



ISLAMIC COUNTRIES SOCIETY OF STATISTICAL SCIENCES (ISOSS)

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Prof. Dr. Munir Ahmad (Late)



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear readers, members, associates and friends of Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences, we are pleased to present this Newsletter once again after quite a lengthy gap. The things did not remain the same, after the sad demise of our beloved Founder President Prof. Dr. Munir Ahmad in 2019. Under his charismatic and energetic leadership, the society carried out its activities systematically and regularly.

With the passage of time, we are gaining momentum and continuing the Society's affairs and activities successfully and regularly. For that we appreciate the interest and support of our members, associates and friends. International conferences are organized annually and **Pakistan Journal of Statistics (PJS)** and **Journal of Applied Probability & Statistics (JAPS)** are published regularly. ALHAMDO LILLAH.

The ISOSS House, Lahore, Pakistan (the Society's Headquarters), remains a vibrant hub for regular gatherings of members, associates, and friends. These activities are supplemented by workshops, seminars and lectures arranged by **Pak Institute of Statistical Training and Research (PISTAR)**, a subsidiary of ISOSS, for which we are thankful to our very active life member **Prof. Dr. Saleha Naghmi Habibullah** (Honorary Executive Director PISTAR).

Dear ISOSS members, associates and friends, the Society is in dire need of funds. The Society has no regular source of income. We need money for maintenance of ISOSS House, salaries of workers, utility bills, publications and other activities. We request our members, friends and associates, particularly the donors to contribute whole heartedly and regularly.

This newsletter is reaching you through our website. Although it costs a lot but the cost of publication and circulation of hard copy is unbearable for the Society. Most of you may already be aware of the events contained in this issue through the social media platforms.

The objective of this newsletter is to give a brief description of some recent events at a glance. Your feedback will help us improve the quality and the contents of future issues.

Best wishes for the year 2026. May this year bring peace, prosperity and pleasure to Muslim Ummah and the whole world.

ISOSS Holds Its 22nd International Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICSS-22)

The 22nd International Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICSS-22) was jointly organized by Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) and Department of Mathematics and Department of Statistics, University of Sargodha, Pakistan on December 15-16, 2025. The theme of the conference was: “**Advancing Mathematical and Statistical Sciences in the Era of AI, Big Data and Uncertainty**”.

A total of 95 research papers were submitted, out of which 67 papers were presented during the conference. The scientific program included 16 international speakers and 12 national speakers, demonstrating strong national and international participation. Special emphasis was placed on emerging and contemporary research domains such as AI-driven statistical modelling, advanced machine learning, Bayesian deep learning, fractional calculus, computational mathematics, climate and reflecting current global research trends. The conference witnessed active participation from scholars representing the United Kingdom, China, Czech Republic, Australia, Bangladesh, Turkey, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Oman.

Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences acknowledges and expresses its appreciation to the sponsors of ICSS-22 for their generous support. A contribution of PKR 300,000 was made by **Dr. Muhammad Hanif Mian**, President ISOSS and PKR 500,000 was provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan.

In a business session of the conference, the theme of upcoming Islamic Countries conference was reconsidered and it was decided that the theme will be “**The Role of Statistics and Data Science in the Era of Artificial Intelligence.**”



The 16th Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICCS-16)

Sixteenth Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences (ICCS-16) is expected to be held at Qatar University, Doha, Qatar. **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hanif Mian**, President, ISOSS has assured that the matter is being finalized with Qatar University authorities and the conference will positively be held in Doha, Qatar, later this year.

Review of ISOSS Constitution

In Business Session of ICSS-22, the need to revisit and update the ISOSS Constitution was discussed. The house was informed that **Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Khan** and **Prof. Dr. Nazeer Khan** had already undertaken preliminary work on proposed constitutional amendments. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that these proposed amendments would be further reviewed and refined. Accordingly, a Constitution Review Committee was constituted as under:

1. Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Khan (Chairman)
2. Mr. Riaz Ahmad Chaudhry,
3. Prof. Dr. Nazeer Khan,
4. Dr. Amjad Javed Sandhu,
5. Dr. Sharqa Hashmi

The above committee will examine the existing Constitution and submit finalized recommendations.



Elections for the Posts of President, Secretary and Setting Up of ISOSS Executive Board

Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences intends to hold elections for the posts of President, Secretary General and also setting up of ISOSS Executive Board. The eligible voters, for that purpose, will be the registered members of the Society as defined in the constitution. Once the constitution is revised in the light of recommendations of the committee mentioned above and the voters list is finalized the elections will be held in the business session of upcoming Islamic countries conference, hopefully in Qatar, later this year.

Revival of Journal (J-ISOSS)

Our worthy readers, ISOSS members, associates and friends may be aware that the publication of Journal of ISOSS had been discontinued due to some reasons. The good news is that the former Editor of J-ISOSS, Dr. Khyzer Bin Dost, has agreed to continue and oversee future issues of the Journal. So, you are welcome to submit your work for publication in the journal.

Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Khan Visits ISOSS House

Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Khan, former President of ISOSS (2005-2011), Emeritus Professor at University of Southern Queensland, Australia, and Vice Chancellor of Asian University of Bangladesh, was in Lahore on way to Sargodha to attend the 22nd International Conference on Statistical Sciences at University of Sargodha (**December 15-16, 2025**).

The Society arranged a reception in his honor at ISOSS House on Sat, **Dec 13, 2025**. The President and ISOSS associates and friends joined the event. Prof. Khan gave a talk about his achievements and future plans and also answered questions of the audience.



CONGRATULATIONS

Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Khan

Awarded by Government of Australia

Dr. Shahjahan Khan former President ISOSS was awarded "**Order of Australia Award**" by the Governor General of Australia on the Australia Day of 2026. This top civilian Award was for his community services and humanitarian works in Australia. Due to this prestigious Award, he can now use "**OAM**" title at the end of his name. ISOSS extends heartiest congratulations to Dr. Shahjahan Khan. It is an honor not only for ISOSS but also for the Muslim Ummah.



Prof. Dr. Rehan Ahmad Khan Sherwani

is now Principal, College of Statistical Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore

Islamic Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS) extends Heartiest Congratulations to Professor Dr. Rehan Ahmad Khan Sherwani on assuming the charge as Principal, College of Statistical Sciences, University of the Punjab.



Ms. Shafqat Perveen

of Govt. College, Gulberg, Lahore, Promoted as Professor

Prof. Shafqat Perveen of Govt. College for Women, Gulberg, Lahore hosted a lunch at ISOSS House to celebrate her promotion as Professor. It was a nice get together and a sumptuous lunch. **Prof. Dr. M. Hanif Mian**, President ISOSS and **Prof. Dr. Zahoor Ahmed**, Secretary General, ISOSS were also present at the occasion.



OBITUARIES

Dr. Abdullah Bin Omar Nasseef **Patron-in-Chief ISOSS,** **passed away on October 12, 2025**

Dr. Abdullah Nasseef was a kind hearted person. He visited Pakistan several times on the invitation of Late Professor Dr. Munir Ahmad. He accompanied ISOSS delegation to Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, then CM Punjab, at Chief Minister's Office. On his request CM allotted a piece of land for ISOSS Headquarters, Lahore i.e. ISOSS House. He also travelled to Pakistan in stone laying plaque ceremony of ISOSS House in 1991. He was always there for any help required to ISOSS. ISOSS members are obliged to acknowledge his services rendered to Society and Muslim Ummah at large.



Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasseef made significant contributions to ISOSS's development, notably facilitating a delegation for Hajj under the Muslim World League (Rabita-e-Alam-e-Islami) in 1991, during his tenure as Secretary-General.

Additionally, he supported ISOSS in sponsoring a 10-member delegation of professors and researchers from Central Asian Islamic Republics, who were attending the 3rd Islamic Countries Conference on Statistical Sciences in Rabat, Morocco in 1992, and arranged for them to perform Umrah in Makkah Al-Mukarramah.

May Allah Almighty bless his soul in peace and make the life hereafter a garden of Jannah for him.

Wife of late Prof. Dr. Munir Ahmad **Passed Away**

The wife of Late Professor Munir Ahmad and mother of Prof. Dr. Alia Ahmad and Dr. Aftab Ahmad passed away on December 7, 2025. A large number of ISOSS associates, friends as well as old students of Professor Munir Ahmad attended Namaz-e-Janaza at Lahore (Pakistan). May Allah bless her soul and grant her high ranks in Jannat-ul-Firdous.