

Dear Members of the ISI Family:

I would like to use this month's column to give you several updates.

Rio 2105: The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) for the World Statistics Congress in Rio de Janeiro has started its work. If you missed the [Call for Proposals for Invited Paper Sessions](#) (IPS) in last month's update, you can see it on our website at www.isi-web.org. Make sure to take advantage of this opportunity and submit your ideas for the invited program. The SPC is especially interested in sessions of broad interest, including overview and expository presentations. The deadline for submitting IPS proposals has been extended to December 15, 2013.

Membership Fees: The Executive Committee has set the 2014 fees for ISI elected members from developed countries at 80 euros. This is a modest increase of four euros after two years of no increase. Our rates are still among the lowest you will find for international societies. Fees for regular members are unchanged. The fees for developing countries are one-third of the rates for developed countries.

ISI Finances: One of the major challenges facing our society is its financial health. We have been keeping costs as low as possible, and the size of our Permanent Office is small. But revenues have been flat, so we have been unable to undertake major new initiatives. Improving ISI's finances is an area of high priority for the current leadership team. We are exploring a number of options and will keep you updated.

International Year of Statistics: 2013 has been an exciting year for the statistical community. The capstone event, [Workshop on the Future of the Statistical Sciences](#), will have been held by the time you read this column. There are discussions within the Steering Committee about how to take advantage of what we have accomplished and to continue the momentum. Statistics 2013 has far exceeded anyone's expectations. Many people have been involved in making it such a great success, and it is not possible to thank all of them here. However, Ron Wasserstein deserves particular mention. The international statistical community is greatly indebted to Ron for his leadership and tireless efforts.

Marrakesh 2017: In case you are planning that far ahead, the 2017 World Statistics Congress will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco.