



61st annual meeting of the Brazilian Region of the International Biometric Society

First Call for Papers

The 61st annual meeting of the Brazilian Region of the International Biometric Society (RBras 2016) will be held in **Salvador, Brazil, from May 23-25, 2016**. The purpose of the 61st RBras is to bring together researchers who use statistical methods for decision making, to share and discuss ways to improve the access to knowledge, and promote interdisciplinary collaborations. The theme of the 61st RBras is *“Biometry and Biostatistics in the Era of Big Data”*. Complete information about the 61st RBras can be found in www.RBras2016.org. For up-to-date developments, you can also follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/rbras2016>) and on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1638730143069415>).

The Scientific Program Committee of the 61st RBras is now soliciting suggestions for Invited Paper Sessions (IPS), Short Courses and Round Tables to be considered as part of the scientific program of the conference. Please submit formal proposals **before January 31, 2016**, to the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (by email to paulocanas@gmail.com), or by completing the form available at <http://rbras2016.ufba.br/call-for-invited-sessions/>. Proposals need to include the following information:

- **Invited Paper Sessions** (90 minutes with three speakers, two speakers plus a discussant, or three speakers plus a discussant): include title, brief description of the topic, and a list of speakers and discussant who have agreed to be part of the session;
- **Short Courses** (duration between two and four hours): include title, instructor(s), summary description and aims of the course;
- **Round Tables** (duration between 60 and 90 minutes): include title, aims, and a list of discussants who have agreed to take part in the round table.

General questions about the scientific program should be directed to John Hinde (john.hinde@nuigalway.ie) or Paulo Canas Rodrigues (paulocanas@gmail.com).

For questions about local arrangements do not hesitate to contact paulocanas@gmail.com or RBras2016@gmail.com.