

ISI Special Interest Group in Sports Statistics Revitalized

The Special Interest Group in Sports Statistics is revitalized! Marica Manisera and Leonardo Egidi are the new Chair and Secretary, respectively. About twenty scholars from all over the world have expressed interest in the group; many of them belong to the “Big Data analytics in sports” network ([BDsports](#)), a research project coordinated by Marica Manisera and Paola Zuccolotto, developed within the activities of the Big&Open Data Innovation Laboratory at the University of Brescia, Italy.

The aim of this Special Interest Group is to promote the understanding, development and good practice of sports statistics worldwide, with particular regard to the methodological problems involved and the in-field application of methods and models, from three different perspectives: scientific research (a), Statistical Capacity Building (b), and education (c).

Re (a), specific goals are concerned with organizing workshops, specialized sessions at conferences and events, promoting special issues in scientific journals, disseminating internationally useful and comparable data on sports. Re (b), special effort is devoted to enable statistical practitioners in the sport sector to use state-of-the-art methods for data collection, analysis and interpretation. Point (c) is pursued at different levels: schools, universities, sport societies, national and international Federations. The three channels do not develop independently, but the specific activities are integrated and put in synergy with each other.

The Special Interest Group aims to be of relevance across ISI and its several associations (in particular, IASC, IASE, IASS and ISBIS).

A kick-off meeting is scheduled at the University of Brescia, Italy, on 25-26 September 2019. Other upcoming events include a lunch meeting at the ISI World Statistics Congress in Kuala Lumpur (18-23 August 2019, exact date and time to be defined, www.isi2019.org) and a session on “Sports Statistics” at [CMstatistics 2019](#) in London, organized by Andreas Groll with contributions by Ulf Brefeld, Claus Ekstrom, Hans Van Eetvelde, Marius Ötting.

Anyone interested to actively participate in the work of the Special Interest Group or attend the lunch meeting in Kuala Lumpur is invited to contact [Marica Manisera](#).