

IASS News December 2017

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- **Request for Proposals for Invited Program Sessions 62nd ISI WSC in Malaysia, August 2019: Extended deadline 8 January 2018**

The IASS is seeking suggestions for WSC 2019 invited and special topic sessions. Proposals should initially be submitted to Cynthia Clark, czfclark@cox.net. NOTE: The extended deadline of proposals is 8 January 2018. See the complete announcement on last page.

The 62nd ISI WSC will be organized in 18-23 August 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Website: <http://www.isi2019.org/>

- **IASS Sponsored Conferences in 2018**

The following survey statistics conferences in 2018 are sponsored by the IASS:

SAE 2018 Conference on Small Area Estimation (celebration of 75th birthday of Danny Pfeffermann), 16-18 June 2018, Shanghai, China. Website: <https://www.sae2018.com>

Second International Conference on the Methodology of Longitudinal Surveys, 25-27 July 2018, Essex, UK. Website: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/mols2>

Baltic–Nordic–Ukrainian Workshop on Survey Statistics, 21-25 August 2018, Jelgava, Latvia.
Website: <https://wiki.helsinki.fi/display/BNU/Events>

Francophone Survey Sampling Colloquium, 24-26 October 2018, Lyon, France. Website: <http://sondages2018.sfds.asso.fr/>

- **Conferences on Survey Statistics and Related Areas in 2018**

Q2018 The 9th European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics, 26-29 June 2018, Krakow, Poland. Website: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/Q2018_en

BigSurv 2018 Conference - Exploring new statistical frontiers at the intersection of survey science and big data, 25-27 October 2018, Barcelona, Spain. The deadline of abstracts is 28 February 2018.
Website: <https://www.bigsurv18.org/>

- **Upcoming Courses on Survey Statistics in 2018**

ECAS Course: Statistical Disclosure Control for Official Statistics, 20-22 February 2018, ENSAI Campus de Ker Lann, Bruz, France. Website: <http://ecas.ensai.fr/>

Information by Natalie Shlomo: This three day course will introduce basic and advanced concepts of statistical disclosure control, privacy and confidentiality. The topics covered include:

- Disclosure risk scenarios and types of disclosure risk;
- Disclosure risk measures for traditional outputs: microdata and tabular data;
- Statistical disclosure control methods;
- Impact of statistical disclosure control on utility;
- Differential privacy ;
- Legal and ethical issues;
- Examples of best practice and applications in statistical offices/ health authorities;
- Workshops on differential privacy, anonymisation and generating synthetic data.

This is an exciting and unique course bringing together experts around the world to deliver the latest developments in privacy and confidentiality for post-graduate level and those working at statistical agencies.

Registration form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_CWnSJE5AyNhZK1C5HsiMmDmA3cDYpn48KNoSAZDIZktH9A/viewform Queries can be sent to: francois.coquet@ensai.fr

Utrecht University Summer School Course: Survey Research: Statistical Analysis and Estimation,
27-31 August 2018, Utrecht, The Netherlands

The course is based on a total survey error perspective and discusses the major sources of survey error. Participants will be presented with tools for detection and adjustment of such errors. Analysis methods are introduced using both SPSS and R. Topics include complex sampling, nonresponse adjustment, measurement error, analysis of incomplete data and advanced use of administrative data. Special attention will be given to the analysis of complex surveys that include weighting, stratification and design effects.

This course is organized by the Department of Methodology and Statistics (UU) in collaboration with Statistics Netherlands (CBS).

More details: <https://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/social-sciences/survey-research-statistical-analysis-and-estimation>

Request for Proposals for Invited Program Sessions 62nd ISI WSC in Malaysia, August 2019

The planning has begun for the 62nd ISI World Statistics Conference which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18-23 August 2019. Cynthia Clark, a member of the IASS Executive Committee, is the IASS representative on the Scientific Program Committee. There will be invited and special topic sessions at the conference. The IASS is now seeking suggestions for session topics as well as the names of individuals to organize sessions. There will be a later formal call for proposals for both invited and special topic sessions at the WSC. However, we would like to get you thinking now about topics. A WSC session proposal should include a title, description, and a justification as to why the session should be of interest to WSC attendees, and a list of speakers/discussants with a short description of their expertise. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, you may want to consider whether the proposal would be of interest to other ISI associations.

Proposals should initially be submitted to Cynthia Clark, czfclark@cox.net, by January 8th 2018. Your proposals will also need to be submitted later through the formal process. The IASS Executive Committee will want to rank the proposals for inclusion in the WSC as Invited Paper Sessions. Those not selected by the ISI Scientific Program Committee could be considered for Special Topic Sessions. There will be separate processes for Invited Paper Sessions and Special Topic Sessions. We are expecting the formal call for Invited Paper Sessions in early January. Providing your proposals for both categories of sessions to Cynthia Clark by January 8th will provide some time to clarify proposals and provide suggestions as to how they could be strengthened. Thank you for your participation in this critical process that makes the WSC such an important meeting for statisticians.