003). She also taught in Belgica (7-9/5/2006, 14/5-11/6/2007, 03-23/05/2008, 03-22/05/2009), USA () and , África (2-3/3/2007).1/7/2000Benin

She is a Full Professor in “Departamento de Ciências Exatas” at ESALQ/USP, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses and consults for lecturers and students of ESALQ, contributing to planning of experiments and data analysis. Her main interests are on “Generalized Linear Models”, “Over-dispersion Modeling” and “Experimental Statistics”. She is (co-)author of several books for Scientific Meetings in these areas.

Clarice has been very active in the International Biometric Society as IBS Council Member: (1990-93 and 1998-2001, 2001-2004); IBS Strategic Plan Committee (from 2001 to present, chair 2007-10); IBS Editorial Advisory Committee (from 1995 to present, chair, 1998-99, co-chair, 2006-09) and member of the organizing committee of IBC1979, IBC2006 and IBC2010. She also held several positions in The Brazilian Region of IBS (RBRAS): President: 90/92, 98/00, 02/04; Vice-President: 88/90, 96/98; 1st Secretary: 80/82; 2nd Secretary: 78/80; 1st Treasurer: 82/84; Member of the Council: 84/87, 92/94, 00/02, 04/09. She was Associate Editor of the Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics from 1993 to 2008. She was a member of the Council of the Brazilian Association of Statistics (1992-1993, 1994-1996, 2002-2005).

Adriana D'Amelio is Professor of Mathematics, Physics and Cosmography at the "Juan A. Mazza" University (1981). Specialist in University Teaching from de Cuyo (1999). Master's degree in Science Didactics with a mention in Didactics of Valparaiso, Chile (2008). She has a degree in Statistics, and is a PhD candidate in Sciences from de Cuyo. Founding member of the Statistical Education Group of Statistics (2007-2008). She is currently an Assistant Professor in Cuyo and Coordinator of the "AEM" Statistical Literacy project in Mendoza. He has extensive teaching work at the secondary and university level. He has participated in and directed several research projects. Its participation in the CLATSE (Latin American Congress of Statistical Societies) from the one held in Mendoza has been to la Universidad Nacional Matemática Universidad Católica Educaciónla Universidad Nacional Sociedad Argentina Universidad Nacional promote the

importance of without losing the scientific rigor that this discipline requires la Didáctica la Estadística

Its main challenge is to raise awareness in society of the need for the statistical professional in the different areas that require it, as well as interaction with other professionals. Its activity from the classrooms and the "AEM" project focuses on emphasizing the importance of citizens being statistically literate and how they can contribute to it. The project he coordinates is the website of Mendoza and Argentina and was presented at the "Official Statistics Conference", "Provincial Science Fair" and teachers from different levels stated that statistics, in the way they are presented on the page, is more accessible and helps their needs better.

2010 Award of the Year

This year we awarded a **Post-Mortem award and honorable mention**. Let us remember that these recognitions are not awarded for the very valuable professional credentials of those selected, but for their contributions to international statistical education.

The nomination for the award, submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

This year's Prize goes to colleague **B. Piedad Urdinola**, Executive Editor of the *Colombian Journal of Statistics*, RCE, and associate professor of the Department of Statistics of the UNAL, *National University of Colombia*, in Bogotá. The Award is a recognition of her work as Executive Editor, leading the *RCE Editorial Committee*.

Prof. Urdinola has been key to the publication of the *special issue on statistical applications of RCE*, to which twenty colleagues from Latin America and Spain have submitted manuscripts. It is a useful and innovative step in the dissemination of statistics among professionals who apply it in their areas, and for our teachers who can now offer, in Spanish, more interesting and practical articles for master's and doctoral students.

This issue is very important because: (I) it opens a window of opportunity for Ibero-American authors who (1) do not write in English and (2) work on applications. In addition, (II) creates a volume that can be used in class by our Ibero-American teachers, offering interesting application cases, so important in professional practice, for so many students who do not read English, and who can now study them in their language.

Finally, and perhaps even more importantly, this special issue of RCE gives impetus to a new type of publication. Recently we have read how the IASI journal has invited manuscripts to be submitted in Spanish, on statistical applications. This option was included, in a somewhat very veiled way, in that magazine. But now it has come to light.

B. Piedad Urdinola, is an Economist (1997) and Master in Economics (1998) from the Universidad de los Andes-Bogotá, with a PhD in Demography from the University of California-Berkeley (2004). She has worked at the National Department of Planning-Colombia and Development as a researcher and since 2005 she has been a Professor in the

Department of Statistics of the National University of Colombia-Bogotá, and from where she has served as Editor of the Colombian Journal of Statistics since 2007.

She is currently researching applications in panel and pseudo-panel models to issues related to the demographics of the conflict and the long-term effects of adolescent fertility in Colombia. For a year now, Prof. Bernardo Lanza Queiroz, CEDEPLAR, has been carrying out the project "Human Mortality Database for Latin America" and since its construction they have been researching demographic and statistical methodologies in the measurement and correction of mortality for defective data. Finally, he heads the National Transfer Accounts (NTA) project for Colombia, framed in the global project (NTA) and led by Profs. Ronald Lee, U.C. Berkeley, and Andrew Mason, University of Hawaii.

Also, the JLM Project awards an ***In-Memorian Distinction to Professor Edward J. Ducewicz***, of *Syracuse University*, Executive Editor of AJMMS, the American Journal of Mathematics and Management Sciences, who recently passed away. In addition to his many merits as a statistician (graduate of MIT, and PhD at Cornell) Ed, as he was known among his friends, did an extraordinary job at the head of AJMMS and other publications. First, he was an Editor-Mentor. Their extremely rigorous referees helped the authors to improve their work and bring it, after several iterations, to the level of AJMMS.

In addition, Dr. Ducewicz created something very unusual among Anglo-Saxon journals: a *Bilingual Section*, Spanish-English, where articles would be published in both languages and to which several colleagues from our region submitted their work. Rest in peace.

2011 Award of the Year

This year we awarded **two awards** to two extraordinary women: one recently deceased, when we were already processing her nomination. The other, highly recognized. Let us remember that these recognitions are not awarded for the very valuable professional credentials of those selected, but for their contributions to international statistical education, which is the specialty of these two winners.

The nomination proposal for the award, from the first candidate (Martha Aliaga) submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

Martha Aliaga worked to enhance statistics education internationally and reach out to statisticians worldwide through the *ASA Educational Ambassador Program*, the international Census at School program, and through inviting submissions for Amstat News from leaders of international statisticians to foster international collaboration and share information regarding activities taking place in our discipline around the globe. She has also been invited to teach statistics workshops in many countries.

As quoted in the tribute appearing in the December issue of Amstat News, "An example of her philosophy can be seen in the ASA's Educational Ambassadorship Program, which she and the Committee on International Relations in Statistics launched in 2005. Within the program, an ambassador [from a developing country] attends continuing education courses during the Joint Statistical Meetings and then returns to his or her country to teach the new

subject matter. This way of passing statistics education forward has allowed statisticians to reach students in every corner of the world."

Martha lead the effort to bring to the US (<http://www.amstat.org/censusatschool>), the international Census at School program which is an international project that engages students in grades 4-12 in statistical problem solving. The attached file includes the list of her Amstat news international articles, which includes many from Latin American countries. Additional information about Martha in the recent tribute in the Journal of Statistics Education: <http://www.amstat.org/publications/jse/v19n3/aliaga.pdf> and the Amstat News <http://magazine.amstat.org/blog/2011/12/01/marthaaliagaobi/>.

The nomination proposal for the award, from the second candidate (Carmen Batanero) submitted to the Project by the proponents, reads as follows:

Carmen Batanero has a degree in Mathematics and a Diploma in Statistics (Complutense University of Madrid) and a PhD in Mathematics (specialising in Statistics, *University of Granada*). She worked at the General Directorate of Roads (Madrid) as an applied statistician and at the University of Jaén, as a professor of statistics. She is currently a professor in the Department of Mathematics Didactics at the University of Granada, where she teaches this subject. He also coordinates a research group on Statistical Education at this university, directing many research projects and doctoral theses on this subject (see website: <http://www.ugr.es/~batanero/>).

Carmen was President of the International Association for Statistical Education (IASE), a member of the Council of the International Institute of Statistics (ISI), and a member of the International Committee for Mathematical Instruction (ICMI). She founded the *Statistics Education Research Journal* and collaborates as an associate editor in other international journals. He also chaired the scientific committee of the *IASE Round Table Conference on Training Researchers in the Use of Statistics* (Tokyo, 2000), the *6th International Congress on Statistics Education* (ICOTS-6, Salvador de Bahia, 2006) and the *Joint ICMI-IASE Study: Teaching Statistics in School Mathematics* (Monterrey, Mexico, 2008). He has coordinated the edition of the book "*Teaching statistics in school mathematics. Challenges for teaching and teacher education*, published in 2011 in Springer's ICMI Study series.

Carmen Batanero has collaborated in the scientific committee of other international conferences on mathematics education and statistics. He is an honorary member of the IASE.

Awards of the Year 2012

This year we awarded **two** prizes to two extraordinary colleagues *The first prize goes to **Victor Leiva**, (<http://staff.deuv.cl/leiva>) professor at the *University of Valparaiso, Chile*. This recognition is granted to him, in addition to his significant work as a professor and researcher, for having contributed to bringing out the **Chilean Journal of Statistics again**, and for his collaboration (<http://staff.deuv.cl/leiva/seminars.html>) with institutions from several Ibero-American countries.*

Víctor Leiva is a graduate of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, in Chile (1991), a PhD in mathematical sciences with a mention in statistics and operations research from the University of Granada, Spain (1999) and postdoctoral studies at McMaster University, Canada (2006). Leiva has been a Professor at the University of Valparaíso, since 1993. He has been a visiting professor at Brazilian, Chilean, Colombian, Mexican, North American and Portuguese universities, has taught courses and lectures at national and international conferences, and actively participated in several of their organizing and scientific committees. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Chilean Society of Statistics (SOCHE) and scientific societies of Brazil, Argentina and the USA. He has been *elected* a Member of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He has directed more than 30 works of professional titles of statisticians, engineers, and other specialties, and has directed more than ten master's theses and five doctoral theses in statistics. Víctor has participated in thesis committees (undergraduate, master's and doctorate) in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Pakistan. His administrative work includes being Director of the Department of Statistics of the University of Valparaíso, and of its postgraduate programs and member of the Academic Hierarchy Committee of the Faculty of Sciences. He has worked on postgraduate scholarship committees of CONICYT, the National Accreditation Commission (CNA) and other Chilean accrediting agencies, and as an evaluator of projects of FONDECYT and CONICYT, and of other Latin American countries. He has developed more than 20 projects in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Portugal. He has published fifty articles in indexed international statistical journals, one of which was, for two consecutive years, the most cited in the last five years (2005-2010/2006-2011), obtaining the scientific productivity award at his university. He is Executive Editor of the Chilean Journal of Statistics and Associate Editor of the Brazilian Journal of Probability and Statistics, of Communications in Statistics (of Theory and Methods, and of Simulation and Computation), of Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, of the Pakistan Journal of Statistics, and of the journal Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment. For more information on his extensive career, see <http://staff.deuv.cl/leiva/>

The second annual recognition goes to Professor Roberto Behar Gutiérrez, (<http://posgradosingeneria.univalle.edu.co/posgrados/?q=node/144>) of Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia, for his significant teaching and administrative work, through which he has contributed to the training of several generations of statisticians, for his articles on education and research, and for his valuable and frequent participation in multiple courses and conferences in Latin America and Spain.

It is noteworthy how both laureates have studied their statistics careers in several Ibero-American countries, and then have returned, on multiple occasions, to contribute through various international education programs. And it is noteworthy how many colleagues already awarded with this JLM Award have been editors of statistical journals (e.g. Presedo, Salcedo, Urdinola, Dudewicz, Aliaga and Batanero). It is thus quite clear the importance we give to the work of professional publications, and their influence on the Ibero-American community to which they are addressed. These two points constitute, in essence, the basic foundations of the JLM Project, and of its annual recognitions.

Awards of the Year 2013

This year we also awarded **two prizes** to two extraordinary colleagues. *The first* is for **Dr. María Purificación Galindo** (<http://diarium.usal.es/pgalindo/>) Professor of Biostatistics, and Director of the Department of Statistics and Applied Mathematics of the *University of Salamanca, Spain*. This recognition is granted, in addition to her significant work as an educator (Visiting Professor at fourteen European and American Universities, including Trinity College of the University of Oxford, Stanford University in California, and the University of Veracruzana, Mexico) and researcher (Principal Investigator in 20 funded projects, and researcher in another 18), for her multiple publications (17 books and monographs), his innovations (<http://diarium.usal.es/pgalindo/innovacion>), and for his great collaboration in Latin America (giving courses in Venezuela, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba and Portugal, as well as directing 40 doctoral theses, 6 of them from Venezuela, 2 from Chile, 2 from Argentina, 1 from Colombia, 1 from Cuba, 7 from Portugal, 3 from Mexico, 1 from Peru, 1 from Costa Rica). And for developing the *MOOC on Statistics for Researchers* (<http://diarium.usal.es/MOOC/>) that disseminates our science among those who need to use it, as well as for the wide variety of extraordinary courses taught (<http://diarium.usal.es/pgalindo/cursos-extraordinarios>) jointly with other universities.

The *second prize* is awarded to **Dr. Salvador Naya**, Professor of Statistics and Operations Research, Department of Mathematics, and Higher Polytechnic School of Ferrol, *University of Galicia* (http://dm.udc.es/staff/salvador_naya/). This recognition is granted, in addition to his (http://dm.udc.es/staff/salvador_naya/teaching.php) great teaching and research work, which includes multiple books, conferences and articles (http://dm.udc.es/staff/salvador_naya/publications.php), for his educational work in Latin America, where he has taught courses and conferences in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia and Cuba, among other countries, as well as for having directed students of in this region, in post-graduate studies carried out at the University of Galicia. His international experience includes participation, as a professor and member of the teaching committee, in the International Master's Degree in Complex Materials at the University of Coruña, with the Paris Diderot University (Paris VII), France. In addition, he is director of the *Jorge Juan Chair*, which depends on the University of Coruña and the Spanish Navy. Regarding the dissemination of statistics, his work in *SGAPEIO*, the Galician Society for the promotion of statistics and operational research, stands out.

Awards of the Year 2014

This year is special for our JLM Project as we celebrate **Twenty, of service to Ibero-American education**. And for that reason, *we are going to recognize not only three distinguished colleagues, but also the IASI Organization that has contributed to their excellent work*. **This recognition is granted to them, ExAequo**, in addition to their significant professional and consulting work, **for their extensive and valuable contribution** to the dissemination of statistics, in Ibero-America, **through the IASI journal that they carefully direct and edit**. They are for:

Clyde Charre de Trabuchi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics. She joined INDEC in 1970, was director of the Permanent Household Survey from 1989 to 2003, from then until January 2007 she held the position of *National Director of Statistics* on Living Conditions, being from there the maximum responsible for three key areas in the agency: Consumer Prices, Permanent Household Survey (EPH) and Household Expenditure and Income Survey. He was a member of the IASS Council (1985-1989), and Vice-President (1996-1998). At the IASI he was vice president in the periods 2003-2005 and 2006-2007 and then president in the period 2008-2010. She is currently Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Estadística* of that Institute and a member of the Advisory Council. He has participated in the Membership Elections Committee of the ISI in 2013 and 2014. In his country he was Vice President of the Argentine Society of Statistics (SAE) in the periods from 1999 to 2003, and is currently part of the Board of Directors for the period 2014-2015.

Verónica Beritich has a degree in Mathematics from the University of Buenos Aires. Since 2003 he has worked at INDEC (National Institute of Statistics and Censuses) where he has participated in the quality controls of the Monthly Industrial Survey and the Surveys

Technological, and as a Specialist in Estimation methods. Veronica has published two articles referred to in *Statistics*, and a work in *Studies*, from INDEC. Verónica has participated in training courses in Argentina and in several European countries, has obtained scholarships from the ISI and the United Nations Department of Statistics, and is currently the *Executive Editor of the journal Estadística*, of IASI.

Silvana Specogna has a degree in Statistics and a Master's degree in government economics. An INDEC official between 1988 and 2008, she worked on the development and implementation of the Construction Cost Index in Greater Buenos Aires, participated in the Program of International Price Comparisons, of capital goods and construction, at the regional level by ECLAC, participated in the methodological development and implementation of the Wage Index and Wage Variation Coefficient, among others, being during that period the Head of the Department of Analysis and Development of Services and Prices (1992-1997), principal technician of the Directorate of Statistical Methodology (1999-2002), in charge of the Directorate of Statistical Methodology (2002-2004), Director in charge of the MERCOSUR STATISTICAL II Project (2007-2008), and in the National Social Security Administration (ANSES) since 2010, in charge of the Coordination of Statistical Analysis of the Directorate of Social Security Studies, among other important positions. Silvana is a Member of the Argentine Society of Statistics and *Editor of the journal Estadística*.

IASI (<http://www.contraloria.gob.pa/inec/iasi/presentacion.html>) is the organization that publishes, since 1943, **the journal *Estadística***. Founded on May 12, 1940, at the initiative of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), with the idea of establishing a transitional mechanism, during the time of the world conflagration, the IASI very soon launched a series of projects of great impact for the statistical development of the countries of the Western Hemisphere. so the original idea was soon overcome.

We know this organization and its work well, because we belong to it, and because several of its former Presidents are former friends and colleagues. In addition to its frequent courses, and to bring in contact, through frequent meetings, statisticians from all over the continent, the IASI has published more than 67 issues, and 185 volumes, of this journal, thus disseminating useful statistical applications, and serving as a vehicle for the development of many of our colleagues. This function, in our opinion, is one of the most important.

The history of the journal *Estadística* can be well perceived through the evolution of its issues. We review, for example, the modest edition of Volume 39-40 (1987-88), in which Carmen McFarlane presided over IASI and our unforgettable colleague and compatriot María E. Gonzales was president-elect. There was no Executive Editor then, but editors by areas (Theory and Methods and Official Statistics, which describe the areas emphasized by the journal). Already in 2004 (Volume 56), we find a page dedicated to editors. And we recognize Pilar Martín Guzmán and Clyde Charre de Trabuchi as the editors for the two areas, and Verónica Beritich as assistant editor. The list of associate editors is long and includes distinguished colleagues and several former IASI Presidents. In 2005 Clyde is already the Editor, and Veronica, the assistant, of the Magazine. In 2009, Clyde became Editor-in-Chief, and Veronica, Executive Editor. And in 2014, Silvana was appointed Deputy Executive Editor of the magazine, positions she holds to this day.

We also observe, by reviewing the list of the titles of published articles (in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese) how other statistical applications are included in the journal other than theoretical, demographic, and government statistics.

We cannot talk about IASI without pointing out the significant work of many years, of its Technical Secretary, Prof. Evelio O. Fabbroni, colleague and friend.

Last but not least, it is the recognition that we make, through these valuable colleagues, Clyde, Verónica and Silvana, of the work of many professional women who, in addition to their obligations as mothers, wives, daughters and other commitments, and despite the often unfair evaluations they receive from some colleagues of the opposite sex, they maintain high performance, and great professionalism.

Awards of the Year 2015

We would like to announce the *2015 Educator Award, which this year is given belatedly* to an organization, including four colleagues whose work was paramount to its success. This institution, where we have been working for 20 years now, left an indelible mark on us due to its intelligent and successful teaching and working methods. These are the **Mathematics Division** (http://allman.rhon.itam.mx/~dealba/ACTSCI_ITAM.PDF) of the **Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico, ITAM**, and its **Division Director and their respective directors of its three Sections.**

The **Mathematics Division** was directed at that time by **Prof. Enrique de Alba**, currently at INEGI (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Enrique_Alba). The **Statistics Section** was directed by **Prof. Lourdes de la Fuente**, currently *Chief Risk Officer* of Tresalia Capital, in Mexico City.

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ldefuente13?authType=name&authToken=eSBq>). The **Operations Research Section** was directed by **Prof. Gustavo Preciado** (http://www.itam.mx/es/facultad/profesoresDetalles.php?id_profesor=69), and the **Mathematics Section**, by **Prof. María Trigueros Gaisman** (http://www.itam.mx/es/facultad/cv_mate/MariaTrigeros.pdf).

What made this institution truly unique was the way in which the work of the professors was carried out, and that we have not found in any other institution in which we have worked. There were three elements, sponsored or encouraged by the institution, and which contributed to this: *the Escorial*, *the Random Seminar* and *the Retreat*.

El Escorial was what we called the teachers' dining room, where we all sat at a long table, to share the events of the day. Some said that the name came from the famous palace of Philip II (because of the intellectuality), and others, that it came from the fact that the scum of the teachers met there. No subject was forbidden, treated with respect and intelligence. And without a doubt, most of what I know about Mexico, its culture and idiosyncrasies, I learned there, in an atmosphere of friendship and goodwill.

The *Random Seminar* that took place every two weeks in the Department of Statistics. Each professor was assigned a presentation, where we shared either an article that was being prepared for publication, or a new method or software that we had seen and found interesting for our courses. Thus, we all knew where we were going and how to keep up with the department. It was an element of pure professional improvement.

The Retreat was an exercise conducted at the end of the school year. The Department rented a quiet and secluded motel on the outskirts where we spent three days reviewing programs, examining which ones had been successful, and why, and improving those where some problems were found.

An important factor was *the educational policy of the Institution*. When I arrived, a colleague from the administration called me and commented: "Jorge, here he who knows approves; those who do not, fail. *The university lives off its academic prestige.*" It seems simple and logical; but unfortunately this important educational postulate is not applied everywhere.

For all of the above, the JLM Project awards them the *2015 Educator of the Year Award*.

Awards of the Year 2016

This year we also have *Two ExAequo JLM International Educator Awards*. **These annual awards** correspond to Prof. **Blas José Galván González**, from the *University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria* (ULPGC) and Prof. **Mario Miguel Ojeda Ramírez**, from the

University of Veracruz (UV). They are awarded this recognition, in addition to their significant professional and research work, for their extensive and valuable contribution to the dissemination of statistics in Ibero-America.

Blas José Galván González is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics, Computer Division, Higher Technical School of Industrial Engineers (ETSII) of the ULPGC. His long teaching and research career includes topics related to applied statistics and risk management, application of genetic algorithms in function optimization, and multi-objective optimization, as well as numerous publications. His detailed curriculum can be found on the web: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-blas-galvan-gonzalez-4663b861>.

*The Award is given for his work in the **International Master's Degree in Reliability, Maintainability and Risk Engineering (MICRO)**, a postgraduate degree at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria that, under the direction of Dr. Blas Galván, has already developed nine editions (2005-2016) and achieved more than five hundred graduates. It is a totally online training, with theoretical knowledge and practical applications, whose instructors are professionals who work in the industry and academics of recognized prestige who work in Universities and Research Centers.*

The students are mainly Latin American, with countries such as Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela having special relevance. In addition, workers from companies such as Pemex, Comimsa, FertiNitro, PDVSA, EcoPetrol, Minera San Cristóbal, MASISA, FUSA Engineering, etc., have been trained in this Master's Degree.

Mario Miguel Ojeda Ramírez is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Statistics at the Universidad Veracruzana, Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. His teaching career includes statistical modeling, applications of statistical methodology and statistical education. His lines of research include Quality Management and Six Sigma Methodology; Linear Models and Design of Experiments. He has numerous publications, and has been Director in the Postgraduate Directorate, General Directorate of Academic Development, in the General Directorate of the Economic-Administrative Academic Area, the Directorate of Institutional Planning and General Director of the Postgraduate Studies Unit of the UV. His curriculum can be found on the web: <https://www.uv.mx/personal/mojeda/>

*The Award is given to him for his work as a **senior university official**. Sometimes we forget that laws flow from the top down, and that our teaching work is strongly affected by the Academic Administration. Dr. Ojeda has been able to direct the attention and support of the UV towards the improvement of the teaching of statistics, not only in its Xalapa campus, but also throughout the UV system, as well as promoting the participation of foreign professors in courses and workshops, and the celebration of international events sponsored or co-sponsored by the UV.*

Awards of the Year 2017

This year we also have *Two ExAequo JLM International Educator Awards*. **These annual awards** correspond to Prof. **Roberto Meyer**, from the Department of Mathematics of the

National University of the Litoral

(https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Roberto_Meyer2) *Santa Fe, Argentina*; and Prof. **Pere Grima Cintas**, from the Department of Statistics and I. O. of the *Polytechnic University of Catalonia* (<http://www-eio.upc.es/~grima/index.html>), in Barcelona, Spain. They are awarded this recognition, in addition to their significant professional and research work, for their extensive and valuable contribution to the dissemination of statistics in Ibero-America.

Roberto Delfor Meyer is a mathematician graduated from the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences of the National University of the Litoral (Argentina, 1985). He has completed a Master's Degree in Applied Statistics (Argentina, 1989/1990) at the Institute of Statistical Research of the National University of Tucumán as a postgraduate fellow, and a Doctorate in Education with a thesis in statistical inference *"Didactic functioning of knowledge. Statistical inferential reasoning in research and training in education, Universidad Católica de Santa Fe (Argentina, 2005)*. In the international arena he has participated as a speaker and panelist at the III CIBEM (Caracas, Venezuela, 1998), and at the Latin American Statistics Congresses from 1990 to date. He is a member of the Argentine Society of Statistics, of its board of directors in 2011-2013, and President of the organizing committee of the XXXIX Argentine Colloquium of Statistics (Santa Fe, Argentina, 2011). He has been Executive Editor of the Journal of the Argentine Society of Statistics (2012-2015) and member of the editorial committee of the Journal of Economic Sciences (UNL, 2006-2016).

He has made several work stays abroad. The University of Granada in 1999, with Dr. Carmen Batanero; in 2008, 2010 and 2013 at the ICA (Cuba) as part of the Argentine-Cuban Bilateral Project "Argentine-Cuban Rural Observatories", with Dr. Verena Torres Cárdenas.

He is currently Director of the Social Observatory of the National University of the Litoral (Argentina) <https://www.unl.edu.ar/observatoriosocial/>, and Professor of Statistics and Inference at the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the National University of the Litoral (<http://www.fce.unl.edu.ar/>) and of its board of directors, since 2005.

Pere Grima Cintas is a Professor in the Department of Statistics and Operations Research at the UPC in Barcelona, Spain. His areas of interest include experiment design, quality management, and industrial statistics. A significant part of his time is dedicated to working on collaboration agreements with companies, advising on issues related to quality control and improvement. The activities in which he participates are in www.upcq.net

The Prize is awarded for his constant work of statistical dissemination, through his writings and conferences, the training of teachers, etc. His work "Absolute Certainty and Other Fictions" is a beautiful book of statistical dissemination, for a wide audience, which has been translated into several languages, including Russian.

2018 Award of the Year

This year, Professor *Francisco Marmolejo* (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/franciscomarmolejo/>), [who](#) since 2012 has been Coordinator, Global Tertiary/University Education, and Senior Specialist for Tertiary Education at the World Bank (WB), has been selected for our JLM Award for International Educators. This recognition is granted, in addition to his significant professional and administrative work, for his extensive and valuable contribution to international education, not only in Ibero-America, through CONAHEC, but also worldwide, through the World Bank.

Francisco Marmolejo graduated in Business Administration from the Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí (UASLP), where he also obtained a master's degree. He then did doctoral studies in Administration, at the UNAM in Mexico City. In his long and fruitful administrative career, Prof. Marmolejo has been administrator and vice-dean at UASLP, and then director of the MBA Program, as well as Vice-Rector of Academic Programs, and Vice-President of Administration and Finance of the University of the Americas (UDLA). During his tenure, UDLA obtained its academic accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Prof. Marmolejo was the first Mexican educator to be elected a Fellow of the American Council on Education, after which he was appointed as the first Executive Director of CONAHEC, the North American Higher Education Collaboration Consortium, a network of more than 160 higher education institutions in Canada, Mexico and the United States. He stayed there until 2012, when he moved to the World Bank where, as the Global Tertiary Education Coordinator and Principal Specialist, Prof. Marmolejo leads an internal group that works on higher education issues, which facilitates the exchange of ideas and educational initiatives, worldwide.

The Prize is awarded for his work in favor of higher education, worldwide, and for his support of university teaching in Latin America.

2019 Award of the Year

This year, as the JLM Project celebrates a quarter of a century of operation, we award **an award for excellence and a Post-Mortem honorable mention**. Let us remember that these recognitions are not only awarded for the very valuable professional credentials of those selected, but also for their contributions to international statistical education.

This year, Dr. Ernesto A. Sánchez Sánchez, *Research Professor at CINVESTAV, Mexico City* (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ernesto_Sanchez_Sanchez), **has been selected for our [JLM Award for International Educators](#)**. His teaching (<https://www.matedu.cinvestav.mx/esanchez/presentacion.php>) and research (https://cinvestav.academia.edu/Departments/Departamento_de_Matem%C3%A1tica_Educativa/Documents) work on Probability Teaching and Learning, and New Educational Technologies, as well as for his work as Associate Editor of the statistical education journals *Alternative Hypothesis* (<http://www.ucv.ve/organizacion/facultades/facultad-de-humanidades-y-educacion/centros-de-investigacion/cies/publicaciones/hipotesis-alternativa-boletin-de-iase-para-america-latina.html>) and *Statistics Education Research Journal* (SERJ);

<https://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=21100204917&tip=sid>) make him worthy of this recognition.

Some comments about Prof. Sánchez Sánchez, for previous JLM Award winners include: "he participated as a member of the ICMI/IASE Study committee and in the ICME 13 probability group in addition to having organized invited sessions in several ICOTS"; and also that "he was associate editor of the Statistics Education Research Journal and has participated, as an author or editor, in several books"

The JLM Project also awards an *In-Memorian Distinction to Dr. José Pérez Vilaplana*, who died prematurely in 1997. He was Professor of Statistics at the University of the Basque Country in Bilbao, and at the University of Panama. He was the organiser of IMSIBAC (*International Meetings of Statistics in the Basque Country*), and of the international summer statistics courses in San Sebastián, as well as editor: https://books.google.com/books?id=ssrtMRf4Sp4C&printsec=frontcover&dq=recent+advances+in+statistics+and+probability&hl=en&newbks=1&newbks_redir=0&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewiE2Z3a5YXmAhuKx1kKHVrRDZsQ6AEwAHoECAAQAQ#v=onepage&q=recent%20advances%20in%20statistics%20and%20probability&f=false of the IMSIBAC minutes

Pepe, as he was always known among his friends, was a great Mentor, who shared his international experiences and who opened the doors of the University of the Basque Country to the incipient JLM Project. Rest in peace.

2020 Award of the Year

This year, *Dr. Teresita Evelina Terán* (<https://fhumyar.unr.edu.ar/docentes/160/teresita>), who is a Professor at the [Faculty of Humanities and Arts](#), National University of Rosario, UNR, Argentina, has been selected for our *JLM Award for International Educator*. Prof. Terán is President of the International Committee of ICOTS 11, Vice President of IASE (International Association for Statistical Education; 2017-2020) Coordinator VPCT Portugal (International Science and Technology Meeting 2018), Representative of the Women's Committee for Argentina at the ISI (International Statistics Institute) since 2014 and Professor at the CEI, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the UNR. This recognition is granted, in addition to his significant professional work, for his extensive and valuable contribution to international education, through the international institutions to which he belongs and directs.

In addition to her extensive work as a teacher and researcher, Prof. Terán has worked on the training and improvement of the teaching staff of the URN as a member: of the Competition for the designation of Heads of Practical Works and Mathematics Assistants. Faculty of Agrarian Sciences U.N.R.; of the "Ad hoc" Commission of Dissertations. School of Education Sciences. Faculty of Humanities and Art; of the Self-Evaluation Commission of the Master's Degree in Biosafety. Faculty of Veterinary Sciences; the Committee for the Review of Abstracts of the works presented at the XII Conference on Technical and Scientific Dissemination in Veterinary Sciences; of the Jury to fill ordinary positions of

assistant professors and teachers; of the Advisory Commission for the Teaching Competition for the position of Head of Practical Works of the subject Biostatistics. Fac. of Veterinary Sciences, among many other tasks.

We know how our colleagues carry, in addition to their work and teaching load, a strong family component (such as mothers, daughters, wives, sisters). Thus, his triumphs are always especially extraordinary. Through Prof. Terán, as with all the others graced with this Annual Award, we want to recognize all our colleagues.

2021 Award of the Year

This year, *Professors Alberto Luceño and Enrique Castillo Ron*, both **professors at the University of Cantabria**, in Santander, in northern Spain, *have been selected for the JLM Award for International Educators.*

Dr. Alberto Luceño (<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Alberto-Luceno>) is a professor of industrial statistics in the *Department of Applied Mathematics*. He has published articles and books on applied statistics with international figures such as George Box (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=9t8bWCAAAAAJ>). His main areas of interest are oceanography and quality control. He has worked and collaborated with colleagues from Spain and Latin America, from that university.

Dr. Enrique Castillo Ron (<https://personales.unican.es/castie/>) is also a professor of statistics in the *Department of Applied Mathematics*, of which he has been Director, as well as Vice-Dean and Vice-Rector of the University of Cantabria. His areas of interest include the calculation of bridges and structures, industrial statistics, and artificial intelligence (<https://scholar.google.es/citations?user=JFfLP-EAAA AJ&hl=es>). In addition to working with colleagues from Ibero-America, including Dr. Luceño, Castillo has posted his main courses and statistical models, including several on Covid, on open access <https://meteo.unican.es/temp/castie/APLICACION%20DE%20CURSOS/CURSOSINTE RNET.html>, for the use and exploitation of all colleagues who wish to do so.

Our JLM Project has had extensive and long-standing experience with the universities of Galicia (Santiago and Coruña), the Basque Country (Bilbao and San Sebastián), and Cantabria (Santander), of which several professors have already been selected for the JLM Project's Annual Educator Awards.

We wish both mountain educators: congratulations!

2022 Award of the Year

This year, the group of the International Congress of Statistical Education ICOTS-11 **has been selected for the JLM International Educator Award.**

On two previous occasions, the *Juárez Lincoln Martí Project* has selected collectives or institutions, rather than individuals, to award our *Annual Educator Award*. These have been: in 2014, to the IASI Journal and the direction of the IASI Institute; and in 2015 to the Mathematics Division of ITAM. This 2022, we also selected an Institution as the winner, for its excellent work in the organization and execution of the International Congress, held in Rosario, Argentina and also executed via Internet (Zoom), given the special circumstances imposed by the Covid Pandemic.

Organizing and executing an international event of the magnitude of ICOTS is always a very serious effort (we know this, because we have participated in several, personally). And to carry it out this year, with the serious and multiple difficulties, both logistical and economic, that this directorate has had to face, is extremely commendable. For example, at one point, due to lack of support and budget, they had to turn to public and private companies, and to the province, asking them to grant them subsidies, as well as the support of IASE and other international sponsors.

In addition, the event was organized in a hybrid format and in 3 official languages (Spanish, Portuguese and English), with simultaneous translations in the plenary lectures and other events. And coffee-breaks were prepared, as well as walks through the beautiful city of Rosario, venue of the event, so that international attendees could exchange their experiences.

We congratulate the organizers, too numerous to include in this review, but whose names you can find on the website: <https://icots.info/11/>

2023 Award of the Year

This year, Dr. Soledad Estrella (<http://ima.ucv.cl/academicos/soledad-estrella/>), **Professor at the Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile, [has been selected for the JLM Award for International Educator](#)** .

Dr. Soledad Estrella studied at the University of Santiago, and at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV), Chile. She holds a PhD in Mathematics Didactics from the PUCV. She has been a teacher and trainer of mathematics teachers in primary and secondary education. She currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at the Institute of Mathematics of the PUCV. She is an educator and researcher in Didactics of Statistics, Inference and Probability in the framework of statistical literacy.

His research projects encompass mathematical and statistical learning, along with teacher training with a focus on argumentation and early statistical reasoning, and collaborative and creative problem solving. She is currently President of the Chilean Society of Mathematics Education, SOCHIEM, 2023-2024; Secretary-elect of the Inter-American Committee on Mathematics Education (CIAEM) 2024-2027 and part of the International Council of the Mathematics Education Network of Central America and the Caribbean, period 2022-2025, under the auspices of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI); and has served as Director at the Chilean Society of Statistics, SOCHE, 2020-2022. She is co-founder of the IMA PUCV Class Study Group

(www.estudiodeclases.cl) and leads the Early Statistics Research Group, GIET-PUCV, (www.estadisticatemprana.cl), a team that organizes the Symposia on Statistical Education, Probability and Inference in the classroom.

She is the author of almost a hundred research articles and book chapters. She has been a guest lecturer at national and international scientific meetings, and has given presentations in Japan, Peru, Russia, and Thailand. Currently, he supports the teaching of statistics and probability in online courses for teacher training of Elementary Mathematics Education on SEAMEO School Network, organized by the Center for Research on International Cooperation in Educational Development, CRICED, University of Tsukuba, Japan. At the national level, she has contributed to public policies since 2013, as an expert and standards evaluator, proposals for curricular bases, national and international tests; school textbooks and their teaching guides; technical tables, etc., associated with the Ministry of Education of Chile, the Agency for the Quality of Education and the Center for Improvement, Experimentation and Pedagogical Research, CPEIP. In August 2023, he has obtained a decoration for his contribution to Mathematics Education, from the National University of Education, Enrique Guzmán y Valle, in Lima, Peru, with a medal for commitment and merit.

The Prize is awarded for his work in favor of higher education in Chile and worldwide, and for his support of university teaching in Latin America.

2024 Award of the Year

This year, Dr. Liliana M. Tauber, (<https://www.fhuc.unl.edu.ar/institucional/liliana-mabel-tauber/>), **Professor of Mathematics (Faculty of Humanities and Sciences) at the National University of the Litoral, Santa Fe, Argentina**, has **been selected for the JLM International Educator Award**. Prof. Tauber's nomination was supported by six UNL colleagues, including Dr. Roberto Meyer, a valued colleague of the JLM Project, and winner of the 2017 Educator of the Year Award.

Dr. Liliana Tauber is President of **RELIEE** (Latin American Network for Research in Statistical Education, <https://reliee.weebly.com/>) and founder of **Estocástico@s** (<https://estocasticos.weebly.com/>), a research group in Statistical Education at FHUC-UNL. He has directed statistical education projects and inter-university networks, through which he interacted with research teams from the National University of Río Cuarto (Argentina) and the Monterrey Institute of Technology (Mexico). She has been the creator of the Argentine Conference on Statistical Education (JAEE), which is held every year, and the Latin American Conference on Research in Statistical Education (JLIEE), which is held every two years. Since 2010, she has served as the national coordinator of the International Statistical Literacy Competition, promoted by ISLP (International Statistical Literacy Project) and IASE (International Association for Statistical Education). She has participated, as a guest speaker, in national and international scientific meetings, presenting papers in Mexico, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Brazil, Spain, Portugal and Finland.

She has been editor and director of **Yupana**. Journal of Didactics of Mathematics of the UNL editing a monographic issue of Statistical Education; as well as in the Journal of Mathematics, Education and Society, of the University of Cordoba (Spain). She has been editor of the proceedings of the II and III Latin American Conference on Research in Statistical Education. She is director of the Specialization in Mathematics Didactics at FHUC-UNL and is part of the Steering Committee of this career, and of the Master's Degree in Specific Didactics, where she is a professor of the Thesis Workshop; he is a member of the Doctoral Committee in Education in Experimental Sciences of the Faculty of Biochemistry and Biological Sciences of the UNL.

The Award is given for his work in favor of higher education in Argentina, and worldwide, and for his support of university teaching in Latin America.

2025 Award of the Year

This year, Dr. María Alejandra Sorto (<https://faculty.txst.edu/profile/1922552>) **has been selected for the JLM Award for International Educators. Professor of Mathematics, College of Science and Engineering, Texas State University, USA.** Professor Sorto is a native of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, She began her studies in pedagogy at the Francisco Morazán University, and continued them under a Fulbright scholarship, at U. Texas, El Paso, finishing her *doctorate in statistical education*, at Michigan State.

Focusing particularly on teacher training, his work has been pioneering in identifying the statistical knowledge needed to teach at intermediate school levels, as evidenced in his publication "*Identifying Statistical Knowledge for Middle School Teachers: An Analysis of Content Standards*" (2011), and in the creation of instruments to measure teacher self-efficacy for teaching statistics (SETS). Its international dimension includes comparative studies on statistics education in Latin America (*Chile, Peru, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama*), *Africa (Botswana, South Africa, Kenya)*, and the United States. *Its approach promotes socially conscious teaching of statistics in the classroom*, by integrating aspects of linguistic and cultural equity.

Her academic leadership includes being an editor of SERJ, an international evaluator and speaker, as well as director of research programs at the *National Science Foundation (NSF)*. Finally, Dr. Sorto has been president of the International Association for Statistical Education/ IASE, in the period 2024 – 2025.

The Prize is awarded for his outstanding work in the field of statistical education, and its multicultural and multilingual contexts, in **Latin America and the United States**.

It cannot be overlooked how pleased we are to recognize the merits of our fellow educators. Perhaps, because our own mother, Dr. Raquel Fernández, taught the subjects of statistics and mental measurements, for many years, in the Faculty of Pedagogy of the University of Havana. And we know of the special difficulties that mothers, wives and women in general, face in their work.

2026 Award of the Year