



The Local Programme Committee (LPC) for the 60th ISI World Statistics Congress (WSC) invites the international statistical community to submit proposals for Special Topic Sessions (STS).

The 60th ISI World Statistics Congress ([ISI2015](#)) will be held 26-31 July 2015 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It will highlight the contributions that Statistics can make to the advancement of science and engineering, business and industry, government and public policy, education, health and welfare across the globe. The scientific programme will cover invited, special topics, and contributed paper sessions on a wide variety of topics, with the overall goal of presenting a balanced programme that provides a sense of the current state of the field. It will feature presentations on leading-edge research, innovative applications, and state-of-the-art practices. There will also be talks and panel discussions on new directions and emerging issues of societal importance and public policy.

Special Topic Sessions (STS)

Special Topic Sessions at the WSC complement the programme of Invited Paper Sessions. Both serve to increase awareness of statistical research, applications, and practice, and to bring new developments to a broad audience.

STS proposals will be selected by the LPC on a competitive basis. The selection criteria will take into account diversity, scientific quality and impact. Priorities will be given to ensure that:

- The programme is of high quality, with sessions that emphasize novel ideas, approaches and/or applications to problems of importance;
- The sessions have a balance of organizers/speakers/discussants from around the world;
- The contents are clearly of interest to ISI and its Associations' members;
- The congress has a diversity of participants with respect to age, gender, geographical location and specialization.

STS proposals may be submitted by individual members of the ISI and its Associations, Committees, ISI affiliated groups, or individuals who are non-members. Proposals from outside institutions and organisations that are not affiliated with the ISI will not be considered.

Each proposal should include:

- a) An informative [title](#) for the session (max. 500 characters);
- b) A brief [description](#) and justification for your proposed session (max. 2000 characters);
- c) A [time length](#) for the proposed session (70, 100 and 120 minute time slots are available);

- d) For the organizer, speakers and (if appropriate) discussant, brief information (name, gender, affiliation, e-mail, country of residence);
- e) For each speaker who has agreed to participate, a title and short abstract of the proposed paper.

There is one important difference between the technical programme for the 2015 WSC and those in previous years: the technical sessions have different lengths. There are four slots for parallel sessions each day: one slot with 70 minutes (with 3-4 speakers), two slots with 100 minutes (with 4-5 speakers), and one slot with 120 minutes (with 6-7 speakers). Your proposal must indicate the length of the session that is being requested. The number of speakers (including any discussants) must reflect the requested length.

Note, however, that the number of 120-minute sessions available for STSs is limited. An STS proposal that comprises traditional technical presentations should aim for 100-minute or 70-minute sessions. The use of Discussants may not be needed for most sessions dealing with technical topics. If your proposal includes a discussant, adequate justification should be provided on the benefit and need.

Proposals for STS can now be submitted online at: www.isi2015.ibge.gov.br. Please use the [Submission System](#) option on the left hand side menu. If you have already registered with this system, please use your username and password to [login](#). If you have not yet registered with this system, please use the option to [create an account](#) to register for the first time.

The deadline for submitting STS proposals is [May 16, 2014](#). The Local Programme Committee will select the STS proposals that are accepted for presentation at the WSC.

If you are interested in arranging an STS and would like to receive more information, please contact [Nancy Garcia, Chair of the LPC](#), by e-mail at the address: nancy@ime.unicamp.br. For a list of LPC members, please visit <http://www.isi2015.ibge.gov.br/index.php/isi2015/committees/local-programme-committee>.



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Contributed Papers/Posters

Information about submitting Contributed Papers and Posters shall be published on the ISI and ISI2015 websites later this year.

Further Information

The website www.isi2015.ibge.gov.br has further information about ISI2015. The key dates for the STS and CPS can be found on <http://www.isi2015.ibge.gov.br/index.php/isi2015/scientific-programme>.

For information about the ISI and its Associations, please visit the [ISI website](#).