

Director's Message November 2018

The ISI Executive Committee and Associations' Representatives just returned from the Taiwan Statistics Week 2018 in Taipei and Tainan. It was exciting to contribute to the different activities and to meet and mix with senior and young statisticians in Taiwan. Many thanks to our host Chun-houh Chen for the perfect organisation and great hospitality.



On the photo the ISI EC and Associations' reps:

Back left to right: John Bailer (ISI President-elect), Fabrizio Ruggeri (ISI VP), Peter Guttorp (ISI VP), Patrick Groenen (IASC), Helen MacGillivray (ISI President), Juergen Symanzik (IASC), Mark Podolskij (BS).

Middle: Stephen Penneck (ISI VP), Irena Krizman (IAOS), Ada van Krimpen (ISI Director), Gail Burrell (IASE), Denise Silva (IASS).

Front: Alessandro Fasso' (TIES), Nalini Ravishanker (SBIS).

I am happy to report about the preparations for the WSC2019, which will take place from 18-23 August 2019 in Kuala Lumpur. The registration will open soon, on 1 December 2018. The Short Course programme has been decided and will be included in the registration: twelve short courses will take place prior to the WSC, on 16 and 17 August, in the modern Sasana Kijang training facility. I invite you to have a look on the WSC2019 website, www.isi2019.org for the latest news.

Meanwhile, we have started the preparations for the WSC 2021, the 63rd ISI congress that will be organised in The Hague, The Netherlands, from 11-15 July 2021. For this congress the ISI will be in the driving seat for the organisation. The National Organizing Committee has been formed and had its inaugural meeting in The Hague on 29 October. The co-chairs of the NOC are Eric Schulte Nordholt, CBS, and John Bailer, ISI President-Elect. During the first meeting, many ideas sprang up. A major challenge will be to generate the sponsorship for this congress. If you, as an ISI member, have suggestions for potential sponsors or partners, please drop me an email.

The Committees and the Special Interest Groups are at the core of the ISI activities. The ISI Committee on the History of Statistics has been revitalised and is chaired by Vice-President Peter Guttorp. The committee has already organised several activities to take place during the WSC 2019.

We will start soon with the 2019 membership renewal. The ISI and Associations' members will receive an email from the ISI office with the request to visit the ISI webshop for the membership renewal and make the payment. Please be aware, that payment of the dues is a prerequisite for being entitled to the reduced registration fees for the WSC or any other conferences, and for receiving the other benefits associated with your membership. Even more important though is that through your contribution the ISI is able to fulfil its role in the international statistical community. An evident example is the contribution to the International

Prize in Statistics, which has just been awarded to [Bradley Efron](#) for creation of the “bootstrap,” a method that transformed science’s ability to use and understand data and helped usher in the era of data analysis through computing. Congratulations to Bradley Efron! The Prize will be presented on 18 August 2019, during the Opening Ceremony of the ISI WSC 2019.

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