



## ISBIS Report to ISI General Assembly

August 2007 – July 2009

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### ISBIS Mission

**ISBIS will facilitate the advancement and exchange of knowledge in business, financial and industrial statistics.**

ISBIS does this by promoting research and applications, and best practice; by enabling technology transfer; and by fostering communication amongst its members. ISBIS seeks to promote the value of statistics to business and industry and to support enabling activities, particularly in lesser-developed countries.

The objectives of the ISBIS are:

- To promote the advancement and exchange of knowledge in business, financial and industrial statistics.
- To build international collaboration among statisticians and users of statistics working in business, finance and industry.
- To exchange ideas and information at an international level through conferences, workshops and publications.
- To encourage links between statisticians from developing and developed countries.
- To develop and promote relationships among national and regional professional societies or groups involved in activities related to business, financial and industrial statistics.

## Membership overview

The most recent detailed information available dates **from September 2008**:

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| <i>Developed Countries:</i>                       | 43 | <i>ISI + ISBIS Less Developed Countries:</i>     | 16 |
| <i>ISI + ISBIS Developed Countries:</i>           | 98 | <i>Free: Honorary Members, ISI Life, Exempt:</i> | 2  |
| <i>ISI + ISBIS Developed Countries – Retired:</i> | 3  | <i>Institutional:</i>                            | 4  |
| <i>Less Developed Countries:</i>                  | 6  |  |    |

There were 180 members listed in the most recent membership report (information received from ISI Permanent Office 2 July 2009)

## Publications & Website

- ISBIS Journal:* *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*, Editor-in-Chief: Fabrizio Ruggeri (Italy). Published by Wiley-Blackwell. ASMBI is published 6 times a year. It features Special Issues, Invited Discussion papers, and a broad range of papers covering the full scope of the Society's interests.
- ISBIS Newsletter:* *ISBIS News*, the quarterly electronic bulletin of ISBIS activities; see <http://www.isbis.org/publications.html>.
- ISBIS Web Site:* [www.isbis.org](http://www.isbis.org) A new site has been professionally designed and commissioned. It is hosted at the University of Michigan., with Webmaster George Michailidis. It provides Member access to the Society's journal through a Members Only area; a separate page for y-BIS (the Young Statisticians Group in ISBIS) is currently under development.

## Awards & Prizes

ISBIS has no Awards and Prizes at this time.

## Conferences

ISBIS has a two-part strategy in regard to Conferences.

1. Every two years, it holds an international, professionally organised conference (International Symposia for Business and Industrial Statistics) with an international scientific committee. The scientific program is designed to cover the full spectrum of its interests:

- ISBIS-2008 was held in Prague, Czech Republic in July 2008.
- ISBIS-2018 is being planned for Portoroz, Slovenia, in July 2008.

Professional societies with cognate interests are strongly encouraged to participate as co-sponsors. In particular, TIES has been an active participant in ISBIS conferences dating back to 1993 (i.e. well before either was an ISI Section); IASC has also been a long-time participant.

2. Additionally, it provides strong support for Regional Conferences that are locally organised and provide specific focus on issues of direct regional interest:

- Conference on Applied Probability and Statistics (CAPS-2008), Hanoi, Vietnam, in December 2008
- European Symposium on Business and Industrial Statistics (EURISBIS-09) Cagliari, Italy, June 2009.
- Stellenbosch Statistical Symposium (SSS-09), Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 2009, a post-Durban Satellite meeting.
- 6th International Conference on Partial Least Squares (PLS-09), Beijing, China. September 2009.

3. ISBIS participates actively in programming for ISI Sessions.

Reports for past meetings can be found at <http://www.isbis.org/pastconferences.html>.

## Cooperation with other ISI Sections or external organisations

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- Under its revised Statutes (adopted in April 2009), one of the incoming Vice-Presidents and an incoming Council member will have a specific responsibility to develop linkages with other Societies (ISI Sections or otherwise).

## Acknowledgement of exceptional contributions

ISBIS is a very young society, with a great deal of work required to help it thrive and prosper. I should like to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of some ISBIS people (listed alphabetically below) who have helped to further the Society in important ways:

*Yves Grize:* Yves made many contributions as President-Elect, but in particular, he was in charge of the complete re-design and commissioning of the ISBIS web site, and he participated in the ISBIS *ad hoc* Task Force charged with revising the ISBIS Statutes.

*George Michailidis:* George did a great deal to facilitate hosting of the ISBIS web site at the University of Michigan, and acts as Webmaster. He was also Scientific Program Chair for ISBIS-2008.

*Werner Müller:* Werner developed and launched the ISBIS electronic newsletter *ISBIS News*, which he edits. At present, it appears three times a year. He is also the ISBIS representative on the ISI Program Coordinating Committee for the ISI 2011 Session in Dublin, and so coordinated the ISBIS Invited Paper suggestions for that meeting.

*Vijay Nair:* Vijay chaired an *ad hoc* Task Force comprising himself, Yves Grize and Vincenzo Esposito Vinzi, to carry out a complete overhaul of the ISBIS Statutes, resulting in changes that will help ISBIS to be a vastly more efficient and effective professional society. He was also the ISBIS representative on the ISI Program Coordinating Committee for the ISI 2009 Session in Durban, and so coordinated the ISBIS Invited Paper suggestions for that meeting.

*Fabrizio Ruggeri:* Fabrizio has been Editor-in-Chief, and has worked tirelessly with his co-editors Dennis Lin (now stepped down) and Nalini Ravishanker to develop and promote the Society's journal, ASMBI.

*Paulo Canas Rodrigues:* Paulo devoted considerable effort to the task of establishing the Young Statistician's Group (*y-BIS*) and to act as the first Chair of *y-BIS*.

*Stefan Steiner:* Stefan is the Scientific Program Chair for ISBIS-2011.

*Vincenzo Esposito Vinzi:* Vincenzo has had overall responsibility for the Communication function for ISBIS, including reports for the *ISI Newsletter* and representing ISBIS on ISI Communications-related activities. Additionally, he participated in the ISBIS *ad hoc* Task Force charged with revising the ISBIS Statutes. He also co-chaired the Scientific Program Committee for EURISBIS-09, and is carrying out a similar role for PLS-09

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