

Last September a successful IASC-ERS summer school on R took place in Austria

From Sep. 23-27, 2013, a [Summer School on the software environment "R"](#) was organized by Peter Filzmoser and Matthias Templ (both from Vienna University of Technology) in the Education Center of the impressive monastery in Vorau, Austria. For practical reasons, the number of participants had to be limited to 40 and around 30 people were in the wait list.

The first day was devoted to an "R crash course", which was taken by about half of the participants in order to get familiar with the major concepts of R. The program of the other days was addressed to more specific topics, like object orientation, visualization, data base interfaces, R packaging, parallel computing, embedding C/C++, etc. Also task oriented topics like text mining, microarray analysis, or dealing with large and out-of-memory data were presented. The lecturers (Andreas Alfons, Roland Boubela, Florian Endel, Ingo Feinerer, Alexander Kowarik, Alexandra Posekany, Matthias Templ, and Valentin Todorov) did not only present and provide their material to the audience, but they also trained the participants with practical examples. Overall, the 40 participants from 14 countries were more than satisfied with this intensive week.



A session of the Summer School in a beautiful hall of the monastery in Vorau (Austria)

IASC sponsors the ERCIM 2013 conference University of London, UK, 14-16 December 2013

The [6th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics \(ERCIM 2013\)](#) will take place at the Senate House, University of London, UK, 14-16 December 2013. The Conference will take place jointly with the 7th CSDA International Conference on Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE 2013).

This conference is organized by the ERCIM Working Group on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics), Birkbeck University of London and London School of Economics. The journal Computational Statistics & Data Analysis publishes selected papers in special peer-reviewed, or regular issues. The

conference will have presentations about different computational and methodological aspects of statistics, including application areas where both computational and/or methodological aspects have a major impact.





Senate House in London

IASC sponsors the 8th International Conference on Partial Least Square and Related Methods (PLS 2014)

Following the tradition of PLS'99 in Jouy-en-Josas (France), PLS'01 in Anacapri (Italy), PLS'03 in Lisbon (Portugal), PLS'05 in Barcelona (Spain), PLS'07 in Ås (Norway), PLS'09 in Beijing (P.R. China) and PLS'12 in Houston (USA), Paris will held [PLS'14](#) from 26th to 28th of May, 2014. IASC proudly sponsors this event that will take place in the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM).



This eighth edition will focus on methodological contributions in both PLS Regression, PLS Path Modeling and their related methods with application in areas and disciplines related to Management, Social Sciences, Chemometrics, Sensory Analysis, Industry and Life Sciences including Genomics.

[Submission](#) of abstracts for papers and posters is now open and closes by December 27th, 2013.



Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM) in Paris

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Karen Kafadar is the new IASC representative on the ISI publications committee, replacing Stanly Azen that has retired. The committee objective is to assess and coordinate publication activities of the ISI family on a continuing basis and advice the ISI Executive Committee, Council and Associations.

Second Call for Proposals – ISI World Statistics Congress, 2015, Rio de Janeiro

The Chair of the ISI2015 IASC Program Committee, Francisco de A. T. de Carvalho, and the Co-Chair, Rosanna Verde, invite the statistical community to present proposals for the Invited Paper Sessions (IPS) to increase awareness in a research area and brings new research results to a broad audience. The 60th World Statistics Congress of the ISI, will be held from 26-31 July 2015 in Rio de Janeiro.

Invited Sessions can be presented by any IASC member (except for PC members). To ensure full consideration, please submit your proposals to the chair (fatc@cin.ufpe.br) and the co-chair (rosanna.verde@unina2.it) by No

vember 15th 2013.

Each proposal should include a brief description and justification for your proposed session, as well as a list of speakers and discussants who have agreed to participate. The speakers and discussants not IASC members are warmly encouraged to join the IASC.



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Rosanna Verde