

President's Message – August 2016

Dear members,

Preparations are in full gear for the 61st ISI World Statistics Congress, which will take place from 16-21 July 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco. The Scientific Programme Committee has already selected 150 excellent proposals for Invited Paper Sessions, and submission of proposals for Special Topics Sessions is still possible via the [ISI2017 website](#). Contributed paper submission will open in September and later also submission of Lunch Time Roundtable Discussion sessions. Calls will also be published for nominations for the various ISI awards (Mahalanobis, Karl Pearson and Jan Tinbergen) and the World Bank Funding for attendance of the ISI2017.



So keep an eye on the ISI2017 website, and fine-tune your plans for participating in this Congress, to enjoy all that it has to offer.

The ISI Executive Committee met in The Hague, at the ISI Permanent Office, during 25-26 July. Our main topic of discussion was the ISI Strategic Plan for 2016-2019. In preparation for this meeting, we processed, summarized and studied your responses to the survey carried out earlier this year, and have written a number of papers about the key issues that the ISI is facing. A summary of our discussions will be presented to ISI Council for review and discussion in a virtual meeting scheduled for September. After review by the Council, a more open consultation will be made to give the broad membership a chance to comment and make suggestions.



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L to R: Vice-President Ivette Gomes, President Pedro Silva, Director Ada van Krimpen.



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Let me also draw your attention to the [2nd ISI Regional Statistics Conference \(RSC2017\)](#), which will take place in Bali, Indonesia, from 21-24 March 2017. This RSC is jointly organized by the ISI and its South East Asia Regional Network (ISI-SEA Network) together with Bank Indonesia and Statistics Indonesia as the co-hosts, in collaboration with the Association of Indonesian Statisticians.

Finally, there are a number of forthcoming events organised by our Associations and Committees, such as:

- [COMPSTAT](#) from 23-26 August;
- [International Conference on Agricultural Statistics \(ICAS VII\)](#), 26-28 October;
- [IAOS16](#), 6-8 December.

As you know, any society like the ISI must have as diverse and engaged membership as possible, so please reach out to your colleagues and friends and tell them about the ISI, what we do, what we stand for, and how joining the ISI would open up a world of opportunities for them. Do not forget to tell them how they can join (see our [website](#) for details).

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