

# **ISNPS 2026**

## **Info Session**

# A brief history of ISNPS meetings

- **ISNPS-0, 2002, Crete, Greece**
  - organized by Michael Akritas & Dimitris Politis
- A ten year hiatus
- **ISNPS-1, 2012, Chalkidiki, Greece**
  - organized by Michael Akritas, Soumen Lahiri & Dimitris Politis
  - pitched the idea for a bi-annual conference
- **ISNPS-2, 2014, Cadiz, Spain**
  - organized by Ricardo Cao, Wenceslao Gonzalez-Manteiga & Juan Romo

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- **ISNPS-3, 2016, Avignon, France**
  - organized by Patrice Bertail, Delphine Blanke & Eric Matzner
- **ISNPS-4, 2018, Salerno, Italy**
  - organized by Michele La Rocca
- **ISNPS-5, 2022, Paphos, Cyprus**
  - organized by Ingrid Van Keilegom & Stathis Paparoditis
- **ISNPS-6, 2024, Braga, Portugal**
  - organized by Inês Sousa & Jacobo de Uña Álvarez

# ISNPS-8

## Mark your calendars!

- When: **June 12-16, 2028**
- Where: **Bocconi U, Milan, Italy**



# ISNPS-8

- University located a 15 min walk from Piazza Duomo, in a very lively area of the city center
- The area offers several accommodation opportunities (hotels and Airbnb's) and restaurants.
- Lecture rooms
  - Aula Magna, auditorium with capacity of 900



- Multiple lecture rooms, with average capacity of 90
- Conference venue accessible from two airports Linate and Malpensa with good public transportation

## Local Organizing Committee:

- Mario Beraha (University of Milano-Bicocca)
- Federico Camerlenghi (University of Milano-Bicocca)
- Marta Catalano (Luiss University, Rome)
- Zoraida Fernandez-Rico (Bocconi University, Milano)
- Beatrice Franzolini (University of Milano-Bicocca)
- **Antonio Lijoi** (Bocconi University, Milano), co-chair
- Igor Prünster (Bocconi University, Milano), co-chair
- Tommaso Rigon (University of Milano-Bicocca)
- Matteo Ruggiero (Stern School of Business, NYU Abu Dhabi)
- Botond Szabo (Bocconi University, Milano)

# How to get involved with ISNPS-8

- **Scientific program committee** (forming by Fall 2026)
  - To express interest in joining, please email:
    - Antonio Lijoi ([antonio.lijoi@unibocconi.it](mailto:antonio.lijoi@unibocconi.it)), or
    - George Michailidis ([gmichail@ucla.edu](mailto:gmichail@ucla.edu))
- **Propose to organize an invited session**
- **New feature:** Propose a half-day short course on a cutting-edge conference topic

# ISNPS-9

## Mark your calendars!

- When: **May 24-28, 2030**
- Where: **Tangier, Morocco**
- Venue: **Palais des Arts et de la Culture**
- ISNPS contact: **Sophie Dabo ([sophie.dabo@univ-lille.fr](mailto:sophie.dabo@univ-lille.fr))**



# New ISNPS activity: Sponsored workshops

- When: **March 2-4, 2027**
- Where: **Capetown, South Africa**
- Venue: **Protea Hotel**
- Local organizer: James Allison ([allisjs@unisa.ac.za](mailto:allisjs@unisa.ac.za))



# Transitioning to a New Governance Structure for ISNPS

- Since 2018, ISNPS has been successfully coordinated and managed by a **dedicated Steering Committee**.
- In late 2022, ISNPS became an **Institute of Mathematical Statistics Group** (more info at [www.isnps.org](http://www.isnps.org))
- The Steering Committee has drafted Bylaws that formalize the governance of the Group
  - Key highlights include:
    - **The Executive Committee (EC)**: The group will be managed by an elected Executive Committee consisting of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Treasurer, and three Council Members, alongside appointed program and web officers.
    - **Inaugural Membership**: Per the bylaws, the first official membership group of this new organization is determined by the **current registered participants of the 2026 ISNPS conference**.

# Two stage voting process

- **There will be two distinct, sequential electronic votes** using the IMS voting infrastructure.
- **Vote One: Approval of the Bylaws**
- **Vote Two: Election of the Slate of Candidates**
  - Under the temporary transitional provisions of the bylaws, a Nominating Committee (composed of three members of the current Steering Committee) drafted a slate of candidates for the open offices—including President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and the three Council Members.
- **Next Steps**
  - Please keep a **close eye on your inbox** over the coming days for these **incoming communications from IMS**. You will shortly receive the first electronic ballot to register your vote on the adoption of the bylaws.