

President's Message – October 2016

Dear members,

These are exciting times for the ISI. The winner of the [First International Prize in Statistics](#) was announced this week. We sincerely congratulate Sir David Cox for winning the inaugural prize and look forward to its formal presentation at the [61st ISI World Statistics Congress](#) (WSC) in Marrakech, Morocco in July 2017.



We also have calls open for nominations for the various ISI awards (Mahalanobis, Karl Pearson, Jan Tinbergen) and the World Bank funding for attendance of the ISI WSC 2017, as well as for submission of contributed papers and Lunch Time Roundtable Discussion sessions. So you have plenty of opportunities to engage and participate in this Congress, which is our most diversified event.

We have just completed another round of elections of the ISI leadership (Executive Committee and Council). Thank you all who took their time to vote. Thanks also to all who took part in the elections. Let me congratulate publicly all who were elected to both the Executive and Council positions. ISI's future is in excellent hands thanks to your agreement to serve.

Next week the ISI Executive Committee will meet in The Hague, at the ISI Permanent Office, during 27-28 October. Our main topic of discussion will be the ISI Strategy for 2016-2019. This was also the subject of a virtual meeting with Council held on 22 September. We will soon be ready to share the outcome of this process with you, the membership, for an open consultation.

In addition, we will be working on the plans for the ISI WSC 2017, and the 2nd ISI Regional Statistics Conference, which will take place in Bali, Indonesia, from 21-24 March 2017. This RSC is jointly organized by the ISI and its South East Asia Regional Network (ISI-SEA Network) together with Bank Indonesia and Statistics Indonesia as the co-hosts, in collaboration with the Association of Indonesian Statisticians. More details about the conference are available at <http://www.isi-rsc2017.org/Portal/Home>.

Finally, we are also busily preparing to take part in the United Nations World Data Forum, which will take place in Cape Town, from 15-18 January 2017. Vice-President Irena Križman is leading our participation as member of the Forum's Programme Committee, and ISI has volunteered to organise sessions in at least four topics. More information about this important event can be found at <http://undataforum.org/WorldDataForum/>.

As you know, any society like the ISI must have as diverse and engaged membership as possible, so please reach out to your colleagues and friends and tell them about the ISI, what we do, what we stand for, and how joining the ISI would open up a world of opportunities for them. Do not forget to tell them how they can join (see our [website](#) for details).

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