



To:
Hannu Niemi
Professor of Statistics
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Dear Hannu,

The Estonian Statistical Society celebrates its 20 years anniversary this year. In connection of this we want to emphasize special people for Estonian statistics.

You as a Professor of Statistics and a long term Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Helsinki have played an important role in our statistical community. We appreciate highly your initiative in creating cooperation between Estonian and Finnish statisticians, and promoting Estonian statisticians in Finland since early days after re-gaining the independence of Estonia. Among your merits we see the mobility visits of statisticians between Helsinki and Tartu Universities, the courses delivered by the Estonian statisticians at the University of Helsinki, supervisors or opponents for the Ph.D. theses from both countries, donation of statistical journals and books to Estonia, noting achievements of Estonian statisticians and introducing these in Finland, resulting in an Honorary doctorate at the University of Helsinki. We also appreciate your deep interest in culture, politics and life of Estonia.

On the board meeting of the Estonian Statistical Society on May 3, 2012, a proposal of your nomination for the title "Honorary Member of the Estonian Statistical Society" was made and the board agreed unanimously. Hereby, I am asking, on behalf of the Estonian Statistical Society, your acceptance of this title.

Honorary members get a diploma which will be delivered during our annual conferences. Our Society is young which means that we have very few honorary members yet (Professors Ene-Margit Tiit, Gunnar Kulldorff, Tõnu Möls). This year there will be also another nominee, from Estonia.

The next conference of the Estonian Statistical Society will be held on September 27-28, 2012, in Tartu. The new Honorary Members will have an opportunity to deliver a lecture (20-30 min) there, but this is not compulsory.

I am looking forward to receiving your positive response.

With kind regards,

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