



ISBIS News April 2020

ISBIS 2020 conference postponed

The ISBIS Executive Committee has decided to postpone ISBIS2020 originally planned at Brock University, St. Catharines, Canada, on 28-30 July 2020. Further details will be provided in the May issue of ISI News.

Capacity building activities

ISBIS is continuing its longstanding capacity building activities and planning other ones towards the end of the year, hoping they will not be seriously affected by the virus outbreak. We have held a number of events in Nigeria and India and now trying to also initiate activities in Latin America, with the cooperation of local associations (such as the Colombian Statistical Society). In particular, ISBIS is involved (also through financial support) in the following events:

- III Colombian Congress on Statistics, Cali, Colombia, 12-14/11/2020: ISBIS is providing 2 speakers (Paulo Canas Rodrigues and Fabrizio Ruggeri) who will give plenary lectures (one on Statistics and Data Science and one on Bayesian Robustness and Stochastic Order in Reliability) and courses (one on Statistical Learning and one on Bayesian Methods in Industrial Statistics). ISBIS will also organize sessions, and a call will be launched soon.
- ISBIS Regional Workshop on Big Data Analytics and Machine Learning, Lagos, Nigeria, 7-10/12/2020: the series of successful workshop continues. Olawale Awe and Paulo Canas Rodrigues are the lecturers.
- ISI Regional Statistical Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, 16-19/12/2020: ISBIS has already organized two invited sessions and a special invited session is being organized as well.
- ISBIS Regional Conference, Kochi, India, 28-30/12/2020 (followed by Workshops on 1-3/1/2021): more details will be provided in the next ISI News

ISBIS Journal *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*

ASMBI (*Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*), the official ISBIS journal, is glad to inform that the first issue of 2020 is available FOR FREE at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15264025/2020/36/1>

The readers can find a special issue on Statistics and Data Science, including a discussion paper by Vicario and Coleman, discussed by Ahlemeyer-Stubbe, Bailer and Fisher, Ferrer, Kenett, Secchi, Steinberg and Aronovich, Torelli.

There is also a special issue on Energy Networks and Stochastic Optimization. We remind that ASMBI is always free to ISBIS members: an extra reason to become ISBIS member or renew membership!