

# **2009 IASE Satellite Conference – Next Steps in Statistics Education**

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## ***Second Announcement and Call for Abstracts***

Greetings from the organising committee for the 2009 IASE Satellite Conference to the 57<sup>th</sup> ISI Meeting. Organisation of this conference is progressing and we are now issuing a formal call for abstracts. This second announcement also contains some further information on the conference.

### **ABSTRACTS**

**We invite anyone who is considering presenting at the IASE Satellite to now submit an abstract of their paper.**

Abstracts of 250-350 words in Word, ASCII, or rtf format, of proposed presentations should be submitted to [IASE\\_conference@maths.ucd.ie](mailto:IASE_conference@maths.ucd.ie) by email as early as possible, but no later than November 30, 2008. They should include full information on the authors and their affiliations, and the contact address (including e-mail and fax). Earlier submissions are encouraged as there may be a limited number of presenters. Authors may request their papers to be referred. Acceptance is conditional on the attendance at the meeting by the author. The subject line of your email should read "IASE SATELLITE ABSTRACT".

### **CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

Continuing the successful tradition of satellite conferences coinciding with each biennial International Statistical Institute, the International Association for Statistics Education is pleased to announce the sixth IASE Satellite Conference will be held in Durban, South Africa on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2009.

The IASE Satellite Conferences have proven to be a very popular component of the Statistics Education calendar. These conferences are smaller and more personal in nature than the ICOTS conferences providing a wonderful opportunity for establishing new professional relationships and cementing existing ones.

The format of the 2009 conference will follow that of the 2007 satellite: plenary sessions will be supplemented by two parallel breakaway sessions.

The theme of the conference is *Next Steps in Statistics Education*. All submissions addressing this broad theme will be welcome. This theme has been chosen to particularly attract papers under the following headings:

1. What constitutes best practice for the curriculum beyond the “Introductory Statistics” course? What courses should follow on for those wishing to major in Statistics and what additional training should we offer to those in other disciplines?
2. What elements of our undergraduate curriculum specifically prepare our students for their careers post-graduation, either in the workplace or as masters/doctoral students? How can we improve these elements?
3. Now that more countries have school curricula that include substantial emphasis on data and chance, how can we better prepare teachers for implementing those curricula? What curricular materials and tools can we develop to improve students' learning of statistics at school level?
4. Since the 1949 formation of its precursor, the ISI Statistical Education Committee, the IASE has matured as an organisation. As we move towards ICOTS 8, we note that great progress has already been made in the field of Statistics Education but the challenge we face now is to consider the next steps that we must take. How can we build on past progress to raise the profile of our field so that it becomes a more visible and vibrant pursuit?

***Please note that our aim is to attract a broad range of papers. If you are unsure as to whether your paper is relevant to the conference theme, we would be most grateful if you would still choose to submit an abstract, or perhaps communicate with us in advance about your ideas.***

The deadline for submission of abstracts will be 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008. We hope that you will be able to join us in Durban on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2009, so please put these dates in your diary.

On behalf of the IASE Executive and the IASE Satellite Conference Committee,

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