

ISI General Assembly Hong Kong

The ISI General Assembly took place in Hong Kong, S.A.R. China on Thursday, 29 August 2013 from 16.30 – 18.30 hrs. The meeting was attended by 161 ISI members.

The General Assembly started with a minute of silence in tribute to ISI members who passed away during the last two years.

President Jae C Lee presented the **President's Report**, highlighting the activities and achievements over the last two years.

Vice President Hallgrimur provided information on **ISI Finances** and also summarised the reports from the Member Auditors and the Finance Committee.

President-Elect Vijay Nair introduced the **Annual Report 2012**, a copy of which had already been sent to the ISI members earlier. The General Assembly formally approved the Annual Report for 2012. ISI members can access the report in the Members Only section of the ISI website.

Information on **membership** of the ISI and its Associations, including the geographical distribution of members, was provided. Since the Dublin WSC in 2011, 255 elected members and 201 regular members have joined the ISI.

The outcome of the **Election of ISI Offices** (Executive Committee and Council) for 2013-15 was formally announced.

Xuming He, Chair of the Hong Kong WSC Scientific Programme Committee, provided an update of the **scientific programme**. There were 105 Invited Paper Sessions, 90 Special Topic Sessions and 48 Contributed Paper/Poster Sessions. A total of 1,430 papers were presented at the WSC.

Ada van Krimpen, ISI Director, informed the General Assembly that about plans by the **International Association for Survey Statisticians** to relocate from France and be formally incorporated as part of the ISI under Dutch Law. The proposal was approved by the General Assembly.

The Presidents (or their representatives) of the following **ISI Associations** summarized their societies' activities over the year 2012:

- Bernoulli Society
- IAOS
- IASC
- IASS
- ISBIS

There were no representatives from TIES to present its report.

Pedro Luis do Nascimento Silva, Chair of the Local Organising Committee for the **WSC 2015 in Rio de Janeiro**, updated the General Assembly about preparations for the 2015 congress. The presentation included pictures of Rio de Janeiro and the Riocentro congress facility.

Mr. Lahmili, Minister of Planning of Morocco, presented a proposal from the Moroccan government to host the **61st ISI WSC in 2017** in Marrakesh. The presentation included a video that can be accessed through this [link](#). The General Assembly was pleased to formally accept this invitation from the Morocco.

Vice President Helen McGillivray presented **Service Certificates** to the following members for significant contributions to the ISI:

- Xuming He, Scientific Programme Committee Chair of the 59th ISI WSC in Hong Kong
- Kai Ng, Local Programme Committee Chair of the 59th ISI WSC in Hong Kong
- Murray Cameron, Scientific Programme Committee Chair of the 58th ISI WSC in Dublin
- John Haslett, Local Programme Committee Chair of the 58th ISI WSC in Dublin
- John Kovar, Scientific Programme Committee Chair of the 57th ISI WSC in Durban
- Tim Dunne, Local Programme Committee Chair of the 57th ISI WSC in Durban
- Pedro do Nascimento Silva, Scientific Programme Committee Chair of the 56th ISI WSC in Lisboa
- Maria Ivette Gomes, Local Programme Committee Chair of the 56th ISI WSC in Lisboa
- Eugene Seneta, Editor International Statistical Review 2003-2009
- Kees Zeelenberg, Editor International Statistical Review 2006-2009

Members can get more information about all the items presented during the General Assembly from the [power point presentation](#).

The Hague, 16 September 2013

ISI President 2011-2013
Jae C. Lee

ISI President 2013-2015
Vijay Nair

ISI Director
Ada van Krimpen