

ISI General Assembly 2019 Report
KLCC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Thursday, 22 August 2019
17:15-19:15 hrs.

Important note: The complete record of the General Assembly (GA) presentation, including the full version of the President’s report, the list of deceased ISI members, the Financial Report, the names of the elected officers for the EC and Council, a report of each Association and information about the forthcoming congresses can be found in the online presentation: <https://isi-web.org/images/news/ISI-General-Assembly-2019.pdf>

1. Welcome

ISI President Helen MacGillivray welcomed the 158 members present at the General Assembly. She invited the members’ active participation in the GA and welcomed comments or questions if deemed necessary.

2. Remembering and celebrating our members

The participants observed one minute of silence in remembering deceased ISI members.

3. President’s Report

The President reported about the activities of the ISI over the two-year period following the 2017 WSC in Marrakech, Morocco. She draw attention to the many ISI and Associations’ conferences, workshops, publications, awards and partnerships.

4. Report on ISI finances

The President presented the summary of the 2018 Financial Report:

2018 amounts (1,000 euros)	Budget	Realised
Total income pre-investment	581	653
Investment income	45	70
Regular expenditure	592	669
Special projects	65	53

In 2018, the decision was taken to significantly change the investment policy of the ISI. The decision was made at the advice of the ISI Finance Committee.

5. Formal approval of Annual Report 2018

In accordance with article 2.2. of the ISI By-Laws, the Annual Report 2018 was sent to ISI members for consultation. It was distributed among 2783 ISI members (Elected, Regular, Institutional and Corporate). At the end of the consultation period, a total of 345 votes were received (12.4%). 325 members voted in favor of the Report, 2 members voted against and 18 members abstained. The General Assembly approved the Annual Report 2018 by acclamation.

6. Members' questions and comments on items 3-5

One member took the floor to compliment the EC, Council and Permanent Office for the impressive work. He noted, however, that during the WSC in Kuala Lumpur, the papers that were presented in the scientific programme were not accessible. He asked the EC to ensure that proceedings become available as soon as possible. The President replied that there are often problems with the production of the proceedings, which is why ISI will invest in having its own IT system. The EC will look into to this matter to ensure the papers become available.

One member asked the EC to undertake an environmental audit to justify coming to a remote location for a congress. Perhaps there are other, more environmentally friendly ways, to enable on Ethics to look into the issue. Electronic assess to sessions might provide a good alternative for reducing the carbon foot print of this type of event. A member suggested an idea of installing an environmental impact task force.

Another member requested that the Regional Statistical Conference (RSC) in Africa be a general conference and not tied to one specific theme. The President replied that this is indeed the plan, the RSCs are intended to be ISI conferences in a region, fulfilling dual purpose of building general statistical capacity and the ISI community in a region as well as being international ISI conferences but with particular focus on a region.

7. ISI Officers for 2019-2021: New officers and endorsement of election results; thanks to retiring officers; EC and Council for 2017-2019

ISI Vice-President Stephen Penneck presented the newly elected members of the ISI Executive Committee and the Council. The retiring officers of the EC and Council were thanked for their valuable work.

8. Reports by the Association Presidents

Each Association made a concise presentation of its activities and achievements over the last two years:

- a. Bernoulli Society
- b. IAOS
- c. IASC
- d. IASE
- e. IASS
- f. ISBIS
- g. TIES

9. Future World Statistics Congresses

a. The Hague 2021: Formal Invitation

A formal invitation for the 63rd ISI World Statistics Congress was issued. The 63rd WSC will take place in The Hague, The Netherlands, from 11-15 July 2021.

b. Announcement for 2023

Canada was selected to host the WSC 2023. The EC will soon start the process for selecting the host city.

10. Members' questions and comments

No further questions were raised.

11. Closing Remarks

ISI President Helen MacGillivray ended by thanking the members for their participation in the General Assembly and wishing the new Executive Committee under President John Bailer success with its undertakings.

The meeting was closed at 18:50 hours.

Helen MacGillivray

ISI President 2017-2019

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ISI Director