IASC News November 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Given the current situation in Hong Kong the 11th IASC-ARS conference (2-5 December 2019) has been cancelled. Arrangements on follow-up issues will be announced later.
See for more information https://saasweb.hku.hk/conference/iasc-ars2019/

Forthcoming Event: LACSC 2020 5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing

The **5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing (LACSC 2020)** will be held in Ciudad de México, México, from June 9 to June 11, 2020. This international conference 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).

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The theme of the conference is "**Statistical Computing for Intelligent Decision Making**". 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.

LACSC 2020 invites to submit papers, contributed paper sessions and invited paper sessions before February 20, 2020. The call of papers and all the information is available at lacsc2020.itam.mx

You cannot miss LACSC 2020! 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: www.visitmexico.com and
www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/mexico-city

Zócalo (Plaza de la Constitución)

Aztec calendar in green ceramic

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 June 7 to June 8, 2020. This is a satellite event of the 5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing, LACSC 2020. The school is 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).

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. It is oriented to postgraduate students, researchers and practitioners in statistics and data science.

This year the school theme is **Stochastic Simulation and Reinforcement Learning**. The website of the school is at lacsc2020.itam.mx
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 and lower middle income countries;
  (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.
    • 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 (November 2019)

One of the topics discussed among the Executive Committee (EC) members in October was related to the funding of non-IASC events. We decided to support some student participants at the Second Conference on Statistics and Data Science - CSDS 2019, held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, November 18-20, 2019. See the website for additional details about this conference.

Discussions continued with respect to the use of potential donations to IASC and are being finalized with the ISI Permanent Office (PO) in the Netherlands now. We would really appreciate it if you consider donating for one of the two IASC funds (for students and young researchers) when you renew your IASC membership for 2020 in the next few weeks.

The IASC EC also approved two additional members for the IASC Publication Committee: In addition to our elected Publication Officer, Paulo Canas Rodrigues (Brazil), as its chair, this committee will have Chun-Houh Chen (Taiwan) and Paula Brito (Portugal) as its members. Thanks, Chun-Houh and Paula, for serving on this committee.