

## 2018 International Biometric Conference Call for Invited Session Proposals

**Please submit by 1 February 2017!**

The International Program Committee (IPC) of the International Biometric Society's (IBS) *XXIX<sup>th</sup> International Biometric Conference (IBC2018)* calls for invited session proposals. *IBC2018* will be held on 8-13 July 2018 at the Barcelona International Convention Centre in Barcelona, Spain.

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is one of the world's leading tourist, cultural, architectural and entertainment hubs, with a rich influence on arts, media, education and fashion. It is home to many World Heritage Sites, as designated by the United Nations. It has a great number of museums and parks and is also famous for its beaches. Barcelona is also recognized for its excellence in research and innovation.

An *IBC* invited session brings together a small number of speakers (two-four) on a particular statistical topic. A discussant may also form part of a session. A discussant should describe the latest research in the area of statistical theory or application of the session and make it accessible to a 'non-expert' audience, as well as provide commentary on the various talks in the session.

We encourage the submission of proposals covering a wide range of topics in the theory and application of statistics to biological and life sciences; moreover, sessions that involve speakers from diverse geographical regions are encouraged where possible.

Invited session proposals should be sent by email to the *IBC2018* IPC Chair, Charmaine Dean: [ibc2018@uwo.ca](mailto:ibc2018@uwo.ca). **Proposals should be submitted on or before 1 February 2017.**

All *IBC2018* invited session proposals should include:

- Your name, affiliation, contact address and email address
- Full name of **all** authors/speakers needing access to the submission, including their affiliation email address
- Suggested session title and keywords
- Motivation for the proposed session
- Suggested organizer (possibly yourself), speakers and discussant
- Tentative titles for all talks of invited speakers

Use of a specific template for all proposals is compulsory. The template, along with additional information on the *IBC2018*, is located at <http://www.biometricsociety.org/meetings-events/ibcs/>.

**Please note that a session organizer cannot be an invited speaker of the same session.**

Proposals will be evaluated by the IPC, and the authors will be informed by early March 2017 of acceptance, rejection or need for revision (of topic and speakers). Revised proposals will need to be resubmitted by 15 March 2017. By early April 2017, authors of revised proposals will be informed about the decision of the IPC on proposals submitted.

**Please note that there is a limited number of invited session slots, and that, unfortunately, the *IBC* is unable to provide funding to cover travel expenses or registration fees for speakers participating in invited sessions.** Thank you for your support of the *IBC*! We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona.