



An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh Central Statistics Office

Preas Ráiteas Press Statement

John Hooper Medal for Statistics and CensusAtSchool

Tomorrow at noon (October 17th), Minister Brian Hayes T.D. will award the John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2013. At the same ceremony the International Statistical Literacy Project Poster Competition prizes will be presented by Dr Reija Helenius, Director, International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) and James Nicholson Vice-President of the International Association of Statistical Education (IASE). Posters by Irish students were placed second and third in the world, a fantastic achievement in this international competition.

The prize giving will take place at the Clock Tower, Dept. of Education & Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 beginning at 12 noon.

As part of the proceedings, Minister Brian Hayes will formally launch the *John Hooper Medal for Statistics Poster Competition, 2014*. Details are available on the CSO website at:

<http://www.cso.ie/en/newsandevents/johnhoopermedalforstatistics2014competition/>

This is Maths Week and to mark the International Year of Statistics 2013 and the publishing of Census 2011 data as linked open data Minister Brian Hayes will launch an exciting new app competition. The Central Statistics Office with its partners Smart Futures – Exploring Careers and INSIGHT The Centre for Data Analytics have developed the *apps4gaps* competition to encourage young people to provide ideas and create applications by exploring the Open Data freely available from Census 2011.

<http://www.apps4gaps.ie/>

Padraig Dalton, Director General of the Central Statistics Office will formally launch the next *CensusAtSchool* questionnaire for the academic year 2013/2014 which has some really interesting questions about online activities. This year the questionnaire covers topics such as pairs of shoes and takeaway foods. How many pairs of the former and what's your favourite of the latter. Have you read a book in the last month (other than a school book)? Do you borrow from your local library? Plenty of opportunities for students to collect and examine some fascinating class data. Visit the *CensusAtSchool* website (www.censusatschool.ie). Follow the link to view the latest *CensusAtSchool* questionnaire:

<http://www.censusatschool.ie/images/phases/2013-14-questionnaire.pdf>

Felix Coleman, a statistician in the Central Statistics Office (CSO) will launch, a special statistical release, with the findings from the latest *CensusAtSchool 2012/2013* questionnaire.

The *CensusAtSchool 2012/2013* questionnaire posed some interesting questions. Felix will present the results including the latest findings about teenagers' last haircut.

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Karin Whooley, National Coordinator, Professional Development Service for Teachers – Technology in Education will give a short presentation on Census Mapping Module for Schools. An exciting online resource developed using Census 2011 data.

Minister Brian Hayes T.D. will award the John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2013. Prizes will be presented to the students with the top three winning posters and their schools. Also present at the event will be the students whose posters were given an *order of merit* by the judges of the poster competition.

After the prize giving by Minister Brian Hayes, Aoife Troxel and Sive Neary, from Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Galway and the winners of the John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2013 will present on their prize winning poster [Tracing the Roots of Irish Vegetables \(PDF 3,017KB\)](#) This poster represented Ireland in the International Statistical Literacy Program poster competition in the category - students born in 1994 and younger and was placed second in the world.

Following this Andrew Cullen and Tim Sheedy from Blackrock College in Dublin placed second in the John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2013 will talk about their poster [The Horsemeat Scandal \(PDF 400KB\)](#)

Sorcha Trainor, Jessica Donohue and Aislinn Mc Phillips from St Louis Secondary School in Monaghan Town, Co Monaghan placed third in the John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2013 will then give a short presentation about their poster [Make Mine Milk! Full, Semi, Slim or Skim \(PDF 2,023KB\)](#)

The International Statistical Literacy Project Poster Competition prizes will be presented by Dr Reija Helenius, Director, International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) and James Nicholson Vice-President of the International Association of Statistical Education (IASE).

Teachers, parents, family and friends have been invited to celebrate this great occasion.

Prizes to be presented:

John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2013

Awards to be presented by Minister Brian Hayes:

Winners:

First prize and winners of the John Hooper Medal for Statistics

Students: Aoife Troxel, Sive Neary
Teacher: Dee King
Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Galway

[Tracing the Roots of Irish Vegetables \(PDF 3,017KB\)](#)

This poster represented Ireland in the International Statistical Literacy Program poster competition in the category - students born in 1994 and younger and was placed second in the world

Second prize

Students: Andrew Cullen, Tim Sheedy
Teacher: Andrew McKimm
Blackrock College, Rock Road, Blackrock, Co Dublin

[The Horsemeat Scandal \(PDF 400KB\)](#)

Third prize

Students: Sorcha Trainor, Jessica Donohue, Aislinn Mc Phillips
Teachers: Geraldine McCaffrey, Joanne Myres
St Louis Secondary School, Monaghan Town, Co Monaghan

[Make Mine Milk! Full, Semi, Slim or Skim \(PDF 2,023KB\)](#)

International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) and International Association of Statistical Education(IASE) – International Poster Competition

Awards to be presented by the Dr Reija Helenius, Director, International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) and James Nicholson Vice-President of the International Association of Statistical Education(IASE):

Second prize –International Poster competition Senior category

Students: Aoife Troxel, Sive Neary
Teacher: Dee King
Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Galway

[Tracing the Roots of Irish Vegetables \(PDF 3,017KB\)](#)

This poster represented Ireland in the International Statistical Literacy Program poster competition in the category - students born in 1994 and younger and was placed second in the world.

Third prize –International Poster competition Junior category

Students: Mary Aherne, Zoe Barry, Lucy Ward
Teacher: Máire O'Brien
Coláiste Mhuire, Askeaton, Co Limerick

This poster represented Ireland in the International Statistical Literacy Program poster competition in the category - students born in 1997 and younger and was placed third in the world.

[Think Organic! \(PDF 272KB\)](#)

Besides the CSO, the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST), the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and Project Maths, have all played central roles in the development of *CensusAtSchool* in particular and contributed to the success of the *John Hooper Medal for Statistics* competition.

Special thanks to the Department of Education and Skills for hosting this event.

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