

News from the ISI Statistical Capacity Building (SCB) Committee

We are glad to report about the following activities:

- 1) Irena Križman, ISI SCB Committee Co-Chair, was the driving force of the very successful [ISI/IFC High Level Meeting on Data Governance](#) held in Tunis on 22 November 2019.
- 2) The ISI SCB Committee, in partnership with the Data Science Campus at the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS), has submitted a proposal for Satellite Short Courses at the ISI-IAOS Regional Conference to be held in Zambia in May 2020. If accepted, the courses will be held prior to the conference, on 17 and 18 May 2020. The proposal, entitled "Data Science for Public Good", is based on five introductory short courses aiming to introduce participants to fundamental concepts of data science, with emphasis on real applications. The courses are:
 - Art of the Possible with Data Science
 - Data Wrangling with R
 - Introduction to Machine Learning
 - Interactive Graphics in Leaflet
 - Linking Data Science to Decision-Making: How to Optimise Impact

The tutors are:

- Ceri Regan, Senior Programme Officer, ONS Data Science Campus
- Laurie Baker, Lecturer in Data Science, ONS Data Science Campus
- Matthew Shearing, Consultant in Official Statistics and Data for Development and member of the ISI-SCB Committee

ONS will cover its tutors' expenses whereas ISI will support most of the participants (lodging) and logistic expenses, if any.

We hope the conference organizers will accepted the proposal!

- 3) Initiatives are planned for the Women's Statistical Literacy Project (more details in future ISI News). We invite ISI members to contribute to the project through donations when renewing their membership.