

IASC News July 2020

Data Science, Statistics & Visualisation Conference (DSSV 2020)

The **DSSV virtual** conference is on schedule for **July 29-31, 2020**. We have an exciting line-up of speakers, with keynote addresses by David Dunson, Cynthia Rudin, and Ming Yuan. To register, or to get more information, go to <https://www.samsi.info/programs-and-activities/research-workshops/2020-data-science-statistics-and-visualisation-conference-july-29-31-2020/>

Good News: Master Program in Data Mining at the Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (UTN), Facultad Regional Parana, Argentina

Professor Ana Silvia Haedo, LARS-IASC Board of Directors member, is the Director of the Postgraduate Program in Data Mining at the UTN. The new program has been evaluated and approved by the National Committee for University Assessment and Accreditation (CONEAU) of Argentina. This achievement recognizes the efforts done by the UTN to offer data science specializations. The National Technological University – Paraná Regional Faculty is one of the universities of the National Technological University and is located in Paraná, Entre Ríos Region, east of Buenos Aires in Argentina (<http://www.frp.utn.edu.ar/>).



Forthcoming Event: LACSC 2021 5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing



ITAM - Río Hondo 2012

The **5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing LACSC 2021** will be held in Ciudad de México, México, from **April 19 to April 21, 2021**. The conference was originally scheduled for 2020 but postponed to 2021 given the worldwide emergency by COVID-19, the location and program will remain the same. LACSC 2021 is jointly organized by the Department of Statistics and the Department of Industrial & Operations Engineering of the Instituto Autónomo de México (ITAM), the Latin American

Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing (LARS-IASC) and the International Statistical Institute (ISI). The theme of this year is **“Statistical Computing for Intelligent Decision Making”** and the **Keynote Speakers**,

- Wendy L. Martínez, Bureau of Labor Statistics, USA
- Daniel Russo, Columbia University, USA

- Enrique Sucar, Inst. Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptima y Electrónica, México
- Renato Assunção, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil
- Antonietta Mira, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Switzerland

LACSC 2021 invites to submit papers, contributed paper sessions and invited paper sessions before **January 11, 2021**. The call of papers and all the information is available at <http://lacsc2020.itam.mx>

The aim of LACSC is to foster the progress of the theory, methods and practice of statistical computing in Latin America, and to become the main meeting point of the statistical computing scientific community in LA. This year, the call of papers of the conference gives an account of the interest of academics, scientists and professionals in methodological aspects of statistical computing and relevant applications for the Latin American community.



Zócalo (Plaza de la Constitución)



Aztec calendar in green ceramic

You cannot miss LACSC 2021! The Local Organizing Committee is also organizing an interesting social program. Mexico City is the capital of the United Mexican States (official name of the country). Originally this city was built on an islet where some natives found an eagle devouring a snake and was called Tenochtitlan. Chinampas for agriculture were built around it and became the capital of the Aztec Empire. With the arrival of the Spaniards in 1521, Mexico City fell under its dominance and became the center of the economic activity of the power of New Spain. Its outstanding colonial architecture earned it recognition as the City of Palaces. Currently, Mexico City stands in a valley surrounded by volcanoes, proud of its heritage, the product of the fusion of two cultures. It is the largest and most populous city in Latin America and one of the most dynamic capitals in the world; It has a large number of museums, theaters, concert halls, archaeological ruins, theme parks and recreational parks. Also, it offers a great gastronomic variety typical of all regions of Mexico and the world. Please see more information on the following links: <https://www.visitmexico.com/en/> and <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/mexico-city>

Forthcoming Event: 3rd LARS-IASC School on Computational Statistics and Data Science





Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

The **Third LARS-IASC School on Computational Statistics and Data Science** will be held in Ciudad de México, México, from **April 17 to April 18, 2021**. This is a satellite event of the 5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing, LACSC 2021, jointly organized by the Instituto Autónomo de México (ITAM), the Latin American Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing (LARS-IASC) and the International Statistical Institute (ISI).

This year the school theme is **Stochastic Simulation and Reinforcement Learning** (<http://lacsc2020.itam.mx>) and the **instructors**,

- Enrique Sucar, Inst. Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, México
 - “Probabilistic Graphical Models: Principles and Applications”
- David Muñoz-Negrón, Instituto Tecnológico de México (ITAM)
 - “Stochastic Simulation: Output Analysis and Applications”
- Eduardo F. Morales, Inst. Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica, México
 - “Reinforcement Learning”

The school was originally scheduled for 2020 but postponed to 2021 given the worldwide emergency by COVID-19, the location and program will remain the same. The main purpose of the school is to spread the knowledge base and advances in Statistical Computing in Latin American countries and to increase the quantity of researchers and data scientists in the field. The program is organized around three axes: knowledge base and advances, software and data science applications and it is oriented to postgraduate students, researchers and practitioners in statistics and data science. For LARS-IASC students, the IASC will provide (a) up to **10 scholarships** – 100% waiver in registration fee for people living in developing countries (low income countries <https://data.worldbank.org/income-level/low-income> and lower middle income countries <https://data.worldbank.org/income-level/lower-middle-income>); (b) 1 full scholarship that includes registration fee, travel, and stay expenses. To apply for these scholarships, the candidates must,

- Be a member of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC). More information on how to become a member can be found here: <http://iasc-isi.org/become-a-member/>
- At the time of the application and of the events be living and working/studying in a developing country.



Palace of Fine Arts



Teotihuacan



Xochimilco

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News from the IASC Executive Committee (July 2020)

Even without any physical conferences this summer, the IASC Executive Committee (EC) has been quite active during the past few months. We had to schedule our annual Executive Committee meeting and our General Assembly (GA). As an IASC member, you should have received an invitation around June 29 to participate in the virtual IASC EC, scheduled for **Thursday, August 27, 2020, 15:00 – 16:00 CEST (e.g., Berlin, Germany)** [6:00-7:00 Pacific Time (e.g., Los Angeles), 9:00-10:00 Eastern Time (e.g., New York), and 22:00-23:00 JST (e.g., Tokyo)]. Updates and access information will be provided via e-mail a few days prior to the General Assembly.

If you did not receive the original invitation around June 29 (and you are an IASC member), please check your e-mail notifications (and spam e-mail folder) first and reach out to Mrs. Margaret de Ruiten-Molloy (m.deruitermolloy@cbs.nl), the Membership Officer at the ISI Permanent Office, to check your membership status and e-mail notification settings. We look forward to meeting you virtually at the GA this year.

As always, we hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy in these difficult times.