19th International Blaise Users Conference - Call for Abstracts

Dear colleagues,

The Statistical Service of Cyprus (Cystat) and the International Blaise Users Group (IBUG) are pleased to invite you to the 19th International Blaise Users Conference. The IBUC 2020 is organized by Cystat and will take place in Limassol, Cyprus, on March 31 - April 2, 2020. This IBUC combines all things Blaise with a Mediterranean atmosphere graced by ancient Greek and Cyprian history.

Blaise® is a software platform designed to handle government and scientific surveys. Through its large user-base of statistical organizations and renowned institutes, Blaise brings together the experts of the survey world. Every 18 months, Blaise users organize the IBUC. The purpose is for specialists from different organizations worldwide to present, discuss, and exchange their ideas, challenges and solutions in an ever-changing survey world. Additionally, Team Blaise offers a variety of training sessions and presentations. For more information about the event, please visit www.ibuc2020.gov.cy.

The IBUC committee wishes to bring together all kinds of survey practitioners, from systems staff, survey methodologists, survey operations personnel, project managers to Blaise developers. We would like to hear about your institute’s Blaise 4 and Blaise 5 experiences, your production of computer-assisted instruments, how your system’s capability impact survey methodology, how your systems provide for survey management needs as well as your experiences in getting complex instruments in the field. Please share this call for abstracts with others within your organization for whom these topics may be of interest.
Topics of interest

With the growing importance of transitioning from Blaise 4 to Blaise 5, a true multi-mode and multi-device system, the IBUC 2020 will focus on coping with the modern survey world, going far beyond Blaise as a system. It will be a rare opportunity for a diverse group of survey practitioners to come together and exchange their knowledge in one setting. We are looking forward to receiving abstracts from you or others within your organisation on topics within the following descriptions:

- Expectations of a modern survey data collection system
- (Re) training staff in an era of rapid change
- Multilingual, multicultural, multi-national and multi-version multiple mode surveys
- Multi-mode survey management
- Data collection on any device
- Usability
- Accessibility and inclusiveness
- Uni-mode versus Generalized Mode instrument design
- Conducting scientifically valid surveys
- Conducting surveys on tablets or smartphones
- The value of modern-day technology such as sensors
- Transitioning from Blaise 4 to Blaise 5
- Blaise 5 experiences
- Survey data, survey paradata, and survey metadata
- Experiences of using paradata in an adaptive design

Presentations are 15 to 25 minutes long. Papers are 6-10 pages and due before February 16, 2020. They will be available in a conference volume. Papers and presentations from the previous 18 conferences are at blaiseusers.org.

Please send your informative abstract of no more than 300 words to ibuc@blaiseusers.org by December 7, 2019.

We look forward to seeing you at the IBUC 2020.

Sincerely,

Gina-Qian Cheung

Chairman, International Blaise Users Group
Key dates:

Nov. 11th, Conference Registration opens.

Dec. 7th, Conference Abstracts Due Day.

Jan. 7th, Conference Program is available on the website.

Jan. 24th, Early Conference Registration ends.

Feb. 16th, Conference Paper is due.

Mar. 30th, Conference starts.

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