

**Conference and Special Issue of Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A
in memory of Fred Smith and Chris Skinner
Southampton, UK, 8-10 July 2021**

Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission deadline: 1 October 2020

We warmly invite abstract submissions for presentation at a conference in memory of Fred (TMF) Smith and Chris Skinner, who both passed away during winter 2019/20. The conference will be based around the themes that interested Fred and Chris during their research careers, including (but not limited to)

- analysis and modelling of complex survey data
- time series methods in the analysis of survey data
- statistical disclosure control
- official statistics

Several keynote speakers with associations to Fred and Chris have agreed to speak and their contributions will form one part of a special issue of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A (JRSS-A), which it is planned will appear later in 2021. There is also an open call for contributions for this special issue.

Presentation Formats

The conference will have plenary and parallel sessions, and will also offer a poster session with an opportunity for 'rapid fire' short presentations.

Oral Presentations will be presented in concurrent sessions. Each oral presentation will be given 15 minutes to present, and 5 minutes for Q&A, for a total of 20 minutes.

Rapid Fire Poster Presentations will be presented during dedicated rapid fire concurrent sessions. Each poster presenter will have 4 minutes to present their presentation, using only one slide, followed by a Q&A with the audience. Presenters are encouraged to present their findings in an innovative and/or entertaining way. Use your imagination!

The presentation schedule and poster viewing times and schedule for the posters will be publicised after the call for abstracts is completed and presentations are selected. Further instructions will also be provided to guide presenters.

Submission Guidelines & Key Dates

The submissions will be assessed in a staged approach. Extended abstracts of up to 500 words should be submitted to FredandChris2021@soton.ac.uk by **1 October 2020**. The abstract should indicate whether it is proposed for the conference, or the JRSS-A special issue, or both. If for the conference, also indicate whether it is suitable as a presentation and/or a poster.

On the basis of the abstracts the conference programme committee will make a decision by **2 November 2020** on which proposals are accepted for the conference, and which proposals are to be invited to make a full submission for the JRSS-A special issue. Those invited to contribute to the special issue need to provide a full paper by **1 April 2021** through the JRSS-A submission system, and these will be subject to review in the usual way.

Conference papers are optional; they will be hosted on the conference website.

Conference information

The conference will take place in Southampton from 8 to 10 July 2021 (we will keep under review whether part or all will need to move online). It is an official satellite meeting of the World Statistics Congress (WSC) in The Hague, and will finish at lunchtime on 10 July to allow a respite before the WSC, which has already been made on-line. More details of the conference organisation will follow on a website in due course.

All accepted presenters must register for and pay to attend the conference, and are responsible for their own related expenses. In addition, if the accepted presenter invites additional speakers to present with them at the conference, they must also register for and pay to attend the conference. Travel and accommodation costs will not be covered.