NEW FOR ISI2015 - LUNCH ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are adding lunch roundtable discussions to the 2015 ISI World Statistics Congress. A lunch roundtable discussion is an opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship and a conversation with colleagues about a statistical concept or related topic in practice while eating lunch. These lunches also provide a great chance to interact and to network with your colleagues.

A few examples of possible topics discussed during lunch roundtables at other statistical meetings include: Teaching introductory statistics from a Bayesian perspective; Pushing the limits of extreme value spatial analysis; Constructing new racial/ethnic and state-level indices of child well-being; From accelerometers to androids: design and analytic issues in mobile phone–based health studies; Analyzing survey nonresponse; Imputation in large cohorts; Pitfalls of accelerated testing; What can statisticians learn from software engineers; and Building partnerships between statistical consultants and industry.

Logistical details for the lunch roundtable:
1) Roundtable discussions will take place in a number of rooms, organized by general theme/topic on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the WSC.
2) Each table will accommodate 7 to 10 participants.
3) Lunches will be available for all attendees at a cost of 15 EUROS. Tickets for these events can be purchased during registration for the WSC and will also be sold onsite until 2 p.m. the day before the lunch. Regular and vegetarian meals are available.
4) During the registration process, participants will be prompted to select a specific discussion table of interest, where they will then be served their lunch.

We invite you and your colleagues to submit any ideas that you feel would make for a good lunch roundtable discussion for next year’s World Statistics Congress. As a bonus, you get a lunch if you’re willing to lead a discussion. We would like to have one or more lunch roundtables hosted by each ISI association and by each ISI special interest group. Please submit your proposals using the conference website by January 26, 2015. If you have not registered with the system yet, please do that first. There are registration instructions under the Guidelines menu item.

To propose a lunch roundtable, you will need to enter the following information in the online system of the conference website:

1) Name and contact information as the Discussion Leader;
2) Title for the lunch roundtable;
3) Which ISI Associations or Special Interest Groups (SIGs) might be interested in this roundtable;
4) Short description/abstract for the roundtable;
5) One or two key questions that would be shared with participants to prepare for a productive discussion

Final decisions for lunch roundtable discussion proposals will be made by February 2, 2015.