PROFESSOR DAVID STEEL ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

NIASRA Director David Steel has been recently elected as a member of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), which is a leading world organisation in statistics disciplines. Members are elected by virtue of their contributions to the development or application of statistical methods, administration of statistical services, or development and improvement of statistical education.

The ISI is the worldwide network of statisticians in all statistical disciplines. The ISI mission is to promote the understanding, development and good practice of statistics worldwide. The ISI is unmatched in its global reach among statisticians and those interested in the field of statistics. It is also an association that links national statistical societies, with special focus on the societies in developing regions of the world. A majority of the world's central bureaus of statistics are represented within the ISI network. The influence of the ISI within the international statistical community is supported by the seven ISI Associations, each of them specialise in a particular area of statistics.

The ISI is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation and has consultative status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1949. Officially, the ISI was established in 1885, though the initial international gatherings of statisticians started earlier - back in 1853. Therefore, it is one of the oldest scientific associations still active throughout the world today.

The ISI is a truly international association, bringing together and connecting all those whose work and interests involve statistics from all types of workplaces and from all over the world. All members of the ISI family share the recognition of the value of statistics for the development of society.

Distinguished Professor Noel Cressie and Prof Ray Chambers are also elected members of the ISI. Ray is President of the ISI affiliated International Association of Survey Statisticians.