

### (Postponed) LACSC 2020 5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing and 3rd LARS School on Computational Statistics and Data Science



Given the worldwide emergency by COVID-19, the 5th Latin American Conference on Statistical Computing 2020 and the 3rd LARS School on Computational Statistics and Data Science have been postponed to 2021. The LARS School 2021 will be held from April 17 to 18, 2021, and the LACSC 2021 from April 19 to 21, 2021. The location and program will remain the same. More information will be provided as soon as possible. The LARS-IASC sends a warm hug of solidarity and solace to all those who have been affected by COVID-19.

### (Postponed) COMPSTAT 2020

Due to the uncertainty caused by the current situation with the COVID-19 outbreak, COMPSTAT 2020 is postponed. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this. The 24th International Conference on Computational Statistics will take place at the University of Bologna, Italy, 29-31 August 2021. The satellite meeting, CSDA & EcoSta Workshop on Statistical Data Science (SDS 2020), is also postponed to 1-2 September 2021. The current submissions, registrations and sessions have been moved directly to the new online tools. The new website is <http://www.compstat2021.org>. We hope to see you all in August 2021 in Bologna!

### (Postponed) The III International School on Classification and Data Analysis

The III International School on Classification and Data Analysis supported by the IASC-ERS had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Italy. The school is now scheduled to take place from 26 to 30 October 2020 at the Lake Como School of Advanced Studies (Como, Italy). See <https://rsfd.lakecomoschool.org/> for details.

### News from the IASC Executive Committee (April 2020)

When I stated in the March 2020 IASC EC News Item that “*it is impossible to predict future developments [regarding conferences]. Please look out for updates – and stay healthy!*”, I didn’t realize how soon we would have to make major updates to our planned conference schedule. Less than a month later, three of the IASC conferences and schools originally planned for the spring and summer of 2020 have been postponed until the fall of 2020 or even until 2021 (see the news items above). No final decision has been made for our Data Science, Statistics, and Visualization (DSSV 2020) conference, but it is unlikely that this will be held in its current form in July 2020. One option under consideration is to transfer it into an electronic conference this year. Look out for further updates in the next few weeks.

While there is a lot of information available on the web related to COVID-19 (some more reliable, some less reliable), let me point to a web site created by the ISI Permanent Office with links to what appear to be reliable sources: <https://www.isi-web.org/index.php/covid-19>

Given all these updates in less than a month, the most important thing hasn’t changed, though: I hope you and your loved ones will stay healthy in this critical situation. All the best in these difficult times.