

## IASC News December 2019

### ERS-IASC BoD Elections for 2020-2024

Every second year, five out of the ten regular members of the Board of Directors of the European Regional Section of the International Association for Statistical Computing are elected for a period of four years. Furthermore, a chairperson elect is elected for two years who will become chairperson for the two consecutive years. The selection committee found five suitable candidates from different fields of computational statistics and different countries for the Board of Directors as well as a candidate for the chairperson elect. In consensus with the Board of Directors it was decided to declare them elected without formal vote of the members. We are happy to welcome Maria Brigida Ferraro (Italy) as the chairperson elect for ERS-IASC starting her term in August 2020. We also welcome Massimiliano Caporin (Italy), Karel Hron (Czech Republic), Myriam Maumy-Bertrand (France), Sara Taskinen (Finland), and Stefan van Aelst (Belgium) as new members of the Board of Directors for the period 2020 – 2024.

### COMSTAT 2020 Conference in Bologna

The 24th International Conference on Computational Statistics will take place at the University of Bologna, Italy, 25-28 August 2020 (<http://www.compstat2020.org>). The conference will include invited special sessions on "Robust statistics" (Organizer: Peter Filzmoser), "Bootstrap and resampling in cluster analysis" (Organizer: Christian Hennig), "Bayesian extreme value analysis" (Organizer: Miguel de Carvalho), "Causality and distributional robustness" (Organizer: Peter Buehlmann), and "Applications for data visualizations" (Organizer: Juergen Symanzik). Furthermore, two tutorial will be offered on "Text-mining in Econometrics" (Peter Winker, University of Giessen, Germany) and "Tail dependence with Copulas" (Fabrizio Durante, University of Salento, Italy).

IASC-ERS also announces that it will offer up to three prizes, each worth of five hundred euros, for the three best contributions submitted by young participants (younger than 35 years on August 31, 2020). The deadline for submission of abstracts for contributed talks and posters is 17 April 2020. The deadline for invited and for contributed talks to organized sessions is 15 May 2020.

### IASC ISI Nominations Committee for the Period 2019-2021

Rosaria Lombardo, the IASC *ISI Nominations Officer*, announced the other members of the *ISI Nominations Committee*. This committee is in charge of identifying deserving IASC members and help them become [ISI Elected Members](#).

Committee Member	Affiliation	Country
Rosaria Lombardo (Chair)	University of Campania "Vanvitelli"	Italy
Michel van de Velden	University of Rotterdam	Netherlands
Paulo Canas Rodrigues	Federal University of Bahia	Brazil
Junji Nakano	Chuo University	Japan
Geoffrey John McLachlan	University of Queensland	Australia

Thanks to Rosaria, Michel, Paulo, Junji, and Geoffrey for serving on this committee.

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



The 5<sup>th</sup> 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).



ITAM - Río Hondo 2012

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](http://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](http://www.visitmexico.com) and [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com)



Zócalo (Plaza de la Constitución)



Aztec calendar in green ceramic

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

This year the school theme is **Stochastic Simulation and Reinforcement Learning**. The website of the school is at [lacsc2020.itam.mx](http://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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