



Director's Message – March 2017

I am writing just after having returned from New York where a small ISI delegation, (Pedro Silva, Irena Krizman and Ada van Krimpen) attended the 49th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC).

This year the UNSC celebrated [70 years](#) of global statistical cooperation. Over the years, the UNSC has grown from a small committee to a major annual event. The opening ceremony took place for the first time in the impressive United Nations General Assembly Hall.



The ISI organised the morning seminar with the theme 'Are the current Business models for NSOs still relevant?'. The seminar was very well attended. Presentations were given by Statistics Netherlands, Statistical Office of Slovenia, INEGI Mexico and Statistical Bureau of Tanzania and UNECE was discussant. There

was a lively discussion that showed the relevance and timeliness of the event. More information and all presentations are available on the [UNSD website](#) for side events. A report of the meeting will be published soon.



The chair and presenters of the ISI seminar

We are now gearing up for the [ISI Regional Statistics Conference](#) in Bali, Indonesia, from 22-24 March. The conference is organized by the ISI and its South East Asia Regional Network (ISI-SEA Network) together with Bank Indonesia as the co-host, in collaboration with Badan Pusat Statistik (Statistics Indonesia), Ikatan Perstatistikan Indonesia (Association of Indonesia Statistician), and Forum Masyarakat Statistik (Indonesia Statistician Forum). It brings together eminent statisticians and members of the statistical community from South East Asia and all around the world to present, discuss, promote and disseminate research and best practice in every field of Statistics and its applications toward enhancement of statistics to prospering human life. The programme for the ISI RSC 2017 can be found in the information booklet. The ISI Executive Committee will meet prior to the conference on 20 and 21 March and the EC members will play an active role in the short course programme and conference sessions.

Another major event is approaching fast: the [61st ISI World Statistics Congress](#) from 16-21 July 2017 in Marrakech. The new website is online and registration is about to open. The full scientific programme will become available soon. Please register as soon as you can to profit from the early bird rates.

If you would like to be kept up to date about the ISI's activities, please follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

Last but not least: you will have received the renewal notification for your membership for 2017 and I thank you if you have completed the renewal. In case you haven't had the chance yet, I hope you will complete the renewal at your earliest convenience. Your contribution is vital for keeping the ISI going!

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