



Nobel Peace Prize Nomination

Professors Miodrag Lovric (Serbia), Calyampudi R. Rao (India), and Shlomo S. Sawilowsky (United States) have been nominated by chancellors (rectors) of two well-known universities from India and the United States for the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize. The nominee's collaboration with 619 of the world's leading scholars spanning 105 countries culminated in the *International Encyclopedia of Statistical Science* (ISBN: 978-3-642-04897-5) which was released in 2011.

The *International Encyclopedia* is a work of partnership, wherein its contributors speak with one voice in the development of quantitative tools that can be used for the betterment of mankind. The magnitude of the impact of the *Encyclopedia* is apparent based on accolades received from scholars and practitioners world-wide. These three nominees have shown through their world-wide collaborative efforts that the international scientific community can foster a common bond and construct a bridge to world peace.

Prof. Lovric of the University of Kragujevac and Belgrade, Chief Editor of the *Encyclopedia*, was previously nominated for this award along with several members of his editorial team. On the basis of their scholarly contributions and in consultation with Prof. Lovric, Hyderabad University (India) and Wayne State University (USA) added the nominations of Prof. Rao, who wrote the concluding entry of the *Encyclopedia* and represents large sample methods, and Prof. Sawilowsky, who contributed innovative essays along with standard entries and represents small sample methods.

The *International Encyclopedia* is the creative brainchild of Prof. Lovric. He is also the managing editor of StatProb, and serves as consultant to many universities around the globe. Prof. Rao is one of the most renowned scientists in the world, having received the United States Medal of Honor, the British Statistical Society's Guy Medal in Gold, and the Padma Vibhushan Award. The CR Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science is named in his honor. Prof. Sawilowsky of Wayne State University is an expert in Monte Carlo simulation methods, and he is the founder of the *Journal of Modern Applied Statistical Methods*. He is one of the most prolific doctoral advisors in the mathematical sciences, including women and minority students, in the world.

