

## News from the ISI Statistical Capacity Building (SCB) Committee

### ISI-IFC High Level Meeting on Data Governance for Director Generals of National Statistical Offices in Africa

The ISI SCB Committee is very involved, through its Co-Chair Irena Križman, in the organization of the ISI-IFC High Level Meeting on Data Governance for Director Generals of National Statistical Offices in Africa, to be held in Tunis on 22 November 2019.

### Women's Statistical Literacy (WSL) Project

The ISI SCB Committee invites ISI members to support, through donations, the project "WSL - Women's Statistical Literacy" aimed to increase statistical literacy of women in developing countries, through hands-on courses devoted to increasing statistical skills in data management and visualization, using basic statistical tools and open source software.

The project stems from the work started by Eric Vance (member of the SCB Committee and founder of LISA - Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis) and Tinuke Adebajani who organized a workshop in Kumasi (Ghana) on "Building Capacity of Female Scientists in Data Analysis for Decision Making and Strategic Planning". The ISI SCB Committee is planning to organize a second course in Ghana and is looking for new locations in Africa and elsewhere. ISI looks for financial support to organize such courses, in which we would like to involve ISI members. Members can donate to a special fund once they renew their membership for 2020. More information on this will follow soon.

### ISI members invited to get involved in the work of SCB Committee

The ISI SCB Committee invites ISI members with skills in preparing educational videos and giving webinars for its own activities and possible cooperation with other entities. Interested members are invited to contact the Co-Chair Fabrizio Ruggeri ([fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it](mailto:fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it)).

We are planning to launch soon a series of webinars and post videos on the [ISI You Tube Channel](#).

### Possible courses

Pedro Silva (former ISI President and member of the ISI SCB Committee) offered to give some courses, mostly targeted at National Statistical Offices but also of interest to other people. The courses will present methods and hands-on activities using the R statistical software. The possible courses are "Analyzing Survey Data Using R", "Data Preparation, Editing and Imputation Using R" and "Sampling Theory and Practice Using R". We are looking for sponsors and/or organizations willing to host any of the courses and support the related costs. Please contact Fabrizio Ruggeri, [fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it](mailto:fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it).

## **Partnership with the Data Science Campus of the UK Office for National Statistics**

The ISI SCB Committee is partnering with the Data Science Campus of the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS) in organizing courses in developing countries. ONS could provide lecturers and ISI financial support for participants (amounts will depend on the funds obtained).

Organizations willing to support and/or host (including financial contribution) are invited to contact Fabrizio Ruggeri ([fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it](mailto:fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it)).

## **Get involved by supporting SCB projects financially**

The ISI SCB Committee has many ideas and would like to realize them but the major limitation is the lack of sufficient funds. We therefore look for sponsors for our activities; any financial support by ISI members would be very welcome. We regularly receive requests from developing countries related to courses, mentoring, materials etc., and would like to satisfy as many of them as possible. However, we need more human and financial resources to deliver what we would like to do. If you are interested in supporting the ISI SCB Committee's activities, please contact Fabrizio Ruggeri ([fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it](mailto:fabrizio@mi.imati.cnr.it)).