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A POST-CONFERENCE REPORT



The **ISBIS 2019 Satellite Conference** took place in **Lanai Kijang** in **Kuala Lumpur**, a residential complex of **Bank Negara** (the central bank of Malaysia) with facilities for training and conferences. The local organizers of the **Department of Applied Statistics** of the **Faculty of Economics and Administration** of the **University of Malaya** under the supervision of Professor **WeeYeap Lau** and supported by the **Malaysian Economics Association**, enthusiastically received the 78 conference participants from 20 different countries, and 60 registered attendees for the short course.

The conference started on Thursday morning with the keynote presentation of **Galit Shmueli**, **Distinguished Professor** at the **National Tsing Hua University** in

Taiwan. Professor Shmueli focused on the important but not well-understood distinction between explanatory, predictive and descriptive models. She explained that these models differ with respect to their goals, but also by the way they deal with data collection, preprocessing, variable selection and evaluation, and by their range of validity.



Sessions on the latest developments in time series, financial statistics, statistical and machine learning, Bayesian methods, computer experiments, reliability and process modeling, and applied statistical methods in Business and Industry then ran in parallel on Thursday and Friday morning.

On the last afternoon, **Balaji Raman** from **Cogitaas** in **India**, and **Nalini Ravishanker**, **ISBIS President** and **Professor** at the **University of Connecticut** in the **USA**, gave a short course on **Bayesian Data Analysis** that was highly attended by conference participants as well as by employees of **Bank Negara** and the **University of Malaya**.

Martina Vandebtoek, on behalf of the **Program Committee**
WeeYeap Lau, on behalf of the **Local Organizing Committee**

Kuala Lumpur Conference in Pictures

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