



**International Indian Statistical Association Conference:
Statistics, Science, and Society: New Challenges and Opportunities**

January 2-5, 2013, Chennai, India

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The International Indian Statistical Association will celebrate the designation of 2013 as the International Year of Statistics by hosting a Conference in Chennai, India during Jan 2-5, 2013. The theme of the conference is the Impact of Statistical Science on Society and features a discussion of new challenges and opportunities for statisticians in a data-centric world. There will be plenary, invited, contributed, and poster sessions covering a wide variety of topics. Workshops are also planned. Other Indian and International Statistical and related societies are being invited for sponsorship and participation in the big welcome for the Year of Statistics.

This March Update contains the confirmed members of the International Advisory, Organizing, and Scientific Program Committees as well as the confirmed plenary speakers. For evolving information about the conference information, a separate conference website is being set up. Please contact IISA2013confinfo@gmail.com for the evolving information.

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Plenary Speakers

Louise Ryan, Chief, Mathematics, Informatics and Statistics, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia (January 2, 2013)

Nilanjan Chatterjee, Chief, Biostatistics Branch, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, US National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, USA (Jan 3, 2013)

N. Balakrishnan, Professor, McMaster University, Canada (January 4, 2013)

Rajiv L. Karandikar, Director, Chennai Mathematical Institute, India (January 5, 2013)

Conference Location

Hotel Savera, Chennai (<http://www.hotelsavera.com/>)

Travel to Chennai

Major international airlines (British Airways, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines, Air India, Jet Airways) have direct flights into Chennai from abroad. Many domestic airlines including Jet Airways, King Fisher Airlines and Air India have several flights to Chennai connecting it with all the other major Indian cities including Mumbai (Bombay) and Delhi. Chennai, a dynamic city, is the capital of the state of Tamil Nadu known for its rich history, musical traditions and ancient temples. Details about travel and attractions at Chennai and in Tamil Nadu region may be found at lonelyplanet (www.lonelyplanet.com/india/tamil-nadu/chennai-madras) and many other websites. A mild winter falls between November and February when the climate is pleasant in Chennai. International participants need visa to visit India. Details are available on the internet. Please visit the Indian consular office website in your home country; in the US, the visa service is provided by Travisa (<https://indiavisa.travisaoutsourcing.com/>). IISA will provide official invitations for this purpose if needed. International participants should plan their trip early to take advantage of better airfares and to have enough time for the processing of visa applications.

Registration Fee

(includes conference material, banquet, lunches, and refreshments during breaks)

International

	Before October 31, 2012	From November 1, 2012
IISA member*	USD \$325	USD \$375
Student (outside India)	USD \$150	USD \$175
Regular**	USD \$350	USD \$400
Accompanying person	USD \$150	USD \$150
Banquet only	USD \$50	USD \$50

*\$50 discount for retired/nonworking IISA life members.

** includes one-year IISA membership.

Domestic

	Before October 31, 2012	From November 1, 2012
IISA member	INR 3000	INR 4000
Student (from India)	INR 2000	INR 3000
Regular	INR3500	INR 4500
Accompanying person	INR 1500	INR 1500
Banquet only	INR 750	INR 750

Workshop fees are extra. Refund Policy: 90% refund before October 31, 2012; 50% refund before November 30, 2012. No refunds after that.

Additional information on housing, workshops, local organizing committee, and abstract and registration submission will be forthcoming.