
New IASC council and officers

After ISI 2013, the organs of the IASC have been renewed. The council and officers for the term 2013/15 are:

President

- Paula Brito (Portugal)

President-Elect and President for the term 2015-2017:

- Patrick J.F. Groenen (The Netherlands)

Vice-Presidents:

- Junji Nakano (Japan)

- Juergen Symanzik (USA)

Treasurer:

- Christophe Croux (Belgium)

Scientific Secretary:

- Javier Arroyo (Spain)

Council Members 2011-2015:

- Chun-houh Chen (Taiwan)

- Jan Klaschka (Czech Republic)

- Donato Malerba (Italy)

- Francesco Mola (Italy)

- Joyce Niland (USA)

- Roy Welsch (USA)

Council Members 2013-2017:

- Tomás Aluja-Banet (Spain)

- Cathy W.S. Chen (Taiwan)

- André de Carvalho (Brazil)

- Peter Filzmoser (Austria)

- Ann Maharaj (Australia)

- Fionn Murtagh (UK)

The IASC members thank the former president Karen Kafadar for her work during these years and wish Paula Brito a fruitful term of office.



Paula Brito (left), president of the IASC, and Karen Kafadar (right), former president of IASC

Prof. Murtagh new chair of the IASC committee on “Computational Statistics and Data Mining for Knowledge Discovery”

Fionn Murtagh (UK) is the new chair of the IASC committee on “Computational Statistics and Data Mining for Knowledge Discovery” for the period 2013- 2015. Fionn Murtagh succeeds Carlo Lauro, former Committee Chair for the period 2011-2013.

The committee mission is to promote cross-disciplinary discussions and research in Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, based on a Computational Statistics framework. Recent activities of the committee include the session on Symbolic Data Analysis organized by Carlo Lauro in the [SIS 2013 Statistical Conference](#) in June, 2013.

IASC session in IFCS 2013



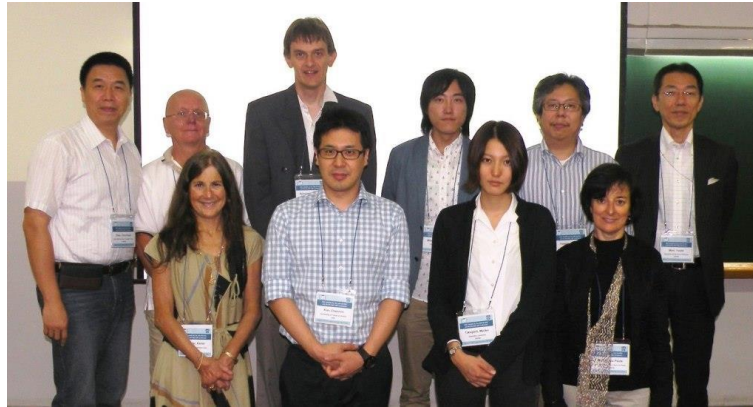
IASC has scientifically sponsored an invited session on “Recursive partitioning and application” at the biennial meeting of the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS) celebrated in Tilburg (the Netherlands) in July, 2013. The session was organized by Adalbert Wilhelm (Jacobs University Bremen) and works on the topic were presented by Anne-Laure Boulesteix (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Massimo Cannas, Claudio Conversano (both Università degli Studi di Cagliari), and by Adalbert Wilhelm. The session was very well attended, and generated some stimulating discussion. The scientific overlap between research in classification and computational statistics created a quite natural mutual understanding of IFCS and IASC members. Thus, it seems positive to continue and foster cooperation between IFCS and IASC.

Winners of the IASC Data Analysis Competition 2013

The [IASC Data Analysis Competition 2013](#) was celebrated. The committee of Judges (Jaromír Antoch, Yuan-Chin Ivan Chang, Chun-houh Chen, Chul Eung Kim, Junji Nakano, Antony Unwin) recommended two winners (by alphabetical order of first author):

- Kim, C., and Choi, S. (University of Florida)
Title: Marginal Structural Models for Causal effects of Higher Education Rates on Cancer Mortality Rates: Should we make our society highly educated?
- Takagishi, M., Hirotsuru, K., Mitsuhiro, M., Kusaka, T., and Yadohisa, H. (Doshisha University)
Title: Educational feature extraction across nations using UN data

Authors of these two posters were invited to present their studies at the Joint Meeting of the IASC Satellite Conference for the 59th ISI WSC and the 8th Conference of the IASC-ARS in Seoul on August 23rd, 2013. Traveling and local support for winners were provided by the organization of the 8th Conference of the IASC-ARS and the Wakimoto Memorial Fund.



IASC Satellite Conference on Big Data and Statistical Computing in Seoul

[Joint Meeting of the IASC Satellite Conference for the 59th ISI WSC and the 8th Conference of the IASC-ARS](#), was held on August 22-23, 2013 at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. Main theme of the conference was Big Data and Statistical Computing. 118 interesting papers presented at the conference and total of 204 participants from 15 different countries attended the conference. Key note speakers and their talks were:

- Karen Kafadar, Indiana University, USA, IASC President
“A Framework for Statistical Data Analysis in High-Energy Particle Physics”
- Robert Rodriguez, SAS, USA, 2012 ASA President
“Is the Statistics Profession Ready for the World of Big Data?”



IASC sessions in WSC 2013

The 59th World Statistics Congress (WSC) of the ISI, hosted by the Census and Statistics Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, was held in Hong Kong from the 25th to the 30th of August, 2013. The conference brought together about 2,500 statistical experts and practitioners from around the world to share experiences and insights in various statistical fronts.

The IASC had an active role in the Congress and sponsored 10 sessions and co-sponsored along the IFCS 1 session. The list of sessions sponsored was:

- Statistical challenges for the analysis of social networks
Organizer and Chair: Gilbert Saporta



- Statistics of extremes and re-sampling methodologies
Organizer and Chair: Ivette Gomes
- Chronological text mining
Organizer and Chair: Anne Marie Morin
- Statistics for protein structure prediction and protein interaction
Organizer and Chair: Michael G. Schimek
- Survey sampling: Advanced approaches in computational statistics
Organizer and Chair: Alessandra Petrucci
- Computing in R with large data
Organizer: George Ostrouchov, and Chair: Alexandre Brouste
- Recent advances in nonparametric and functional data analysis
Organizer: Ping Ma, and Chair: Wenlin Dai
- Nonlinear financial time series modeling
Organizer: Philip Leung Ho Yu
- Network modeling in biological, computer, public health, and social sciences
Organizer and Chair: Herbert Pang
- Analysis of distributional data
Organizer and Chair: Paula Brito
- Benchmarking in classification research (Co-sponsored by IASC and IFCS)
Organizer: Iven Van Mechelen, and Chair: Paula Brito