

XL Scientific Meeting of Italian Statistical Society  
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Foreword

The "Società Italiana di Statistica" (Italian Statistical Society, SIS), founded in 1939, is a non-profit institution that has achieved particular relevance in the scientific community.

The SIS promotes the development of statistics and its application in various fields: economic, sociology, medicine, demography, etc.

The "Scientific Meeting of the SIS" is held every two years and is the most important of the several meetings organized by the Society. Most of the 1200 members of the Society participate to this meeting with the presentation of around 200 scientific papers organised into plenary sessions, specialized sessions and free contributed papers.

The XL Scientific Meeting will deal with the most recent theoretical and applied developments of the discipline and will be attended by qualified Italian and foreign scholars. The new president of the Society, for the years 2000-2004, will also be elected on this occasion.