



## **Call for Proposals – ISI World Statistics Congress, 2013, Hong Kong**

The Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee, Xuming He, and the Chair of the Local Programme Committee, Kai Ng, invite the statistical community to present proposals for the Invited Paper Sessions (IPS) and Special Topic Sessions (STS).

### **Invited Paper Sessions**

Organizing an Invited Paper Session at the ISI World Statistics Congress (WSC) helps increase awareness in a research area and brings new research results to a broad audience. The 59<sup>th</sup> World Statistics Congress of the ISI, to be held from 25-30 August 2013 in Hong Kong, will highlight the contributions that statistics can make to the advancement of mankind. At this Congress, "Youth" will be the theme. Although the ISI WSC will provide the stage for a wide variety of topics, throughout the WSC a number of sessions will address the topic "Youth" from various perspectives.

The Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) for the 2013 WSC calls for proposals of Invited Paper Sessions. Invited Papers will be central to the success of the Congress. You may submit a proposal to your ISI Association's (formerly known as ISI Section) representative on the SPC, or to one of the Youth Theme Co-Organisers, or to the Vice-Chair of the SPC if you think that your proposal needs to be considered outside of any of the ISI Associations. List of SPC members and their e-mails: <http://isi-web.org/com/spc-hongkong2013>.

To ensure full consideration, please submit your proposals by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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. Proposals submitted to ISI Associations will be initially reviewed by the Associations' representatives, and then selected by the SPC on a competitive basis. The selection criteria will take into account diversity, scientific quality and impacts.

Priorities will be given to ensure that the programme:

- \* Has a balance of organisers from around the world
- \* Has a good representation of organisers and/or speakers who are early career statisticians
- \* Has a good representation of both male and female organisers and/or speakers
- \* Is attractive to the diverse membership of the ISI and its Associations.

## Special Topic Sessions

The ISI 2013 WSC also has Special Topic Sessions (STS), which will be selected by the Local Programme Committee (LPC). Proposals for STSs can be submitted by individual members of the ISI and ISI Associations, ISI Committees, or by members of external institutions and organisations. An STS usually consists of 4-5 papers and possibly include a discussant invited by the organiser. The target date for submitting STS proposals is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

If you would like to know more about the STSs and/or are interested in arranging one, please contact the LPC for the 59<sup>th</sup> ISI WSC by e-mail: [WSC2013-LPC@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:WSC2013-LPC@censtatd.gov.hk). Competitive IPS proposals that are not selected by the SPC, due to limitation of time slots, may be considered by the LPC as STS proposals, if desired by the organisers concerned.

## Further Information

The website for ISI 2013 WSC (<http://www.isi2013.hk/>) has more information about the Congress.

General questions about the scientific programme should be directed to Xuming He at [xuming.he@gmail.com](mailto:xuming.he@gmail.com).

For questions about Special Topic Sessions, please contact Annie Chan at [WSC2013-LPC@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:WSC2013-LPC@censtatd.gov.hk). In case of personal attention by the Chair, please include in the subject heading of the e-mail "WSC 2013 PERSONAL ATTENTION".

For information about the ISI and its Associations, please visit the ISI website: [www.isi-web.org](http://www.isi-web.org)



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