

## Director's Message – February 2020

In my January message I mentioned the celebration of the 135th anniversary of the ISI this year. Since then we received numerous congratulation messages from our members through social media as well as heartwarming [video messages](#) from academics in Nigeria, Indonesia and the Philippines. Jean Louis-Bodin, former ISI President, will be dedicating more of his articles to this important milestone. Keep an eye on our special [135<sup>th</sup> anniversary webpage](#) for updates.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February I was invited to attend the annual meeting of the Russian Association of Statisticians (RASt) in St. Petersburg. It was an honour to take part in this meeting and learn about RASt's efforts in promoting statistical science in Russia and encouraging cooperation with statistical associations internationally. I also had an honour to receive the RASt award for 'significant contribution to strengthening statistical community'. The award recognizes the ISI's commitment in supporting statistical communities around the world. My sincere thanks go to Irina Eliseeva, Director of the Institute of Sociology of the Russian Academy of Science, and Alexey Ponomorenko, President of the Russian Association of Statisticians (RASt), for this token of appreciation.



*L-R: Irina Eliseeva, Ada van Krimpen, Alexey Ponomarenko*

Looking ahead, the ISI will be part of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) taking place in the first week of March in New York. In conjunction with the UNSC, the ISI is organizing a [side event including on 'Effective Communication of Statistics'](#) to be held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All national statistical offices face the challenge of modernizing the communication of statistics. During the event a group of panelists will approach the topic from different perspectives and we hope participants will enjoy it.

Prior to the UNSC, we have scheduled a meeting of the ISI Executive Committee. The agenda will include items related to the WSC 2021 in The Netherlands, the WSC 2023 in Canada, the joint ISI RSC-IAOS conference in Zambia in May this year, as well as ISI's activities and achievements in pursuit of the Strategy 2017-2021.

In his February message ISI President John Bailer tells about ISI's activities dedicated to the International Year for Women in Statistics and Data Science, the Florence Nightingale Year. The kick off of the International Year is on 12 May 2020, the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Florence Nightingale. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

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