The 2017 IASC-ARS conference will be held at University of Auckland, New Zealand, on 10-14 December 2017. The conference is joint between the Asian Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC-ARS) and the New Zealand Statistical Association. More details about the conference can be found in our website [http://www.iascars2017.com/](http://www.iascars2017.com/).

**Latest news:** There will be a young statisticians event and 4 pre-conference R workshops. The conference is joint between the Asian Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing and the New Zealand Statistical Association.

To promote the participation of young researchers, IASC-ARS will offer a prize for the best contribution submitted by a non-NZ student. Likewise, the NZSA will be offering 3 prizes to NZ-based students.

Seats for the conference dinner are very limited now; the 300 seat capacity will mean that unfortunately late registrants will miss out. Pre-conference workshops (10 December): seats are still available for these.

The conference marks the retirement of Ross Ihaka, one of the two co-founders of R. The plenary speakers will be Jennifer Bryan, Ross Ihaka, Luke Tierney, and Simon Urbanek. There will be a young statisticians event and pre-conference R workshops.

Abstract submissions have closed. All presenters must be registered by 8 November in order to be included in the schedule and programme booklet. The standard registration fee now applies.

Draft versions of the schedule should be made available at the conference websites in early December. Information for presenters will also be put there.

We look forward to seeing you in Auckland!
The 3rd Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing (LACSC 2018) will be held in San José, Costa Rica, from February 27 to March 2, 2018. This international conference, will be held together with the XXI International Symposium on Mathematical Methods Applied to the Sciences (XXI SIMMAC), which is the most important event in applied mathematics in Central America. Its aim is to gather researchers interested in statistical computing in Latin America and from other parts of the world, and is the official conference of the recently established Latin American Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing (LARS-IASC). More details about the 3rd LACSC can be found in our website http://www.cimpa.ucr.ac.cr/simmac/en/lacsc.

The Scientific Program Committee of the 3rd LACSC is now soliciting suggestions for Invited Paper Sessions (IPS, 90 minutes with three speakers) to be considered as part of the scientific program of the conference. Please submit formal proposals before November 30, 2017 to Paulo Canas Rodrigues (paulocanas@gmail.com), including title, brief description of the topic, and a list of speakers and discussant who have agreed to be part of the session, and their abstracts.

Young researchers (up to 5 years after their last academic degree) attending the 3rd LACSC will have the possibility to compete for the “Best LACSC 2018 Paper Award”.

Abstracts for contributed talks and contributed posters can be submitted online until November 30, 2017.
COMPSTAT 2018

The 23rd International Conference on Computational Statistics will take place in Iasi, Romania, 28-31 August 2018. A number of tutorials will be given during the conference. The conference is sponsored by the European Regional Section of the IASC and is organized by the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi.


Young Statisticians Group (YSG) IASC Session

A “Young Statisticians Group IASC Session” is organized at the 2017 IASC-ARS conference. Three Speakers will present their works:

- Yu-Chung Wei, Feng Chia University, Taiwan
- Liang-Ching Lin, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan
- Tso-Jung Yen, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Joint Summer School on Clustering, Data Analysis and Visualization of Complex Data

The Joint Summer School on Clustering, Data Analysis and Visualization of Complex Data will take place in Catania, Italy, on 21-25 May 2018. The summer school is a joint effort by ERS-IASC (European Regional Section of International Association for Statistical Computing) ECAS (European Courses in Advanced Statistics) and CLADAG (Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society). More details can be found at http://www.clucla-summerschool.org/.

The Conference of Data Science, Statistics & Visualisation (DSSV 2018)

The conference of Data Science, Statistics & Visualisation (DSSV 2018) will take place on July 9-11, 2018 in TU Wien, Austria. This meeting shall create a forum to discuss recent progress and emerging ideas in these different disciplines and encourage informal contacts and discussions among all the
participants. The conference welcomes contributions to practical aspects of data science, statistics and visualisation, and in particular those which are linking and integrating these subject areas. Presentations should thus be oriented towards a very wide scientific audience, and can cover topics such as machine learning and statistical learning, the visualisation and verbalization of data, big data infrastructures and analytics, interactive learning, advanced computing, and other important themes.

The conference will feature the keynote speaker Jerome H. Friedman (Stanford University) and Helwig Hauser (University of Bergen). The deadline for abstract submission is due to 9 April, 2018 subject to no other postponement. The DSSV2018 scientific committee encourages and welcomes you to submit your abstract. We look forward to receive many exciting contributions! For more details, please see http://iasc-isi.org/dssv2018/.