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USCOTS 2019: Proposals for Workshops and Breakout Sessions

The US Conference On Teaching Statistics, USCOTS 2019, will be held at Penn State University on 16 to 18 May, 2019 (with pre-conference workshops starting earlier). This conference provides a welcoming, active, and fun environment in which teachers can exchange ideas and challenge each other to improve their teaching. The conference features thought-provoking plenary sessions, interactive 80-minute breakout sessions, and informative “posters and beyond” sessions, in addition to pre-conference workshops of 4 hours or longer.

The conference theme is "Evaluating Evidence." With this theme, USCOTS will follow on recent ASA efforts to consider how best to conduct scientific/statistical inference in the twenty-first century. USCOTS will address how to prepare future researchers, decision-makers, and the public to evaluate evidence from data.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a breakout session, pre-conference workshop, or “posters and beyond” contribution. The deadline is 30 November 2018 for breakout sessions and workshops. The deadline for “posters and beyond” is 1 February if you would like to receive feedback, with 22 March as the final deadline for submissions.

More information about the conference can be found at:

<https://www.causeweb.org/cause/uscots/uscots19>

Proposal submission information and links can be found at:

<https://www.causeweb.org/cause/uscots/uscots19/proposals>

Questions can be addressed to program chair Allan Rossman (arossman at calpoly.edu) or posters-and-beyond chair Jack Miller (jabmille at umich.edu) or CAUSE director Dennis Pearl (dkp13 at psu.edu).

Initial Announcement: IASE 2019 Satellite, 13 - 16 August, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The 11th satellite conference of the IASE will be held from 13 to 16 August, just before the 62nd World Statistics Congress. The satellite will be held at Sasana Kijang, a center of knowledge and learning excellence established by Bank Negara Malaysia. Bank Negara Malaysia is a conference sponsor; the hosts will be educators from Universiti Teknologi MARA and Universiti Putra Malaysia. IASE Satellites tend to have 60-100 participants in a mix of plenary talks, papers, poster sessions, and hands on pre-conference workshops. Many delegates continue to the larger WSC, but attendees often come just for the Satellite meeting. The smaller size means few parallel sessions and greater opportunity for connections.

The 2019 Satellite conference will be organized around the broad theme “Decision Making Based on Data”. We invite you to participate in the Satellite. A submission could report about the design and outcomes of a (research) project, innovation, or intervention, that can inform and improve the teaching, learning, and understanding of statistics at any level, connecting it to Decision Making in diverse contexts (e.g., workplace, using official statistics, health, personal finance planning). There are four major topics:

Topic 1: Inference from data

Topic 2: Making sense of big data

Topic 3: Evidence based decision making under risk and uncertainty

Topic 4: Statistics Education in the 21st century

A submission will require a 300 word proposal, to be submitted at the conference website [<http://iase-web.org/conference/satellite19/>] by 15 January. Potential authors will be notified about acceptance by 15 February. An optional refereeing process for accepted papers will be offered. Final submissions will be due on 15 April. All accepted papers and posted (refereed or not) will be included in the online conference proceedings, as long as at least one author attends the conference.

Questions about the program and submissions should be sent to the chair of the International Program Committee, Laura Martignon (Martignon@ph-ludwigsburg.de), and about logistics and registration to the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Zamalia Mahmud (zamalia@tmsk.uitm.edu.my).