

# **Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the International Statistical Education Centre (ISEC)**

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the International Statistical Education Centre (ISEC), Calcutta was successfully organized during 13 – 18 October, 2000 by the International Statistical Institute, the Indian Statistical Institute and the Government of India.

The Inauguration Ceremony was held at India International Centre in New Delhi on 13th October, 2000. Dr. Arun Shourie (Minister of State, Statistics and Programme Implementation) kindly agreed to become the Chief Guest and delivered the Key Note address. Professor M. G. K. Menon (President, Indian Statistical Institute) presided over the meeting and delivered the welcome address. Professor J. L. Bodin (President, International Statistical Institute), Professor B. Phillips (President, International Association for Statistical Education), Professor I. Yoshimura (Former Visiting Professor to ISEC from Japan) and Professor K. B. Sinha (Director, Indian Statistical Institute) addressed the gathering in the Inauguration Ceremony. Dr. M. Pal (Member Secretary, ISEC) offered the Vote of Thanks.

The Inauguration Ceremony was followed by a Conference on “Policy Issues in Demography, Health & Education, and Economics” during 13-14 October, 2000.

There were three sessions:

Policy Issues in Demography, Policy Issues in Health & Education and Policy Issues in Economics.

A number of distinguished delegates – Professors A. Bose, K. Srinivasan, P. Visaria, P. Singh, B. Phillips, P. Holmes, K. S. Parikh, J. L. Bodin, D. Bond, L. Biggeri and D. Vere-Jones – presented papers of high standard. Professors J. L. Bodin, K. C. Seal and A. Sharma chaired the three sessions. Professors N. Bhattacharya, T. J. Rao and A. B. Raha acted as rapporteurs.

Another Conference was held in Calcutta on “Contemporary Issues in Statistical Education” during 17-18 October, 2000. Professor K. B. Sinha (Director, Indian Statistical Institute) inaugurated the Conference and delivered the Welcome Address. Professors J. L. Bodin (President, International Statistical Institute), R. Mukherjee (Chairman, Organizing Committee, Calcutta) and Dr. N. S. Sastry (D. G. & C. E. O., Ministry of Statistics & P. I., Government of India) addressed the gathering in the Inauguration Ceremony of this Conference. Dr. P. Bharati (Programme Coordinator, ISEC) offered the Vote of Thanks.

There were six sessions (including a concluding session) in the Conference. Professors D. Vere Jones, L. Biggeri, B. Phillips, M. P. R. Van den Broecke, R. Teekens and S. B. Rao chaired the sessions. All the invited participants, namely, Professors B. Phillips, J. Roy, S. K. Chatterjee, M. P. R. Van den Broecke, J. L. Bodin, N. S. Sastry, D. Vere-Jones, D. Bond, R. Teekens, P. Holmes, L. Biggeri, D. Berze, A. B. Raha, M. Pal, T. J. Rao, A. M. Goon and N. Bhattacharya presented papers in the different sessions. A concluding Session was organized to summarise the recommendation emerging from the different sessions.

The distinguished delegates from abroad, especially those associated with ISEC, noted the great contributions made by ISEC in the past fifty years to the spread of statistical education and capacity building in the countries served by ISEC and wished it success in the next fifty years.

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