



Protocol agreement for
Communication and Cooperation



PROTOCOL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN IASC and IFCS

8 October 2014

Given that

IASC

The International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) was founded during the 41st Session of the ISI in 1977, as a Section of the ISI. The objectives of the Association are to foster world-wide interest in effective statistical computing and to exchange technical knowledge through international contacts and meetings between statisticians, computing professionals, organizations, institutions, governments and the general public.

IFCS

The International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS), founded in 1985, is an international scientific organization with non-profit and non-political motives. The purpose of the Association is to promote mutual communication, co-operation and interchange of views among scientists interested in principles, methods, and practices of data analysis and classification, and serving as an agency for the dissemination of technical scientific information related to these areas of interest.

and that,

IASC and IFCS recognize that with this *Protocol Agreement* builds a stable collaboration creating a level of certainty for our scientific communities, that allows to better program the common activities.

Now, therefore,

IASC and IFCS enter into this Protocol Agreement with the intention and desire to establish a cooperative collaboration for the purpose of *sharing information, improving communications* and *strengthening cooperation* among the scientific communities of the two associations.

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Article 1 Purpose

The Purpose of this Protocol Agreement is to enter into more formal arrangement with respect to the already good relationships establishing and maintaining a long-term cooperative collaboration. It emerges from the fact that both associations wish to improve the service they offer to their respective memberships and the international community as a whole, and the realization that together they should be able to go beyond what they can do as standalone societies.

Article 2 Principle of Cooperation

IASC and IFCS will meet regularly during the meetings of the two associations:

- to promote and encourage open and constructive dialogue;
- to work cooperatively to increase the scientific impact of the two scientific communities.

Article 3 Key Interests

IASC and IFCS agree to work together and explore the following key interests:

Communication

- Include linkages in the website of the two societies;
- Exchange information of conferences and other activities in the newsletters and/or websites;

Cooperation

- Exchange invited sessions in our meetings (e.g., IFCS – COMPSTAT, IASC-ARS Meeting, IASC World Conference);

- Propose a joint session to the ISI World statistics Conference on topics of common interest;
- Organize joint workshops, Summer Schools and short courses on topics of interest for both Societies;

Societies;

- Normally, a consultative member from one society is member of the scientific programme committee of meetings organized by the other society.

Article 4 Dispute Resolution

Where a dispute arises between IASC and IFCS, they agree that the President of IASC and the President of IFCS will engage in informal communications in an attempt to resolve the specific issue.

Article 5 Terms of the agreement

IASC and IFCS agree this Protocol Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption by each respective Council of the Associations.

IASC and IFCS agree that this Protocol Agreement is a living document and may be subject to revision from time to time by mutual consent. The revision must be agreed to in writing and adoption by resolution of each respective Council (or corresponding organ) of IFCS and IASC.

This Protocol Agreement will remain in effect unless terminated by either of IASC or IFCS to be delivered by the President of the association terminating the Protocol.

In witness of the IASC and IFCS have hereunto apposed their signatures

President of IASC



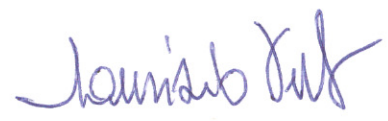
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