



Conference Program

Monday, April 7: IBUC – Pre-Conference Training	
Time	Activity
9:00 – 16:30	Preconference training
17:30 – 19:30	IBUC 2025 Welcome Reception at Mainport Hotel “Panorama Room”

Tuesday, April 8: IBUC – Day 1	
Time	Activity
8:15 – 8:55	Registration and Coffee
8:55 – 9:00	Logistics briefing
9:00 – 10:00	<p><i>Plenary Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks by IBUC Chair Gina Cheung (3 minutes) Opening speech by Deputy Director-General of Statistics Netherlands Joost Huurman (10 minutes) The keynote by Chief Economist of Statistics Netherlands Peter Hein van Mulligen (40 minutes) Blaise and Blaise 5 at Statistics Netherlands by Harry Wijnhoven, Member of the Board of Directors and CEO Blaise, Statistics Netherlands (CBS) (10 minutes)
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Presentation Session 1 (90 minutes)</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Roger Linssen</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing the Blaise 5 Journey: Mixed modes and Blaise 5 integrated extensions (NatCen) Transitioning the Large, Complex Family Resources Survey to Blaise 5 (ONS) Experiences with Multi-Topic Implementation at Statistics Norway (Statistics Norway) Blaise Update from Statistics Denmark - or what are we playing around with at the moment (Statistics Denmark)
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Presentation Session 2 (90 minutes)</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Angela Belo</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Migration of Social Surveys onto Blaise 5 Update (ONS) Blaise 5 improvements for large CAPI surveys (Westat) Transition from Blaise4 CATI to Blaise5 CATI at Statistics Finland (Statistics Finland) Developing National Crime Surveys on Blaise 5 (ONS)
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Presentation Session 3 (90 minutes)</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Marcel van der Steen</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Multilingual Survey Development in Blaise: Streamlining Localization (UMSRC) Harmonized design for different devices (Statistics Netherlands) The Framework of Survey Behavior: An Extension of the Framework for Web Survey Participation (Statistics Netherlands) Survey design features that matter: A meta-analysis using official statistics surveys of the Netherlands (Statistics Netherlands)

Wednesday, April 9: IBUC – Day 2	
Time	Activity
8:15 – 8:55	Registration and Coffee
8:55 – 9:00	Logistics briefing
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Panel Session - (90 minutes) – a celebration of Blaise 40 years</p> <p><i>Panel Moderator: Harry Wijnhoven</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Guests to reflect on Blaise's journey and accomplishments over these past four decades!
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Special Session (60 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi Mode Case Management (MMCM) Part 1 - (Gina Cheung) This session will discuss three example projects designed for MMCM and the MMCM dashboard features. We will give a short demo of one of those projects.
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Special Session (60 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi Mode Case Management (MMCM) Part 2 (Lon Hofman) This session will discuss the details of the implementation of those three example projects.
14:30 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 17:00	Blaise Team Presents
17:30 – 21:00	Conference Excursion and Dinner at Spido Rotterdam (departure from the hotel)

Thursday, April 10: IBUC – Day 3	
Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00	Coffee and Logistics briefing
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Presentation Session 4 (90 minutes)</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Mark Pierzchala</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges and opportunities of upgrading surveys to Blaise 5 (ONS) Using Accordion Templates for Expandable Rosters (UMSRC) Implementation of Multimode-CMA at the Survey Department of Statistics Denmark (Statistics Denmark) Automated Testing Tools for Blaise 5 (Westat)
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Presentation Session 5 (90 minutes)</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Tim Carati</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Some different uses of expressions with Blaise 5 resource databases (Westat) Optimizing Blaise Servers for High-Concurrency Survey Environments (UMSRC) Language independence using the Databridge sample (Statistics Netherlands) Producing 508 and WCAG2.0 Accessible Instruments in Blaise 5: Challenges, Tools, Techniques and Best Practices (Westat)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Tony” Award for IBUC Papers and Presentations 2026 IBUC announcement International Blaise Users Group Meeting Closing

Preconference Training Program

		Room 1	Room 2
9:00am	10:30am	Multimode Case Management - part 1	Q&A - part 1
10:45am	12:15am	Multimode Case Management - part 2	Q&A - part 2
1:15pm	2:00pm	Kami - the fashionable way to style your meta-data output	Data improvements
2:00pm	2:45pm	Dashboard	Building an accessible survey
3:00pm	3:45pm	Fancy MVC applications: Life History Calendar	Testing web surveys with BrowserStack
3:45pm	4:30pm	Fancy MVC applications: Integrating AI in Blaise	Test Suite feedback session



Basic
Medium
Advanced

Multimode Case Management (level: medium)

In this session we will show the ins and outs of the Multimode Case Management system, the major feature of Blaise 5.15

Kami - the fashionable way to style your meta-data output (level: medium)

This session focuses on the Kami tool that can be used to output meta-data to other systems

Dashboard (level: basic)

In this session we will show the features of the new Blaise Dashboard

Fancy MVC applications: Life History Calendar (level: advanced)

This session shows how to build a custom event live history calendar

Fancy MVC applications: Integrating AI in Blaise (level: advanced)

In this session we will show how to integrate third-party services into a Blaise survey, specifically an AI service

Q&A (level: medium)

In this session, the Blaise team will try to answer any questions you have about Blaise

Data improvements (level: medium)

This session shows the improvements on how Blaise handles data, among others the Tagging functionality

Building an accessible survey (level: basic)

In this session we will show you how to build an accessible Blaise survey

Testing web surveys with BrowserStack (level: basic)

This session shows the benefits of the BrowserStack platform, which you can use to test surveys

TestSuite feedback session (level: medium)

In this session we will show the features of the Test Suite, and ask for your feedback on next steps