

## Our Aims

The main aim of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS) is to promote the development of statistics and its application in economic, social, health, demographic, technical and production fields and in many other areas of research.

## Our History

On 15 January, 1939, the Italian Statistical Society was set up in Rome by 42 founders who approved the first Statute of the Society. The Italian Statistical Society grew along the rapid growth in the quantitative methods for the production and analysis of data in all fields of society and its objective has always been to "promote the advancement of statistical science and its applications". In 70-year history of the Society, 11 Presidents have held office, along with 15 Secretaries General and 9 Treasurers. They have been supported by the Members of the Council that have contributed to the organisation and the improvement of the scientific activities of the Society.

## Our Structure

The Society has two types of members: Full Members and Corporate Members. Full Associates and Junior Associates also take part in SIS initiatives.

The legislative body of the Society is the Council which is responsible for the scientific and administrative organisation of the Society as indicated by the General Assembly.

The Council consists of the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and eight Council Members elected by the General Assembly. All the members of the Council hold office for four years.

The President is the legal representative of the Society, convenes meetings of the Council and of the General Assembly and oversees the enactment of its decisions.

The Secretary General enacts the decisions agreed upon and, together with the President, oversees the running of the Society and assists in the organizing of Scientific Meetings and the publication of the Proceedings.

The Treasurer is responsible for the administrative running of the Society and draws up the budget for the Society.

The Council Members are responsible for specific areas of Society activity such as chairing the Scientific Committee for General Meetings and Intermediate Conferences, and other scientific activities, and the handling of external relations.

## Executive Council

**President:** Maurizio Vichi  
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## Council Members

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Stefania Mignani, *Università di Bologna*  
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## Auditors

Luigi Pieri, Francesco Sanna, Domenico Summo,  
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## Full Members

Full members, together with the corporate members are the core membership of the SIS and constitute the elective body of the Society. Full members work to develop, improve and disseminate statistics and its application. The SIS has roughly 1,000 Full Members of whom many are university professors, or statisticians working in either the public or private sector. The proposal for nomination must be made, with the consent of the interested party, by five full members, who will document the applicant's suitability to join the Society and to further its aims.

## Corporate Members

There are approximately 100 Corporate Members and these include practically all University Departments and Research Institutes involved in statistics, such as the Bank of Italy, ISTAT (the National Institute of Statistics), many Ministries and large City Councils and many Chambers of Commerce.

The corporate members also include private companies that wish to keep their employees up to date on the latest methods in statistics. To join SIS as Corporate Member is necessary to have a letter from a legal representative of the Institution stating the wish to join the SIS.

## Full Associates

Full Associates include individuals interested in statistics who wish to keep abreast of statistical developments and to take part in SIS scientific activities, as well as to present of their own scientific contributions

Full Associate's application should document the knowledge of statistics gained through study or work, (i.e. working in the field of statistics or teaching statistics or related subjects).

## Junior Associates

Junior Associates include young graduates (i.e. qualified within the previous three years) in statistics or related subjects who wish to further their knowledge of statistics or stay up to date on recent developments in the field. Many Junior Associates are PhD students in statistics, applied statistics or demography. Junior Associate's application should document the interest in statistics and the support for the aims of the Society.

## How to join SIS

Annual membership fee for full members is €70.00; for Corporate Members is €380.00.

Annual membership fee for full associates is €53.00; for Junior Associates is €35.00.

## Scientific Meetings

The most important meeting organized by the Society is the Scientific Meeting, which is held in even years. Around 500 members attend the conference and approximately 200 papers are presented in plenary, specialized, and ad hoc sessions. The meeting usually takes place over three days, and may be either preceded or followed by Satellite Meetings. A printed volume including the abstracts is available before the Conference is held. A further volume including the proceedings of the conference is printed after the meeting.

## Intermediate Conferences

The second most important event organized by the Society is the Intermediate Conference, which is held in odd years and deals with a single topic, either of statistical method or a specific application of national interest. Previous topics include the economy, business and official statistics. The organisation of these Conferences is similar to that of the Scientific Meeting. Roughly 300 Members attend the intermediate conference and about 100 papers are presented in plenary, specialized, and ad hoc sessions

## Day Meetings

Members of the Society often organise day meetings, that may report intermediate or final results of SIS Scientific Committees or Working Groups.

## SIS Sections

Two sections have been active within the Society: "SIS-CLADAG" Classification and Data Analysis (member of the *IFCS*) and "SIS-GCD" the Italian Population Association.

Contacts: SIS-Cladag <http://dssm.unipa.it/cladag>  
SIS-GCD: <http://www.gcd-online.it/>

## Scientific Groups

The scientific groups operate across SIS to spread, promote and coordinate scientific research on themes that are important in Statistics. The coordinating groups ensure the pursuit of common objectives within the SIS and allow members to organize activities in line with their scientific interests.

## Working Groups

Within the Society there are a number of working groups set up to perform specific tasks and activities or to promote specific topics of research.

## Scientific Committees

In accordance with the Statute, the Scientific Committees are the main way in which members participate in the scientific activities of the SIS. The

Council delegates these committees to consider and study specific scientific topics of particular importance.

## SIS School

The main aim of the SIS School is to offer specific courses at a high level for those interested in furthering their study on important topics or applications of statistics.

SIS School is particularly addressed to master or PhD students, researchers and/or employees in the public or private sector. Bursaries may be awarded to deserving participants who are without funds.

SIS courses cover specific areas of statistics, methodological statistics and demography, focussing on theory, methods and applications. SIS School teachers include researchers and professors particularly competent on the themes of the School from Italian and foreigner Universities.

## SIS informazioni

*SIS informazioni* is SIS monthly newsletter that provides information as new members and scientific events organised by the Society. Additionally *SIS informazioni* includes a calendar of national and international conferences and workshops on statistics and its applications.

## Statistica & Società

The journal "Statistica & Società", first published in 2002 and on-line since 2007, contains articles on statistics and its dissemination. Its objective is to give space to discussion of the use of statistics in everyday life (University, School, Workplace, etc.) and encourage participation in the activities of the SIS.

## Statistical Methods and Applications (SMA)

This is the international scientific journal of the Society. It is printed every three months in English by Springer-Verlag in order to ensure the dissemination of Italian, as well as international, studies on Statistics.

## SIS magazine

This online magazine is a chance to create a forum for the discussion on contemporary questions that involve the use of statistics. By means of articles that are summarized and easy to read even for non-specialists, it intends to contribute to the improvement of awareness in the use of statistics especially in the media. The characteristics of this magazine is to provide access, without delay, to current themes and create a space for debate open to everyone. The possibility to quickly publish a short article and to receive, likewise as quick, comments by visitors to the site, make this tool particularly effective to develop a constructive debate on themes related to the Society.