



## 61st ISI World Statistics Congress 2017 - Marrakech, Morocco

### Invited Paper Sessions (IPS) and Special Topic Sessions (STS)

## Call for Proposals

The Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee, Fabrizio Ruggeri, and the Chair of the Local Programme Committee, Mohamed Taamouti, invite the statistical community to present proposals for the Invited Paper Sessions (IPS) and Special Topic Sessions (STS).

### Invited Paper Sessions

Invited Paper Sessions at the ISI World Statistics Congresses (WSC) serve to increase awareness about statistical research and to bring new research results to a broad audience. The 61st WSC of the ISI, to be held from 16 to 21 July 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco, will highlight the contributions that Statistics can make to the advancement of science and to human health and welfare across the globe. The WSC will host talks on a wide variety of topics, with the overall goal of presenting a balanced programme that provides a sense of the current state of the field. The WSC will feature state-of-the-art presentations on the various aspects of statistical work, including new theoretical findings in Probability and Statistics, advances in applied statistical methods and recent developments in the application of Statistics in areas of broad interest and importance.

The Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) for the 2017 WSC calls for proposals for Invited Paper Sessions (IPS). Invited Papers will be central to the success of the congress. The proposals should be submitted using the form for IPS proposals. The form will be available on the WSC website <http://www.isi2017.org/index.php/isi2017/submission-system> starting **1 November 2015**. When submitting a proposal, you should indicate if your session could be related to one or more of the ISI Associations. If you specify any Associations, then you will have to choose a primary one and your proposal will be first reviewed by that Association under the guidance of its representative on the SPC. For a list of SPC members and their emails, please visit <http://www.isi-web.org/WSC/744>. Alternatively, if you think that your proposal needs to be considered outside of any ISI Association, please choose ISI as the primary association. Proposals approved by the Associations and the ISI will be reviewed by the SPC on a competitive basis. Upon submission, if the proposal is considered interesting but not accepted as an IPS, you will be asked if you agree to have your session considered as a Special Topic Session (see below).

To ensure full consideration, please submit your proposals by 15 February 2016.

Each proposal should include a brief description and justification for the proposed session and a list of speakers and discussants who have agreed to participate. The selection criteria will take into account diversity, scientific quality and impact.

The ISI always tries to ensure that:

- The programme is of high quality, with sessions that emphasize novel ideas, approaches and/or applications to problems of importance;
- The sessions have a balance of organizers/speakers/discussants from around the world;
- The contents are clearly of interest to the ISI's and its Associations' members;
- The congress has a diversity of participants with respect to age, gender and specialization.

### Special Topic Sessions

The 2017 WSC also has Special Topic Sessions (STS), to be selected by the Local Programme Committee (LPC). Proposals for STS can be submitted by individual members of the ISI and Associations, ISI Committees, or outside institutions and organisations. An STS usually consists of 4-5 papers and possibly a discussant invited by the organiser. The deadline for STS proposals is 1 August 2016, with submissions possible starting from 1 March 2016.

If you would like to know more about the STS, and/or are interested in arranging one, please contact the Local Programme Committee (LPC) via email: [m.taamouti@bkam.ma](mailto:m.taamouti@bkam.ma). Competitive IPS Proposals that are not selected by the SPC due to limitation of timeslots or for other reasons may be considered by the LPC as STS proposals, provided this is agreeable to the organizers concerned.

### Contributed Papers/Posters

Information about submitting Contributed Papers and Posters will be available on the [ISI](#) and [WSC](#) websites in the course of 2016. We anticipate that the submission period will be from 15 September 2016 to 1 February 2017.

### Further Information

For further information about the WSC, please visit <http://www.isi2017.org/>. The key dates for the IPS, STS and CPS can be found [here](#).

General questions about the scientific programme should be directed to Fabrizio Ruggeri at [fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it](mailto:fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it). For questions about Special Topic Sessions, please contact Mohamed Taamouti at [m.taamouti@bkam.ma](mailto:m.taamouti@bkam.ma).

For information about the ISI and its Associations, visit the [ISI website](#).



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