

Best Cooperative Project Award in Statistical Literacy from International Statistical Institute (ISI) Won by NSS Project Coordinated by IUC-JU

The NSS project in Statistics linked to IUC-JU (Ethiopia) and IUC-UEM (Mozambique) won the competition for “Best Cooperative Project in Statistical Literacy of the year 2010”. This certificate of “Excellence Award in Statistical Literacy” was given in the 58th World Statistics Congress of ISI, which was held in Dublin, Ireland.

The original idea for this NSS project was launched by Yehenew Getachew (Jimma University), Luc Duchateau (UGent) and Paul Janssen (UHasselt) and later reinforced by Ziv Shkeddy (UHasselt).

With the motto of “Improving Statistical Literacy”, this project was implemented in close collaboration with partner universities in Belgium (UGent, UHasselt, KUL and UCL), Ethiopia (Jimma, Hawassa, Addis Ababa, Gonder and Mekele Universities) and Mozambique (Eduardo Mondlane University).

The main objective of the project was to develop good course materials and adequate teaching capacity in Ethiopia. About 15 junior statisticians (among them some former ICP students) from five different universities in Ethiopia followed relevant statistical courses in Belgium, and developed course notes in parallel jointly with their Flemish counterparts.

As one of the major achievements of this NSS project, Jimma University started a graduate program in Biostatistics at MSc level and developed standard teaching materials needed for smooth running of the program.

Based on the above merits of this NSS project, we won the “Best Cooperative Project in Statistical Literacy of the year 2010” award from the most prestigious statistical organization in the world, namely ISI (International Statistical Institute) and its educational chapter, IASE (International Association for statistical Education).

For more information about the NSS project, please visit our website: www.nssbiostat.ugent.be

