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Dear Professor Arellano-Valle

We hope that this finds you and your family doing well.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the Recipient of the 2019 ISI Mahalanobis International Award.

As you may know, this award is sponsored by the Indian government and serves the dual purposes of honouring Professor P. C. Mahalanobis for his lifetime contributions and achievements in Statistics, and recognising and stimulating progress in Statistics in developing countries. It recognizes an individual for her/his lifetime statistical achievements and impact in a developing country or countries. The award is managed by the ISI.

The recommendation from the ISI's Mahalanobis Award Selection Committee emphasizes your lifetime record of: truly outstanding research in the context of multivariate statistics particularly elliptically contoured distributions and skew-elliptical distributions; your considerable and sustained academic and professional leadership in Chile and South America; and your teaching and mentoring which has contributed greatly to capacity development in a large developing country and region.

There is a monetary prize associated with the Award. The winner has to attend the World Statistics Congress (in this case, it is in Kuala Lumpur, 18-23 August) to receive the award in person. We would also be delighted if you would agree to give an invited talk of 50 minutes as part of the scientific programme of the Congress. As the audience will be diverse, you may wish to give an expository talk or about statistics in South America, or you may have other suggestions.

On behalf of ISI, I send our best congratulations, and my personal congratulations for your lifetime achievements in statistics (especially in developing countries), and the promotion of best statistical practices in the spirit of the work of P.C. Mahalanobis.

Yours sincerely,



Helen MacGillivray
ISI President