The 63rd ISI WSC 2021 will be held 11-15 July in The Hague, The Netherlands. The WSC theme “Statistical Science for a Better World” highlights the developments and contributions of statistics and data science in various domains of application that impact all aspects of life.

The Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC), Nalini Ravishanker, invites the statistical community to prepare to submit proposals for Invited Paper Sessions (IPS). The formal call and launch of the proposal submission system will follow in early 2020.

The 63rd ISI WSC 2021 will host talks and presentations on a wide variety of topics, with the overall goal of presenting a balanced programme that provides a sense of the current state and future direction of statistics, data science and their applications.

Please note that there will only be Invited Sessions and Contributed Sessions at ISI WSC 2021. We will no longer have Special Topic Sessions (STS).

**Invited Paper Sessions**

Invited Papers will be central to the success of the congress.

IPS proposals are required to meet the following requirements. When submitting a proposal, you should indicate to which of the ISI Associations your session is related:

a. If you specify more than one Association, choose a primary one and your proposal will be first reviewed by that Association under the guidance of its representative on the SPC;

b. If you think that your proposal does not relate to any ISI Association, you may choose ISI as the primary association;

c. Proposals will be reviewed by the SPC on a competitive basis.

Each proposal should include a brief description and justification for the proposed session and a list of presenters and discussants who have agreed to participate. The selection criteria will take into account scientific quality, impact, and overall diversity.
The ISI ensures that

a. The programme is of high quality, with sessions that emphasize innovative ideas, approaches and/or applications to problems of importance;

b. The sessions have a balance of Organisers / Presenters / Discussants from around the world;

c. The contents are clearly of interest; and

d. The congress has a diversity of participants with respect to age, gender and statistical interests.

Keep an eye on your inbox for the opening of the submission process or have a look at the website [WSC 2021](https://www.wsc2021.org).

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