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2013. International Year of Statistics

Results of the first Statistical Olympiad

The celebration of the International Year of Statistics is an initiative at global level which highlights the contributions of this science to the search for solutions in the different global problems. The main goals of the celebration are:

- To generate interest on the power and effect of statistics in every aspect of our society.
- To encourage and promote the statisticians profession, specially among post-secondary education and university students.
- To encourage and promote the Research, development and innovation among the Probability and Statistics sciences.

Over 2,000 organizations from 111 countries participated in this celebration. In Spain, it also joined the celebration the Spanish Society of Statistics and Operations Research, several universities and departments, as well as many Statistics offices from different Autonomous Communities and the Statistics National Institute (INE) itself.

Among the activities developed on the occasion of the International Year of Statistics, the INE and the School of Statistical Sciences of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) organised jointly the first Statistical Olympiad and launched the competition for students from mandatory secondary education (ESO), post-secondary education and intermediate vocational training cycle. A total of 206 teams and 514 students participated in this competition.

The school Sagrada Familia (Patronato Juventud Obrera) of Valencia and the high school Fernando Fernán Gómez de Humanes of Madrid were the winners of this Statistical Olympiad. The Provincial Delegates of INE Valencia and Madrid, together with the Dean of the School of Statistical Sciences of the UCM presented the prizes to the teachers and the winning students.

Teams from the following high schools also received a special mention: San Mamede (Maceda, Ourense), Floridablanca (Murcia), Fernando Fernán Gómez (Humanes de Madrid, Madrid), Azarquiel (Toledo) and Pablo Montesinos (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria).