



ISBIS News August 2017

Highlights from the ISI WSC 2017 in Marrakech

Vijay Nair, a former ISBIS and ISI president, who recently joined Wells Fargo Bank after many years as professor at the University of Michigan, gave an excellent **William Sealy Gosset Lecture**: *An overview of machine learning methods and some applications in business and finance*. This very well attended session was organized and discussed by David Banks.

The **ASMBI Session** speaker was **Hongxia Yang**, who is Senior Staff Data Scientist and Director in Alibaba's Data Technology and Product Division. This talk, titled *Computational advertisement and its meta analysis in practice* was organized by Fabrizio Ruggeri and discussed by David Banks and Quan Lu.

Several awards were presented to ISBIS members at the ISI General Assembly for the 2016 ISBIS Best Competition Paper for Young Researchers, ISBIS Best Poster, and for Service to ISI.

Congratulations to ISBIS President-elect **Fabrizio Ruggeri**, who has been elected as a Vice-President of ISI.

Congratulations to **Rahul Mukerjee**, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta. He was presented the **Mahalanobis Award** in Marrakech.

Congratulations to Award Winners

ISBIS Best Competition Paper for Young Researchers 2016:

- First Prize: **Tahir Ekin**, Texas State University, USA;
- Second Prize: **Carlos Trucios**, University of Campinas, Brazil;
- Third Prize: **Rahim Mahmoudvand**, Bu-Ali Sina University, Iran.

ISBIS Best Poster Award 2016:

The winner is **Jorge Saavedra Torrico**, Pontifica Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso, Chile.

ISI Service Award:

The winner is **Fabrizio Ruggeri** for his contributions as Scientific Program Chair for ISI-WSC 2017.

ISBIS Sponsored Conferences and Workshops

ISBIS 2018

ISBIS 2018 will be held from July 4 to July 6, 2018 at the University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece. We are very grateful to Sotiris Bersimis for leading the organizational effort. For details please see <http://isbis2018.unipi.gr/>. The website will be continually updated. We look forward to a strong attendance and participation of ISBIS members and friends.

Conference on Modern Methods in Insurance Pricing and Industrial Statistics

A y-BIS co-sponsored conference: Modern Methods in Insurance Pricing and Industrial Statistics will be held from September 3 to September 5, 2017 at Bu Ali Sina University, Hamedan, Iran. For details, please see <http://thiele.au.dk/events/conferences/2017/modernmethods/>

Workshop on Times-to-Events and Time Series Data Analysis using R

An ISBIS co-sponsored capacity building Workshop on Times-to-Events and Time Series Data Analysis using R will be held at the Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin, India, December 15-18, 2017. For details, please see http://www.cusat.ac.in/view_news.php?id=1719

Workshop on Time Series Analysis in Data Science

An ISBIS co-sponsored capacity building Workshop on Time Series Analysis in Data Science will be held at the University of Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka. For details, please see http://www.pqis.lk/assets/courses/2017/ws_timeseies.pdf