[**ISI2017**](http://www.isi2017.org/)**- Scientific Programme**

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| The Scientific Programme of the 61st WSC is being developed with the diverse interests of the ISI members and the international community in mind.  It will include presentations on leading-edge research in statistical theory, methodology, and applications as well as state-of-the-art practice.  It will include expository papers as well as presentations and discussions on important societal issues, emerging opportunities and challenges. |  | The Programme will include Invited Paper Sessions (IPS), Special Topic Sessions (STS) and Contributed Paper/Poster Sessions (CPS).  The scientific sessions will have three different lengths: 70, 100 and 120 minutes.  There will also be Short Courses and Satellite Meetings organised by the ISI Associations and Committees. |

**Key dates for IPS, STS and CPS**

Key dates for the IPS, STS and CPS are summarised below. Further details will be announced on this website at a later stage.

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| **Milestone** | | **IPS** | **STS** | **CPS** |
| 1 | Proposal submission starts | 01 November 2015 | 15 March 2016 | --- |
| 2 | Proposal submission closes | 29 February 2016 | 15 September  2016 | --- |
| 3 | Notification about session acceptance | 01 July 2016 | 30 December 2016 | --- |
| 4 | Titles and abstracts submission starts | 16 August 2016 | --- | --- |
| 5 | Titles and abstracts submission closes | 31 October 2016 | --- | --- |
| 6 | Paper submission starts | 16 January 2017 | 16 January 2017 | 15 September 2016 |
| 7 | Paper submission closes | 13 April 2017 | 13 April 2017 | 15 February 2017 |
| 8 | Notification about paper acceptance | --- | --- | 31 March 2017 |
| 9 | Discount registration closes | 19 April 2017 | | |
| 10 | Registration for organisers, chairs, presenting authors and discussants closes | 22 May 2017 | | |
| 11 | Online and student registration closes | 07 July 2017 | | |

**Invited Paper Sessions (IPS)**

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| The IPSs are developed by the [**Scientific Programme Committee (SPC)**](http://www.isi2017.org/index.php/isi2017/committees/scientific-prog-committee) of the ISI and its Associations. IPSs usually consist of 3-4 papers and a discussant invited by the organiser of the Session. |  | The SPC reviews the proposals, and selects the IPS to be included in the 61st WSC with due consideration on diversity of topics, the regional distribution of organisers, scientific quality and impacts. As a rule, one individual can only organise one session. |

**Special Topic Sessions (STS)**

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| STSs are an important component of the Scientific Programme of the WSC.  Proposals for STS are submitted by individual members of the ISI and its Associations and Committees. The sessions usually consist of 4-6 papers and possibly a discussant invited by the organiser of the Session. |  | Proposals for STSs are reviewed by the [**Local Programme Committee (LPC)**](http://www.isi2017.org/index.php/isi2017/committees/local-programme-committee). The list of STSs will be announced later this year. Proposals for IPS that are not selected by the SPC may be considered again as candidates for STS. |

**Contributed Paper/Poster Sessions (CPS)**

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| Any person planning to attend the ISI WSC may submit a contributed paper for presentation. For the submission to be considered by the [**Local Programme Committee (LPC)**](http://www.isi2017.org/index.php/isi2017/committees/local-programme-committee), it should include a title, an abstract and a short paper no more than 6 pages long. The paper must not have been published in any other conference proceedings or publication before the 61st WSC. The copyright for the abstracts and papers in the proceedings resides jointly with the authors and the ISI. Authors are free to publish expanded versions of the material elsewhere.  Once accepted, a contributed paper will be listed in the programme and presented in one of the following three modes:  (a) Oral Presentation. The speaker will have 15 minutes to present the paper in one of the Contributed Paper Sessions.  (b) Poster Presentation. The presenter will have a space to display his/her poster for one day, and should be available at the designated date/time for on-spot discussion. |  | (c) Poster-Plus Presentation. The presenter will have a space to display his/her poster for one day, and should be available at the designated date/time for on-spot discussion. In addition, the presenter will have an oral spotlight presentation of 5 minutes on a platform in the same hall of poster-display to advertise his/her poster.  Speakers and presenters must register by 22 May 2017. Only the papers with at least one registered speaker/presenter will be included in the scientific programme.  Contributed papers should be proposed by submitting an abstract and paper using the online submission system by 15 February 2017. The submissions will be reviewed by the LPC to ensure quality. Around the first quarter of 2017, the author who has submitted the abstract will be notified whether the paper is accepted and, if accepted, the allocated mode of presentation. The paper allocation to the different presentation modes and session lengths will take into account both the author's preference and programme optimisation. |

**Conference Schedule**

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| **Time** | **Sunday**  **16 July** | **Monday**  **17 July** | **Tuesday**  **18 July** | **Wednesday**  **19July** | **Thursday**  **20 July** | **Friday**  **21 July** |
| 07:30-09:00 |  | Administrative Meetings | | | | |
| 09:00-10:10 | Registration  (09:00-16:30)  "Special Event"  Organized by ISI  (09:30-12 :30) | Scientific Sessions (1) | | | | |
| 10:10-10:30 | Coffee break | | | | |
| 10:30-12:30 | Scientific Sessions (2) | | | | |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch - Administrative Meetings – Lunchtime Roundtable Discussions | | | | |
| 14:00-15:40 | Scientific Sessions (3) | | | | |
| 15:40-16:00 | Coffee break | | | | |
| 16:00-17:40 | Opening Ceremony  Cultural Attraction  Welcome Cocktail Reception | Scientific Sessions (4) | | | President’s Invited  Keynote Lecture  (16:00-17:10) | ISI & Association Awards Ceremony  (16:00-16:45) |
| 17:45-19:00 | Events by invitation |  |  | General Assembly  (17:15-19:15) | Closing Ceremony  (16:45-17:30) |
| 19:00-24:00 |  |  | Marrakech by night  (19:00-24:00) |  |  | Farewell Dinner  (20:30-23:30) |

**Short Courses**

**The Short Courses for the 61st ISI World Statistics Congress will take place from 13-15 July 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco. These short courses are organized by the ISI in cooperation with its Associations, with the support of the High Commission for Planning (HCP), the host organization for ISI2017. The Short Course Programme will be available soon.**

**The Short Courses registration and Cancellation policy can be found**[**here**](http://www.isi2017.org/images/isi-wsc-short-course-registration-20160530-vf.pdf).

**Lunch Roundtable Discussions**

**A lunch roundtable discussion is an opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship and a conversation with colleagues about a statistical concept or related topic in practice while eating lunch. These lunches also provide a great chance to interact and to network with other colleagues.   
Submission of LRTD proposals is open from 15 November to 24 January 2017.**

**Logistical details for the lunch roundtable:**

1. **Roundtable discussions will be organized by general theme/topic on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the WSC.**
2. **Each table will accommodate 7 to 10 participants.**
3. **Lunches will be available for all attendees at a cost of 15 Euro. Tickets for these events can be purchased during registration for the WSC. Regular and vegetarian meals are available.**
4. **During the registration process, participants will be prompted to select specific discussion tables of interest.**

**A list of the lunch roundtable discussion (LRTD) topics and their leaders will be available in due time.**

**Satellite Meetings**

**Satellite Meetings are conferences/events approved by the ISI, in conjunction with the ISI World Statistics Congress, and held in cities close to the WSC city. The ISI WSC in 2017 will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 16-21 July. Satellite Meetings can take place before or after the WSC.**

**Satellite Meetings announced for 2017:**

* **IASE Satellite Conference will be held in Rabat, Morocco, 11-14 July 2017:**[**http://iase-web.org/conference/satellite17/**](http://iase-web.org/conference/satellite17/)
* **IASC Satellite Meeting is the first conference on Data Science, Statistics & Visualisation (DSSV 2017), to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, 12-14 July 2017:**[**http://dssv2017.iasc-isi.org/**](http://dssv2017.iasc-isi.org/)
* **IASS Satellite Meeting on Small Area Estimation (SAE 2017) will take place in Paris, France, 10-12 July 2017:**[**http://sae2017.ensai.fr/**](http://sae2017.ensai.fr/)
* **The joint TIES-GRASPA Satellite Conference on Climate and Environment will be held at the University of Bergamo, Italy, 24-26 July 2017:**[**http://meetings2.sis-statistica.org/index.php/graspa2017/tiesgraspa2017**](http://meetings2.sis-statistica.org/index.php/graspa2017/tiesgraspa2017)
* **Irving Fisher Committee and Bank Al-Maghrib Satellite Seminar on Financial Inclusion will take place in Marrakech, Morocco, on 14 July 2017.  
    
  To register:**[**http://www.centralbankofmorocco.ma/IFC-Satellite-Seminar-Financial-Inclusion/**](http://www.centralbankofmorocco.ma/IFC-Satellite-Seminar-Financial-Inclusion/)**Call for papers:**[**http://www.bis.org/ifc/ifc\_ma\_satellite.pdf**](http://www.bis.org/ifc/ifc_ma_satellite.pdf)