



Farewell Message from the National Organizing Committee



Today marks the end of a whole week of statistical sharing on a global-scale. We have had a wonderful time here with you, with vivid discussions and excellent meetings and sessions.

It is with a great honor that we wish to express our thanks to all those who contributed in any way to organize ISI2017 here in Marrakech, and to make it a successful event.

During this 6-days Congress, over 300 sessions, amounting to over 1,200 papers, have been put forth by experts and researchers of the statistical community, from all around the world. Besides that, we held two special events on "Statistical approaches to measure environment and climate change impacts", and "The Data Revolution for the Sustainable Development Goals".

The richness and the diversity of input reflected the quality and the potential of the statistical community. A diverse range of exciting topics has been covered, through which new challenges and opportunities came out.

There is no doubt that all participants were able to enrich their statistical knowledge, and at the same time, extend their network of contacts.

You as participants are thanked for all your great scientific input and for many fruitful discussions and scientific interaction.

We wish you all safe travels back home and look forward to meeting again in another world-class event.

National Organizing Committee

Au revoir

We wish to combine in giving enormous thanks and accolades to all those who have contributed to such a memorable World Statistics Congress. Our deep gratitude goes to Morocco and its High Commission for Planning for hosting the 61st World Statistics Congress. Huge thanks goes to the Scientific Program Committee and its indefatigable chair, Fabrizio Ruggeri. And we give huge thanks to the Local Program Committee and the Local Organising Committee and their amazing chair, Belkacem Abdous, and to the ultimate problem-solver and facilitator, Hasnae Fdhil. Immense thanks to the staff of the Permanent Office who do so much for the WSC and all the ISI and Association business at a WSC. And big thanks to everyone who has contributed to the program, to committees, to meetings, to round tables, to awards and by presenting, chairing, discussing and participating with energy and collegiality.



So we have to say both a sad and glad au revoir to all our wonderful colleagues and friends in the international statistical family. The richness of a WSC reflects the richness of statistics and of the ISI family and its connections with so many other organisations, of which more and more seek to link with us in some way. The richness of a WSC is also due to the location, and the beauty and history of Marrakech has added a special magic to this WSC, matched by the wonderful hospitality and warmth of our hosts and their city. We have indeed had an amazingly 'warm' welcome.

It is also delightful to know that they're even talking of the WSC in the marketplaces! This WSC has indeed made an impact.

The importance of World Statistics Congresses to the statistical community was emphasized by the number of times they were mentioned in the 2016 survey of members. The history of WSC's is as rich as the history of the ISI itself, and the accumulation of memories and experiences feeds into continuing to make them the highlight of our networking and connectivity which our members value so highly. The members' survey plus further consultation with Council and members were invaluable in developing the strategy 2017-2021 which gathers and articulates our goals and aspirations. The Executive Committee and Council are aiming to maintain this connectivity.

We also combine in our thanks and appreciation to our wonderful colleagues in the Executive Committee, Council, Associations and all the committees, organisations and individuals with whom we have had the privilege to work. We often see evidence of the respect in which ISI is held worldwide and the impact we can have. We were both at the UN World Data Forum in January and once again saw how ISI 'punches above its weight'. But we need to increase that 'weight' to meet the ever-increasing statistical needs of the world.

And so we say not so much au revoir but à bientôt. Malaysia has already shown us glimpses of the richness and magic that will be WSC 2019. We hope to see you all sooner rather than later, we urge everyone to become part of our family and to once again experience the splendour of a WSC in 2019.

Pedro Silva and Helen MacGillivray



Closing Ceremony

Date: Friday 21 July 2017 | Time: 16:45 to 17:30 | Venue: Auditorium A.0.01, Palais des Congrès

All participants are invited to join the Closing Ceremony of ISI2017.

Conference highlights

Yesterday, 20 July 2017, a great Special Topic Session took place on “**Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX), a global standard for quality statistics**”. The main objective of this session was to highlight advantages of SDMX in regard to the production of statistical data process. For this purpose, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Central Bank (ECB), and the African Development Bank (AfDB) presented their experiences and activities concerning the use of SDMX. This aimed to bring up issues of collecting, exchanging, and disseminating statistical data, as well as ensure its quality.

It was followed by an extremely interesting Special Topic Session on “**Benchmarking gender matters on basis of statistics**”. The speakers pointed three important issues based on study cases. The first one was about gender equality indicators in Denmark, while the second one focused on gender wage gap in Morocco, and the third one reviewed monetary cost of violence against women in Jordan.

Certificates

Certificates of Participation are available at the reception of the Palais des Congrès for all participants.

Social Media Networks

You can review all the activities of ISI2017 on:

- ISI2017 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/isi2017org>
- HCP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HCPMaroc>
- ISI2017 Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/isi2017>
- HCP Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/hcpmaroc>
- ISI2017 YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCivBoUelwNF86vzGbaSS9hA>
- HCP YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/marochcp>



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Mahalanobis Prize Winner

On Thursday morning, Professor Rahul Mukherjee received the Mahalanobis Award in a special session where he also presented the Mahalanobis Prize Lecture, titled 'Research in experimental design in India: achievements and emerging challenges'. The Award Certificate was presented by Prof Mr. D.P. Mondal, Additional Director General, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India. Mr. Mondal later also signed the Memorandum of Understanding together with ISI President Pedro Silva, in the presence of ISI President-Elect, Helen McGillivray, and ISI Director, Ada van Krimpen. The formal award giving will be part of Award Ceremony tomorrow, Friday 21 July, at 16:00 hours.

The Mahalanobis International Award is sponsored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation of the Government of

India. It is awarded to a selected statistician from a developing country in recognition of her/his lifetime achievements in Statistics and the promotion of best statistical practices in a developing country or countries. The award is given biennially during the ISI World Statistics Congress.

Prof. Mukerjee received the award for lifetime record of truly outstanding research in design of experiments and asymptotic theory of statistical inference, and significant research in survey sampling; his considerable professional service, including editorial boards for extended periods on some major statistical journals; and his teaching and mentoring which has contributed greatly to capacity development in a large developing country.



Mr Mondal and Pedro Silva signing the Memorandum of Understanding between ISI and the Indian Government for the Mahalanobis Prize in Statistics.



Professor Mukherjee receiving the Mahalanobis Prize Certificate.

ISI Karl Pearson Prize

The Awards Ceremony will include the presentation of the third ISI Karl Pearson Prize, which is sponsored by Elsevier. Established in 2013, it recognises a research contribution, published within the past three decades, that has had profound influence in Statistics.

The 2017 Award Winners, Roderick J. Little, Richard D. Remington Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan, USA, and Donald B. Rubin, Donald B. Rubin is the John L. Loeb Professor of Statistics at Harvard University,

USA, received the Prize for their book «Statistical Analysis With Missing Data», published by John Wiley & Sons in 1987.

Earlier missing data work was ad hoc at best. Little and Rubin defined the field and provided the methodological and applied communities with a useful and usable taxonomy and a set of key results. Today, their terminology and methodology is used more than ever.



Malaysia welcomes you to ...

62nd ISI World Statistics Congress 2019 18-23 August 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Malaysia will be hosting the 62nd ISI World Statistics Congress, the world's most renowned gathering in the area of statistics on 18 - 23 August 2019. The prestigious biennial flagship event of the ISI will be jointly organised by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) and Malaysia Institute of Statistics (ISM) in Kuala Lumpur.

The ISI WSC 2019, in line with the tradition of the WSCs for the past 130 years, will serve as a platform for statistical community from around the globe to **come** and exchange knowledge as well as explore sound ideas through a multi rich scientific programme. The congress aims to bring together more than 2,500 delegates to discuss over 1,500 papers in a period of 5 days. Pre- and post-conference meetings and seminars which involve distinguished statistical experts will also be organised by the respective statistical bodies and associations. It will act as a medium to **connect** participants in establishing networking and a perfect space to magnify presence collaborations. Going beyond the meetings, social events will **create** an avenue for participants to further experience the warm hospitality while enjoying delicacies and traditional performances by Malaysians.

Malaysia, a thriving nation of 32 million, is a bustling melting-pot of races, cultures and religions where Malays, Indians, Chinese and many other ethnic groups live together in peace and harmony.

Multi-culturalism has made Malaysia into a global gastronomical paradise and home to hundreds of unique colourful festivals. One of Malaysia's key attractions is its extreme contrasts which further add to its diversity ranging from towering skyscrapers such as Petronas Twin Towers to the traditional longhouses of Sabah and Sarawak. Peninsular Malaysia is endowed with bustling cities, colonial architecture, spectacular beaches and islands while East Malaysia are blessed with rainforests, orang utans and awesome diving spots. Malaysia is rated among the top tourist destinations in the world and a must to visit.

As the venue of numerous iconic international events, Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia will once again host another prestigious international event, which is the 62nd ISI WSC 2019. As a cosmopolitan urban center, Kuala Lumpur offers a multitude of experiences for delegates from grandest old colonial buildings to boasting gleaming

skyscrapers and myriad of natural attractions, a definite opportunity for participants to experience the whole of Asia in a single destination.

ISI WSC 2019 will be held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), one of the best convention centres in Asia, overlooking the KLCC Twin Towers. The KLCC which offers 20,059 sqm of flexible function space will be the strategic venue for the participants as it is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur with easy access via public transportation and wide selection of accommodations. The participants will enjoy spectacular surroundings and entertainment while shopping and dining, all within walking distance. Find out more about the venue at www.klccconventioncentre.com.

The congress website of the ISI WSC 2019 at www.isi2019.org is now open. You may refer to the website for more information on the conference, organisers and Malaysia.

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Networking Evening



National Organizing Committee and HCP's leading figures joined by ISI staff, ISI Associations' executive committee members, African DGs, and national delegates gathered together on Wednesday 19 July 2017, at the Beldi Country Club, for the Networking Evening.

The Networking Evening provided them a good opportunity to spend more quality time with each other, strengthen collaboration and exchanges among involved organizations, and examine opportunities for further and closer cooperation.

ISI and Associations Awards Ceremony

We invite you to join the celebrations of the Awards and Prizes of the ISI and its Associations at the Awards Ceremony on Friday 21 July, at 16:00 hours.

The diversity of awards and prizes reflects the scale and reach of Statistics and of the ISI family. They also demonstrate the unity of the ISI family in its commitment to our mission to lead, support and promote the understanding, development and good practice of statistics worldwide.

Some of the awards have already been announced or presented over the last two years (since the previous WSC in Rio de Janeiro), or during the WSC, in special events. We will be recognising all of them at the Awards Ceremony; you are heartily welcome!

The Awards Ceremony will take place today, Friday 21 July, in the Auditorium A.0.01, 16:00-16:45.

Announcement of the 2017 NSA 1st International Conference

The Nigerian Statistical Association announces the 1st International Statistical Conference.

This event will be under the theme: "Positioning national statistical systems for Data Revolution and inclusive development" will take place in University of Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka, Lagos State, Nigeria, from 6 to 8 September 2017.

It will be preceded by the 16th Pre-Conference Workshop on "Data analysis and visualization using MATLAB", will also take place in the same venue, from 4 to 5 September 2017.



Farewell Dinner



Dear participants to ISI2017,

We are pleased to remind you that ISI2017 invites you to the Farewell Dinner that will take place today, Friday 21 July, from 20:30 to 23:30 in the spectacular "Chez Ali" restaurant. It will offer you a sumptuous dinner under the Berber tents as dancers, acrobats, cavaliers, and folk music provide an enchanting atmosphere.

The Farewell Dinner is a true Moroccan Nights' experience. Under the massive tents and "Khozamas" in the Marrakech palm grove, waiters

and waitresses dressed in their own tribal costumes also double as entertainers. As the evening progresses, all through the dinner, various folklore troupes pass through the tents dancing, singing, and generally animating the evening. This impressive evening comes to a fitting finale with the Fantasia show. Watch acrobats on Arabian horses firing rifles and demonstrating traditional forms of military combat. Then follows horseback acrobatics, a belly dance, and suddenly up in the night sky a Sultan and his favorite fly to the stars on their magic carpet, as the evening comes to its end.

Daily Announcements

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<http://payment.isi2017.org/wp-content/images/ISI2017-Marrakech-DailyNews-6-Fri21072017.pdf>

TODAY'S EVENTS	TIME	VENUE
ISI Committee for Women in Statistics: Meeting of Country Representatives	12:30 to 14:00	Room D.1.06, Atlas Medina hotel
ISI WSC 2017 Tutorial: How to prepare successful oral and poster presentations	13:00 to 14:00	Room A.1.18, Palais des Congrès
ISI & Associations' Awards Ceremony	16:00 to 16:45	Auditorium A.0.01, Palais des Congrès
Closing ceremony	16:45 to 17:30	Auditorium A.0.01, Palais des Congrès



Marrakech highlights: Bahia Palace

Bahia Palace is a palace of Grand Vizier Ba Hmad of Marrakech, located in the Medina along the northern edge of the district Mellah (Jewish quarter).

Although the period of the construction is unknown, the building was in use between 1859 and 1873. It represents one of the main monuments of the cultural and historical heritage of the country.

Bahia Palace has been well maintained over the last century by the Moroccan government and is currently used to receive foreign dignitaries. A part of the palace is occupied by the Moroccan Ministry of Culture and Communication.

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Emergency numbers

Police (security in urban areas) : **19**

Royal Gendarmerie
(security outside urban areas) : **177**

Tourist Police :
+212 5 24 38 46 01

Fire Brigade / Ambulance : **15**

Complimentary shuttle service

A shuttle service is offered from the six hotel zones to the Palais des Congrès.

Shuttle schedule:	Fri 21 July	Shuttle frequency:	
Outbound route (Hotel › Palais des Congrès)	06:30 a.m. to 07:30 p.m.	Peak hours	Every 15 minutes
Inbound route (Palais des Congrès › Hotel)	11:00 a.m. to 07:45 p.m.	Off-peak hours	Every hour

Winners of the 3D2N stay in Malaysia!

Last 2 winners of the 3D2N stay at the Frangipani Langkawi Resort, Malaysia are:

- 1) Mr Kamal El Fouadi (Morocco).
- 2) Mr Kamel Gaanoun (Morocco).