As part of the activities of the 2018 IAOS-OECD conference (Paris, 19-21 September), IAOS and OECD organise a Young Scholar for Better Statistics Award. This award recognises work from students and their academic advisors. The winning papers need to show a clear contribution to the better understanding of official statistics, as well as their usefulness and challenges, and potential options to improve their production in a particular subject or field of analysis.

The papers should have a section including an analysis of the current state of official statistics (its limitations, challenges and recommendations to improve) in their particular subject of reference at the local, regional or global level.

Within the theme “Better Statistics for Better Lives” the main general subjects are:

**Issues related to sustainability:**
- Environmental sustainability;
- Capital approach to sustainability and well-being;
- Social capital, social connections;

**The measurement and impact of digitalisation and globalisation:**
- The impact of digitalisation on people's lives;
- Official measurement of digitalisation;
- The mis-measurement of official economic statistics hypothesis.

**Other topics:**
- Quality of education;
- Trust in institutions.

**Well-being and quality of life:**
- Official measurement of well-being, happiness and life satisfaction;
- Official measurement problems in quality of life;
- International differences in well-being;
- Quality of work and jobs;
- Governance, security and drugs.

**The future role/position of official statistics:**
- Regional and local statistics for better lives;
- Actual use of official statistics for better lives;
- Official statistics and evidence-based policy making;
- Sustainable development goals.

The papers could verse, but are not limited to:

- Surveys;
- Big Data;
- Administrative records;
- Environmental accounting;
- Economic accounting;
- Future of enumeration-based population censuses;
- National accounts;
- Privacy and micro data access;
- Modernisation of official statistics.

**Guidelines and requirements for eligibility:**

Please consult the guidelines and requirements for eligibility available at:


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