

Upcoming Events / Événements en vue

Date	Venue / Lieu	Title / Titre	Organizers / Organismes
NOVEMBER / NOVEMBRE 2008			
24/11 – 5/12	Geneva, Switzerland	18 th International Conference of Labor Statisticians / 18 ^e conférence des statisticiens du travail	ILO
DECEMBER / DECEMBRE 2008			
1-3	Tunis, Tunisia	Workshop on regional statistical capacity building strategies and statistical cooperation between Maghreb countries / Atelier sur les stratégies régionales de renforcement des capacités statistiques et de la coopération statistique entre les pays maghrébins	PARIS21 / ONS
15 – 16	Ababa, Ethiopia	Workshop on Gender Statistics / Atelier régional sur les statistiques sexospécifiques	UNECA / InWent / AfDB / ACBF
17-19	Ababa, Ethiopia	Regional Workshop on NSDS / Atelier régional sur les SNDS	UNECA / InWent / AfDB / ACBF/ PARIS21
FEBRUARY/ FEVRIER 2009			
16-20	Luanda, Angola	4 th Africa Symposium for Statistical Development / 4 ^e symposium africain pour le développement de la statistique	ASSD Secretariat
24-27	New York, USA	40th Session of the UN Statistical Commission / 40 ^e session de la Commission statistique des Nations Unies	UNSD
AUGUST 2009			
16-22	Durban, South Africa	57 th Biennial Session - International Statistical Institute / 57 ^e session biennale de l'Institut International de Statistique	Stat SA / ISI
OCTOBER 2009			
27-30	Busan, Korea	3 rd OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy / 3 ^e Forum mondial de l'OCDE sur la statistique, la connaissance et la politique	OECD

57th Session of the International Statistical Institute

Durban, South Africa, August 16-22, 2009

Foreword

From the land alive with possibilities, and the home of the Rainbow Nation, I extend a warm invitation to join South Africa as we host the 57th Session of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) to be held in Durban, South Africa, from August 16-22, 2009.

In 2003, South Africa, mandated by Cabinet, was successful in a bid to host the 57th Session of the ISI. We share this success and privilege with the entire African continent and the African statistics community as a historic milestone in our journey of statistical development.

The 57th Session will provide a forum for us to evaluate where we are as a global community in seeking to achieve more equitable societies for all. These discussions will be defined by the theme of the session, ***“Statistics: Our Past, Present & Future”***.

On the eve of the 2010 Soccer World Cup, also hosted by South Africa, the session will set the pace and agenda for detailed debates and discussions. It will also feature an exciting “Proudly South African” social program and opportunities to learn about life in this diverse country.

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About the International Statistical Institute

Established in 1885, the International Statistical Institute (ISI) is one of the oldest scientific associations operating in the modern world. Its success can be attributed to the worldwide demand for professional statistical information, its leadership in the development of statistical methods and their application, and in the collective dedication of its members.

Its influence can be seen in the improvements in information and analysis throughout the economic, social, biological and industrial sectors. Its

industrial influence is evidenced in advanced statistical practices, resulting in improved quality assurance. The ISI is also proud of its continuing support of statistical progress in the developing world.

The Institute's activities are funded by grants from intergovernmental organizations, governments, local authorities, foundations, private businesses and others. The ISI is composed of more than 2,000 elected members who are internationally recognized as the definitive leaders in the field of statistics. Its membership crosses all borders, and is drawn from over 130 countries.

This reservoir of expertise is supplemented by approximately 3,000 additional individual members of the Institute's specialized sections:

- Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability (BS)
- International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC)
- International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS)
- International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS)
- International Association for Statistics Education (IASE)
- International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS)
- Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics (IFC)
- The International Environmetrics Society (TIES)

The ISI publishes a variety of professional books, journals, newsletters and reports, representing the cutting edge in the development of contemporary statistical knowledge.

Its permanent office is situated in The Hague, Netherlands, where it is incorporated. The Institute has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The ISI is especially renowned for its biennial meetings in which the entire membership congregates to exchange ideas, develop new links, and discuss current trends and developments in the statistical world.

Scientific Program for the 57th Session of the ISI

The ISI Scientific Program comprises four components:

Invited Paper Meetings (IPMs)

These meetings are largely finalized. For further information including the organizers of these meetings together with their contact details please see visit the ISI 2009 website at: www.statssa.gov.za/isi2009.

Special Topic Contributed Paper Meetings (STCPMs): Each STCPM will be allocated a slot of two-and-a-quarter hours. The meeting may follow a standard format, but can also be flexible. An organizer may want to include a number of short presentations, or fewer more substantial papers, or may prefer to organize a panel discussion. There are still opportunities to organize an STCPM on a particular topic or aspect of statistics. We welcome innovation and look forward to your contributions! If you would like to discuss your ideas please contact Professor Tim Dunne, Chair, Local Programme Committee, by e-mail at: tim.dunne@uct.ac.za

Contributed Paper Meetings (CPMs): Contributors have until **13th April 2009** to submit or revise an abstract on any topic within the broad fields of statistical theory, methods, application or education. Contributed paper authors are normally offered 15 minutes for their presentation. We will attempt to group contributed papers together according to their content. This process will be assisted if each contributor can select one or more of the categories offered on the registration form which best suit the paper. We will aim to include as many of the contributed papers as possible.

Posters: An alternative to offering a contributed paper is to submit an abstract for a poster. Each accepted poster will be allocated display space and a day for exhibition. A time slot will be allocated at which contributors can elaborate on the topic and answer questions. The best posters will be awarded prizes. Contributions through the medium of posters from young statisticians and students are particularly welcome.

All submissions require that the author is present at the ISI. Papers will be accepted in principle so that authors can seek relevant support to attend the ISI meeting. However, registration and payment of registration fees by **15 June 2009** are required for confirmation as part of the program.

IPM Scientific Papers

- 1 President's Invited Paper Meeting
- 2 Frontiers of Machine Learning
- 3 Inference under Qualitative Restrictions
- 4 Semi- and Nonparametric Statistics
- 5 Model Building and Regularization

- 6 Stochastic Geometry with Applications
- 7 Concentration Inequalities
- 8 Random Dynamical Systems
- 9 Statistical Modelling and Data Analysis for Neural Coding
- 10 The Role of Chance in Evolution
- 11 Stochastics in Neurophysiology
- 12 Statistics in Biodiversity
- 13 Stochastics of Genome
- 14 Complex Data Analysis, Dimension Reduction and Sparsity
- 15 The Challenge of Building a Supply of Statisticians for the Future
- 16 Comparing Poverty and Prices across National Boundaries - the ICP and Poverty PPPs
- 17 Implementing the 1993 System of National Accounts
- 18 Sustainable Development Indicators - New Challenges
- 19 Globalisation and Official Statistics - how to ensure International Comparability, while retaining National Relevance
- 20 Bringing Stats Home: Role of Official Statistical Offices in supporting Comparable Statistics at Regional, Urban and Local Level
- 21 Improving Comparability of Urban and Regional Data: Standards, Harmonization, and sharing Metadata Resources for Survey Development
- 22 Methodological and Measurement Challenges in Economic Statistics
- 23 Contemporary Methodological Challenges in Social Statistics
- 24 Quality Control and Assurance of Administrative Data used in Statistics Production
- 25 Measuring Price Statistics: A National Conspiracy of Numbers?
- 26 Functional Data Analysis: Theory and Applications
- 27 Uncertainty in Statistical Matching
- 28 Statistics and the Internet for Development in e-Education, e-Health and other fields with particular reference to Africa
- 29 Statistical Methods for Non-Linear Latent Variable Models
- 30 Statistical Online Monitoring
- 31 Statistical and Computational Challenges from New Environmental Sensing Systems
- 32 Sensometrics and Chemometrics in Food Industry
- 33 Statistical Modelling of Multimedia Content
- 34 Measures of Effectiveness for Distributed Systems
- 35 Spatial Statistics: Recent Advances in Epidemiological Applications
- 36 Random Projection for Multimedia Retrieval
- 37 The Roles of Statistical Agencies in Developing Statistical Literacy
- 38 Educating the Public on how to use Official Statistics

- 39 Challenges Faced in Statistics Education in African Countries
- 40 Balancing the Training of Future Statisticians for Workplace and Research
- 41 Exploiting the Progress in Statistical Graphics and Statistical Computing for the Benefit of Statistical Literacy
- 42 Survey Research in Statistics Education
- 43 Research on Informal Inferential Reasoning
- 44 Teaching, Learning and Assessing Statistics Problem Solving in Higher Education
- 45 Technologies for Learning and Teaching in Developing Countries
- 46 Virtual Learning Environments for Statistics Education
- 47 Designing and Conducting Surveys in Adverse Conditions (tentative title)
- 48 Sampling and Estimation Issues in Health Statistics
- 49 Measuring and Assessing Respondent Load
- 50 New Developments in Monitoring and Controlling Field Data Collection Activities
- 51 Recent Developments in Survey Methodology Research - Design and Estimation
- 52 Outliers in Complex Sample Surveys
- 53 Non response Bias in Surveys
- 54 New Developments in Modelling and Analysis of Survey Data
- 55 New Methodologies in Sampling Rare and Elusive Populations
- 56 Modelling Economic Data to Produce Small Area Estimates
- 57 Integrated Household Surveys - Design, Implementation, and Estimation
- 58 Issues in Price Index Methodology and Measurement
- 59 Dissemination of Survey Results to the Public
- 60 What Role, if any, Should Weights Play in the Analysis of Survey Data?
- 61 Capturing Unobserved Heterogeneity in Latent Variable Modelling
- 62 Statistical Issues in Complex Computational Models
- 63 Statistics in Finance
- 64 Statistics in the Pharmaceutical Industry
- 65 Analysis of Measurement Systems
- 66 Energy Statistics
- 67 Models of Modern Data and Metadata Systems
- 68 Risks in Finance – The State of the Art in Statistical Methods
- 69 Quantification of Qualitative Data from Surveys
- 70 The Size and Impact of Statistical Revisions
- 71 Statistics of Institutional Investors
- 72 Measuring Access to Monetary and Financial Services

- 73 Relative Survival
- 74 Group Sequential Analysis Design
- 75 Inference and Prediction in Competing Risks and Multi-State Models
- 76 Challenges and New Advances of Large Dimensional Failure Time Data Analysis with Applications in Population Sciences
- 77 Statistical Methodology for the Analysis of Sleep Studies
- 79 Prognostic Modelling for Proteomic Data
- 80 Measuring Fertility
- 81 Combining Stochastic and Deterministic Models to Determine Global Warming
- 82 Statistical Issues Associated with Climate Change
- 83 New Studies of the Association between Human Health and Pollution and their Impact in Air Quality Regulation
- 84 Spatial Modelling of Large and Disparate Environmental Datasets
- 85 Mesoscale Studies of Temperature Trends
- 86 Landscape Based Risk Assessment
- 87 New Methods for Improving Access to Statistics by the General Public
- 88 Statistics for Development
- 89 Institutional Strengthening – Building and Maintaining the Infrastructure in an Environment of Scarce Resources
- 90 Institutional Strengthening – Statistics Legislation and Institutional Arrangements and How to Make Them Work in Practice
- 91 Institutional Strengthening – Developing the Capability of the People Producing and Analysing Official Statistics
- 92 Biostatistics in Health: the Case of HIV/AIDS
- 93 Statistics in Africa (tentative title)
- 94 Do New Trends in Official Statistics, more Administrative Data and Use, with Governmental Guarantee for Independence, Present New Ethical Dilemmas?
- 95 Adversarial Risk Analysis
- 96 Progress, Politics and Statistics: Interactions and Implications
- 97 Estimating Demographic Statistics with Flawed Vital Registration Systems
- 98 Issues in the Analysis of Multivariate Data in the Spatial Domain
- 99 Biostatistics and Clinical Research: A Symbiosis
- 100 Improving Data Archiving and Dissemination Systems for a Better Access and Utilization of Survey and Census Data
- 101 Jan Tinbergen and Cochran-Hansen Awards for Best Papers by Young Statisticians

Short Courses

A number of short courses will be organized prior to ISI 2009. One of these courses, for which information is currently available, is that of the **International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS)**.

Seven selected short courses will be offered over two two-day sessions. The preliminary schedule of IASS Short Courses for the ISI 2009 meetings is as follows:

IASS Session 1: August 12-13, 2009	
Session/Course	Volunteer Instructors
Editing and Imputation	John Kovar, Eric Rancourt
Business Survey Design	Wesley Yung, Michael Hidioglou
Sample Design	Colm O'Muircheartaigh, Steve Heeringa
IASS Session 2: August 14-15, 2009	
Survey Quality	Paul Biemer
Seasonal Adjustment of Data	Craig McClaren, Dominique Ladiray, Benoit Quenneville
Analysis of Complex Sample Data	Jay Breidt, Wayne Fuller, Kirk Wolter
Small Area Estimation	Jon Rao, Isabel Molina

Steve Heeringa, IASS Scientific Secretary, will be coordinating this activity, in close liaison with the local hosts in South Africa. Should you have any questions or concerns about the 2009 IASS short courses, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Heeringa directly by email on sheering@isr.umich.edu

More information on other short courses will be posted on the ISI website as and when this becomes available.

Satellite Meetings

Several satellite meetings will be held before and after the 57th Session of the ISI. These meetings will be held both in Durban and in some of the other provinces in South Africa. There follows some information on the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS) satellite meeting. Additional information on other satellite meetings will follow in the next bulletin.

International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS) Satellite Meeting

The “Stellenbosch Statistical Symposium 2009”, the satellite meeting of the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS), will take place from August 24-26, 2009 at the Wallenberg Conference facility in Stellenbosch in the Western Cape. This meeting will be hosted by the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at Stellenbosch University.

The Stellenbosch Statistical Symposium is co-hosted by the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics and will focus on quantitative aspects of the banking, insurance, manufacturing and engineering industries of South Africa and abroad. The emphasis will be on important statistical issues relating to productivity improvement and decision-making at all levels of business and industry.

Leading quantitative business analysts and industrial statisticians will participate and the organizers hope to attract a significant number of delegates from South African business and industry.

The symposium will be held in the spectacular university town of Stellenbosch, which is in the heartland of the South African wine industry.

Conference Program

ISI Sessions include both scientific and administrative meetings. Provision is made for meetings of the ISI Executive, Executives of the sections and committees, as well as the General Assembly of the ISI. Apart from the opening and closing ceremonies, the President’s Invited Paper Session is the only plenary session. Up to 20 parallel sessions for each Scientific Paper slot are anticipated. The preliminary program for August 16-22 is as follows:

Time	Sunday 16 Aug	Monday 17 Aug	Tuesday 18 Aug	Wednesday 19 Aug	Thursday 20 Aug	Friday 21 Aug	Saturday 22 Aug
07.30-09.00		Admin meetings	Admin meetings	(08.30-10.45) Scientific papers	Admin meetings	Admin meetings	Admin meetings
09.00-11.15	Registration	Scientific papers	Scientific papers		(10.45-13.00) Scientific papers	Scientific papers	Scientific papers
11.15-13.00		Admin meetings	Admin meetings	Admin meetings		Admin meetings	Admin meetings
13.00-15.15		Scientific papers	Scientific papers	Free time for excursions	Scientific papers	Scientific papers	Scientific papers
15.15-17.30		(16.30) Opening Ceremony followed by cocktail	Scientific papers		Scientific papers	General Assembly	Scientific papers
			Beach Party		Women in Statistics Dinner (by invitation only)	Statistician-General's VIP Dinner (by invitation only)	Gala dinner

The Social Program will be a highlight of the 57th Session of the ISI and is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to relax and experience a taste of South African cuisine, culture and hospitality, and to maximize networking opportunities.

Registration

Registration for ISI 2009 is now open via the conference website which can be accessed at <http://www.statssa.gov.za/isi2009>. Register before May 15 to qualify for our early bird discounted registration fee. Information on accommodation available for ISI 2009 in Durban is also available on the website.

Registration fee	Before May 15	After May 15, before August 1	After August 1 / on site
ISI or ISI section member IPM organizer, Authors and discussants of IPMs, regional participants	R2 500 (€250)	R2 750 (€275)	R3 500 (€350)
Student	R1 000 (€100)	R1 500 (€150)	R2 500 (€250)
Day registration (South African delegates only)	R 500	R 600	R 800
Other participant	R2 750 (€275)	R3 000 (€300)	R3 750 (€375)
Accompanying person (lunches included)	R1 750 (€175)	R2 000 (€200)	R2 750 (€275)
Accompanying person (lunches excluded)	R1 500 (€150)	R1750 (€175)	R2000 (€200)
Entitlements			
<i>Delegates:</i> Conference bag, session material, full access to the conference venue (including sessions and exhibition area), access to transport to and from the designated hotels and the airport, lunch vouchers for August 17-18, 20-22, 2009, evening functions on August 16, 18 and 22, 2009.			
<i>Accompanying persons:</i> As above, but may not present papers or posters and do not receive session material. Lunch vouchers are optional.			
<i>Day registration delegates:</i> Available to South African residents only, includes a conference bag, session material and lunch voucher.			

Funding

Since this is the first Session of the ISI ever to be held in sub-Saharan Africa, we would like to ensure the broadest possible participation from African delegates, students and women. We are therefore investigating possible funding opportunities to enable the participation of these selected groups. More information on these funding opportunities will be available in due course and will be communicated on the ISI 2009 website.

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