



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COLLABORATION
BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for BAYESIAN ANALYSIS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) and the International Statistical Institute (ISI) is effective as of May 1, 2018.

Preamble

The International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) is an international society promoting the development and application of Bayesian analysis. By sponsoring and organizing meetings, publishing the electronic journal *Bayesian Analysis*, and other activities, ISBA provides an international community for those interested in Bayesian analysis and its applications. (<https://bayesian.org/>).

ISBA is governed by the ISBA Constitution and By-Laws of 1992.

The International Statistical Institute (ISI) is an international society that works to promote the understanding, development and good practice of statistics worldwide. The ISI also aims to facilitate collaboration among its members, statistical societies and other national and international organisations with statistical interests. (<http://www.isi-web.org/>)

The ISI is governed by the ISI Statutes and By-Laws dated 29 November 2011.

Motivation

This MOU considers the following motivating facts.

- The ISI and ISBA share common goals for promoting and building statistics internationally across all disciplines and applications of statistics, including building statistical capacity around the world.
- ISI and ISBA are complementary organizations and their members with overlapping interests may value closer connections. Interaction at the regional level would also help to create critical mass for scientific meetings and training initiatives.

Immediate impact of the existence of an MOU

- To increase cooperation between the societies.
- To promote the ISI activities among the ISBA membership.
- To promote ISBA activities among the ISI and ISI Associations membership.

Understanding

Considering the aspects described in the Preamble and the Motivation, ISBA and the ISI hereby establish the following understanding for cooperation.

1. Purpose of the collaboration

The collaboration aims to:

- 1.1. Promote joint activities such as scientific meetings, conferences, capacity building and similar activities, particularly in developing countries;
- 1.2. Promote the sharing of news and information on statistical developments of mutual relevant interest;
- 1.3. Promote the interaction between the members of both societies with a view to enriching the discussions within and across the two societies and strengthening the profile of statistics in all areas at regional and international levels.

2. Governance of the collaboration

- 2.1. The President of ISBA and the President of the ISI sign this MOU after the endorsement by the executive committees of the two societies.
- 2.2. The MOU will be reviewed biennially by the respective governing bodies of both societies and will be revised as necessary.
- 2.3. Plans for activities to be carried out under this MOU will be developed and agreed in writing between the parties.
- 2.4. Contacts will be established at the operational level between ISBA and the ISI Permanent Office. This will involve an exchange of information, as needed, on relevant developments in the respective societies.
- 2.5. Both the ISI Executive Committee and ISBA Executive Board will nominate one of their members to serve as official liaison between the two societies.

3. The rights and obligations of the ISI

- 3.1. The ISI will inform ISBA of relevant activities of the ISI and its Associations on a periodic basis.
- 3.2. The ISI will inform its members of relevant ISBA activities, by including ISBA events in the ISI calendar of events and announcing ISBA activities on the ISI website.
- 3.3. The ISI will be entitled to propose sessions for ISBA Conferences. The final decision about the acceptance of such proposals rests with the Scientific Programme Committee appointed by ISBA for each edition of the above-mentioned event.
- 3.4. The ISI will be entitled to propose sessions for regional conferences promoted by ISBA and its Chapters. The final decision about the acceptance of such proposals rests with the Scientific Programme Committee appointed by ISBA or the Chapters for each edition of the above-mentioned events.
- 3.5. The ISI will strive to involve ISBA in cooperative activities, including across the Associations of ISI, whenever feasible and relevant.

4. The rights and obligations of ISBA

- 4.1. ISBA will inform the ISI of any relevant activities of ISBA and its Chapters on a periodic basis.
- 4.2. ISBA will inform its members of relevant ISI activities by including ISI events in its calendar of events and announcing ISI activities on ISBA website.
- 4.3. ISBA will be entitled to propose invited and special topic paper sessions for the World Statistics Congresses (WSC). The final decision about the acceptance of such proposals rests with the Scientific Programme Committees appointed by the ISI for each edition of the above-mentioned event.
- 4.4. ISBA will be entitled to propose sessions for the ISI Regional Statistics Conferences (RSC). The final decision about the acceptance of such proposals rests with the Scientific Programme Committees appointed by the ISI for each edition of the above-mentioned events.
- 4.5. ISBA will be entitled to propose satellites for the World Statistics Congresses (WSC). The final decision about the acceptance of such proposals rests with the Executive Committee of the ISI for each edition of the above-mentioned event.

5. Other provisions

- 5.1. Each party will, subject to any legal and regulatory obligations that apply to that party, keep strictly confidential any information provided by the other that is labelled confidential.
- 5.2. Amendments to this MOU can be proposed by either society, and will be reviewed by the governing bodies of both societies within three months of the proposal.
- 5.3. This MOU does not create any legally binding obligations or enforceable rights. Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of this MOU will be amicably settled through consultation or negotiation between the parties.
- 5.4. Any party may withdraw from this MOU by giving prior written notice, one year in advance, to the other party.
- 5.5. This MOU is made in two copies in English, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original.

Signed at Houston, TX, USA

On the 26th of April, 2018

For the International Society for Bayesian
Analysis



Marina Vannucci
President

Signed at Brisbane

On the 27th April, 2018

For the International Statistical
Institute



Helen MacGillivray
President