

**2005 Annual Report of the ISI Committee
on Women in Statistics**
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Past Activities:

During the past twelve months the Committee organized and chaired an invited paper session on Surveying Women's Issues for the 05 ISI Meetings in Sydney. The session covered a wide variety of topics – health, abortions, sexual assault, literacy, and voting rights. Some progress has been made on updating the committee website, with responsibility now at the National Agricultural Statistics Service in the USDA; enhancements to the website are in progress. The committee continues to work with ISI section chairs to seek assistance in identifying women section members who are not currently members of ISI who might be nominated for membership. The Committee has identified approximately ten individuals to initiate a network of country or regional representatives who then would develop their own network in their areas and foster communication and developmental opportunities for women statisticians. The effective implementation of this network is awaiting an enhancement to the website – the primary mechanism for communication for the Committee. The committee has been effective in supporting the nominations for a number of women as new members of ISI. An article in the 2005 ISI Newsletter in Sydney on the committee helped in raising the awareness of women statisticians; an article in the January 2005 ISI Newsletter on the Committee provided visibility.

Proposed Activities:

The committee has proposed and received approval for an invited paper session for the 2007 ISI meetings in Lisbon. The topic of the session will be “Indicators of the Status of Women and Children.” We would like to solicit abstracts for papers for this session in the January issue of the ISI Newsletter. The committee hopes to extend the number of country and regional representatives (as indicated above) and continue its goal to promote women statisticians as members of ISI..

Issues for Consideration:

The committee would appreciate suggestions for committee members who could be influential in their country and within the ISI in strengthening opportunities for women . The committee would also appreciate suggestions for country or regional representatives to extend its network.