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National Statistics Award

The INE announces the first-ever National Statistics Award

Daniel Peña, Emeritus Professor of Statistics at the Carlos III University of Madrid, received the award

The National Institute of Statistics (INE) has awarded the first-ever National Statistics Award, in recognition of the contribution, scientific work and eminent contribution to the progress of Statistics.

The winner was Daniel Peña Sánchez de Rivera, Emeritus Professor of Statistics at the Carlos III University of Madrid, and one of the most-recognized researchers in this field, both nationally and internationally.

The jury for the National Statistics Award, chaired by the president of the INE, was made up of the general directors of the INE, the editor of the scientific journal *Spanish Journal of Statistics*, and four recognized expert members in the field of statistics proposed by the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE), the Spanish Society for Statistics and Operations Research (SEIO), the Royal Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences, and the Association of Superior State Statisticians.

In their December 3rd meeting, the jury selected Daniel Peña Sánchez de Rivera as the winner of this first edition, highlighting his role as a creator of new statistical methods with applications in Economics, History, Medicine and the Environment. His contributions to the modelling and prediction of sets of time series have been utilized, extended and generalized by many authors. In particular, the model that he developed with George Box: “The Peña-Box Model or Exact Dynamic Factor Model”.

The National Statistics Award is convened annually for experts of Spanish nationality whose work and scientific contribution constitutes an eminent contribution to the progress of Statistics that is internationally recognized and regardless of the country in which it was carried out.

The collaboration of the INE with the scientific and academic world is essential for the development of synergies favouring statistical production of the very highest quality, adapted to new technical advances and the challenges of a datified society.

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