



## Welcome to the ICOTS10 Proceedings!

This year we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> ICOTS in Kyoto by *looking back, looking forward*. By looking back, we ground ourselves in the great work and ideas statistics educators have presented thus far, by looking forward we innovate and generate new ideas foreseeing a better statistical education for our students, educators, and society in general. It is with this spirit that ICOTS 10 presents over 350 contributions representing over 59 countries around the world.

**Referee Process** As in the last four previous ICOTS conferences, the double-blind referee process was optional for authors. There was a total of 144 papers submitted to go through the process, 97 were accepted as refereed papers (67.36%), a rate that is consistent with previous ICOTS. Each paper was reviewed by 2-3 referees using an online system where they assessed papers based on the level of their contribution to statistics education, relevance, adequate review of related work, technical, methodological and scholarly standard of work, and quality of writing. Referees also provided formative feedback to authors in the form of suggestions and/or concerns with the purpose of improving the manuscripts. The reports written by the 178 referees were extremely thoughtful and useful, and we owe to them the high quality of refereed papers presented at the conference. Their names are listed at the end of this page. Authors had a short window of time to improve their papers based on the suggestions, and what is presented in these Proceedings is the result of this process.

It has been such a pleasure to serve as a Lead Editor for ICOTS10. All contributions express the different experiences, contexts, and knowledge in which statistics is taught and learned around the world. These Proceedings are a true collection of intellectual and human effort to move us forward while grounded in our past.

Sincerely,

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