

EDITORIAL

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This is a Special Issue of *Statistica&Applicazioni* dedicated to ITACOSM 2019, 6th ITALian CONference on Survey Methodology.

ITACOSM is a bi-annual international conference promoted by the Survey Sampling Group (S2G) of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS) whose aim is to promote scientific discussion on the developments of theory and application of survey sampling methodologies in the fields of economics, social and demographic sciences, of official statistics and in the studies on biological and environmental phenomena.

Organized by the Department of Statistics, Computer Science, Applications "Giuseppe Parenti" of the University of Florence, ITACOSM 2019 was held from June 5th to June 7th in Florence.

ITACOSM 2019 was devoted to address the increasing interest from researchers and practitioners about the methods and tools employed to face the fundamental changes in the nature of data, their availability, and the way in which they are collected, integrated, and disseminated.

The Conference, scheduled in 5 plenary sessions, 12 specialized sessions on specific topics and 6 contributed sessions, was attended by over 100 researchers from different countries (about 30% from Europe except Italy and 10% from outside Europe) and various organizations, not only Italian and foreign universities but also various National Statistical Institutes and other bodies. The participation of young people was significant; about 13% of participants were PhD students.

This journal issue desires to promote further discussion on "ITACOSM 2019" topics.