DECISION NOTICES
The target date to send decision notices is January 24, 2020. All submitters will be notified via Conference Maker regarding the status of his/her paper.

REGISTRATION
The link to register is https://editorialexpress.com/snde2020, and submitters of accepted papers are asked to register by February 10 in order to insure inclusion in the program. The early registration fee is $295 USD until February 10 ($375 USD starting February 11). A limited number of reduced-rate registrations ($190 USD until February 10) are available for graduate students—details about how to apply will be sent with the decision notices.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
The target date to post the program schedule is February 28. The link to the schedule will be emailed to all registered attendees once the schedule is posted.

STUDENT AWARD PRIZES
The Society will award two $500 USD prizes: (1) the Richard T. Baillie award in Time Series Modeling is handed out for the best paper in time series presented at the Symposium by a “young researcher”, as defined as either a current student or someone that is less than eight years out of graduate school, and, (2) the Dwyer Ramsey award is handed out for the best paper presented at the Symposium by a graduate student. Graduate students’ electronic submissions should be followed up by a letter on official university stationary from a professor certifying that the submitter is a graduate student in good standing. An electronic version of this letter should be emailed by the professor to SNDE Executive Board President Hilde C. Bjørnland at hilde.c.bjornland@bi.no by February 16, 2020.

CONFERENCE VENUE
The sessions will be held at the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), University of Zagreb, located at Trg J.F. Kennedy 6, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
Zagreb has many hotel options, near to the meeting location at FEB and also in the city center. In addition to the options below, online travel sites are a useful resource for attendees interested in other accommodations. Reserve early for the best rates as March is a busy time in Zagreb.

The Hotel Dubrovnik (in the city center) is offering a special rate to SNDE attendees. Reservations can be made online using the code “SNDEZG” or you can complete a reservation form and send it directly to the hotel via email/fax.

The Hotel Rebro (Kišpatićeva 12, Zagreb, Tel. +385 1 888 6 900, Fax. +385 1 888 6 901, info@hotelrebro.com) is walking distance to the FEB (1.4 km, about 20 minutes) and offers a 25% discount to SNDE attendees. Reservations can be made online using the code “SNDE2020,” or by emailing sales@hotelrebro.com.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM THE AIRPORT
Information about ground transportation to/from the airport can be found at https://www.zagreb-airport.hr/en/passengers/to-from-the-airport/35. There are a variety of choices: taxis, Uber, public busses and airport transfer busses, and private transfers which can be arranged in advance (often through a hotel and can be a good value if traveling in a group). Not all taxis take credit cards, and the public busses require a ticket purchased with local currency (Kuna).
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION— tram lines to FEB

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Uber is another convenient way to get to FEB and the cost is approximately 79 and 105 Kuna (the local currency), or between $12 and $16 USD from the city center.

LOCAL INFORMATION

- Language: Croatian
- Population of Zagreb: 803,900 (as of January 1st 2018)
- Currency/Exchange: The official currency in Croatia is Kuna (HRK). All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Exchange facilities are available at banks, post offices and exchange offices.
- Please note that you will not be able to pay for drinks (if needed) within the Conference venue by credit card; you must pay cash in local currency. Several ATMs are located nearby (please check the exact location at the Information Desk at FEB).
- Tipping in Croatia—if satisfied with service in a restaurant, leave a tip of up to 10%. In bars & cafes you might just round up the bill and tell them to keep the change.
- Electrical supply is 230 V, 50Hz. Croatia uses the standard European (with two round prongs) plugs. Consider bringing your own power plug adapter.
- Smoking is not permitted inside of the conference building. In some bars, smoking is allowed, but not in restaurants.
- Water—In Zagreb, and in Croatia in general, water quality is high and it is safe to drink tap water.

PRESENTATIONS

Each author will be given 25 minutes to present, which includes 20 minutes for the paper presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A. Please bring your presentation on a flash drive so that you can easily load your talk onto the computer in the room where you will present. Each room will have a computer, projector and screen, FYI.

SOCIAL AND NETWORKING EVENTS

For planning purposes, please note the following events—we hope to see you!

- Wednesday, March 25—Welcome drink at the Hotel Dubrovnik (included for all registered attendees). Pick up your registration packet and connect with fellow attendees.
- Thursday, March 26—Conference dinner at the Hotel Dubrovnik (included for all registered attendees). A social evening and presentation of the student awards.
- Friday, March 27—SNDE Women Networking Breakfast, 8:00 AM (room location to be determined).
- Friday, March 27—Happy hour at a local pub near to FEB. All attendees are invited for a no-host happy hour.

QUESTIONS

More details will be sent closer to the conference, and in the meantime, please contact Kristin Scheyer, Administrative contact for SNDE 2020 at SNDEsymposia@live.com if you need assistance.