

ISI General Assembly 2018

Kyoto TERRSA Shinmachi Kujo, Minami-ku, Kyoto, Japan

12 July 2018 / 12:45 – 13:45 Hours

The ISI General Assembly (GA) 2018 was held on 12 July from 12:45-13:45 hours at Kyoto TERRSA Shinmachi Kujo, Minami-ku, Kyoto, Japan, during the 10th International Conference on Teaching Statistics (ICOTS10). As the ISI President was present in Kyoto, the opportunity was taken to hold the GA in a non-WSC year in conjunction with a major ISI Association conference. Approximately 40 ISI members and guests participating in ICOTS10 were pleased to have the opportunity to attend the non-WSC GA, to hear both formal and informal news, to ask questions and initiate discussion.

The President welcomed ISI members and guests, mentioned that Dutch Law requires ISI to have a GA every year, thanked the ICOTS10 organisers for facilitating the GA, and expressed appreciation to the ICOTS10 participants for their interest and attendance at the GA during their lunch break. The President then presented a summary of the Annual Report for 2017 together with some recent announcements from the ISI News of importance and interest. For example, the following activities and accomplishments were highlighted:

- World Statistics Congress in Marrakech in July 2017;
- The success of ISI's 2nd Regional Statistics conference (RSC) in Indonesia in March 2017;
- The presentation of the 1st International Prize in Statistics in collaboration with ASA, IBS, IMS and RSS, and plans for the presentation of the 2nd Prize at WSC 2019;
- The excellent progress in preparing for WSC 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, including the IPS, STS, satellites and outstanding venues;
- The launch of ISI's strategy 2017-2021;
- The successful first online survey of ISI members, and plans for ongoing and broader surveys;
- The plans for WSC 2021 in The Hague, The Netherlands;
- The launch of the ISI webshop and the challenges of compliance with the newly introduced European General Data Protection Regulations;
- Ongoing productive collaboration with a diversity of international organisations and across the whole family of ISI and Associations.

The ongoing challenges of increasing and retaining membership for ISI and the Associations were also discussed.

In accordance with article 2.2 of the ISI By-Laws, ISI members (Elected, Regular and Institutional) were invited on 12 June 2018 to electronically review the 2017 Annual Report. The members were asked to express their opinion by 25 June by choosing 'I agree', 'I disagree', or 'I abstain'. A total of 233 electronic votes was received, with no objections, 14 abstentions and 219 approvals. Several members provided comments, which were all

positive. One member provided more detailed comments for consideration by the EC. Based on this, the Annual Report was approved by the GA.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the President recorded thanks to the many members who voted.

A lively question, answer and discussion session followed. This included discussion on:

- The newly formed UN Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (in official statistics), or GIST, and ISI's role therein;
- Communication with new ISI members;
- Whether Google and other similar organisations had been approached for sponsorship of ISI and what the responses were;
- How to self-help in developing statistical capacity in education;
- Ongoing lack of funds for supporting important research and development in teaching statistics and associated research;
- Value of ISI and IASE membership in both developed and developing countries;
- How to maximise ongoing benefits of WBTFSCB support to attend conferences.

After thanking participants for their attendance and interest, the President encouraged ongoing discussion.

The meeting closed at 13:45.

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