Conference Program

Monday, September 21st : IBUC – Pre-Conference Training	
Time	**Activity**
9:00 – 16:30	**Preconference training in the hotel**
18:00 – 20:00	**IBUC 2026 Welcome Reception in the hotel**

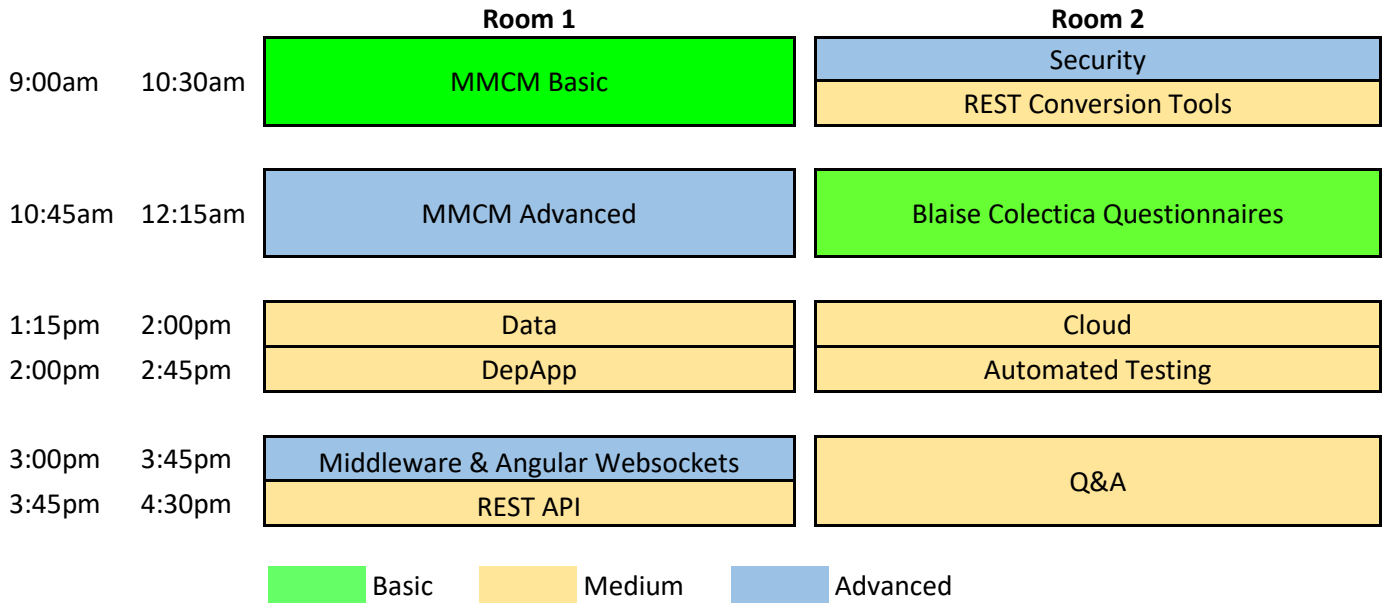
Tuesday, September 22nd : IBUC – Day 1	
Time	**Activity**
8:15 – 8:55	**Registration and Coffee**
8:55 – 9:00	**Logistics briefing**
9:00 – 10:00	***Plenary Session*** *(60 minutes)* • Opening remarks by IBUC Chair Gina Cheung (3 minutes) • Opening speech (University of Trondheim) (10 minutes) • The keynote by Kent Ranum, The Mayor of Trondheim (40 minutes) • Blaise and Blaise 5 at Statistics Netherlands by Harry Wijnhoven, Member of the Board of Directors and CEO Blaise, Statistics Netherlands (10 minutes)
10:00 – 10:30	**Break**
10:30 – 12:00	***Presentation Session 1*** *(90 minutes)* *Session Chair: Roger Linssen* 1. Blaise 5 CAPI Implementation at NatCen: Integration and Remaining Challenges (NatCen) 2. What the Instrument Already Knows: Surfacing Blaise Metadata for Documentation and Discovery (Colectica) 3. Blaise UDK: A Reusable Framework for Standardized, Accessible, and Multimode Survey Development in Blaise (Westat) 4. Implementation of Data Rotation for Online and Telephone Questionnaires (ONS)
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 – 15:00	***Presentation Session 2*** *(90 minutes)* *Session Chair: Tim Carati* 5. Automating Missing-Data Classification by Applying FPS IsVisited Metadata Upstream in the Blaise Extraction Pipeline (UMSRC) 6. Innovative Integration in Longitudinal Health Surveys: Overcoming Challenges in Add Health (RTI) 7. Implementing Checks and Signals in HRS: Improving Readability and Usability (UMSRC) 8. Utilizing Blaise 5 Resource Database Features to Implement Text-to-Speech (RTI)
15:00 – 15:30	**Break**

15:30 – 17:00	***Presentation Session 3*** *(90 minutes)* *Session Chair: Karl Dinkelmann* 9. Automation Testing – A Unified Data-Driven Framework for Functional Testing (ONS) 10. Breaking Up the Work - Developing Blaise 5 Instruments and Tests with Overwhelming Data Combinations (Westat) 11. A High Mountain Worth Climbing: SRO's DevSecOps Transformation (UMSRC) 12. Update from Statistics Denmark: Preparing for Blaise 5.50 (Statistics Denmark)

Wednesday, September 23rd : IBUC – Day 2	
Time	**Activity**
8:15 – 8:55	**Registration and Coffee**
8:55 – 9:00	**Logistics briefing**
9:00 – 10:00	***Workshop*** *(60 minutes)* From Framework to Features: Operationalizing Survey Behavior Together by Jeldrik Bakker (Statistics Netherlands)
10:00 – 10:30	**Break**
10:30 – 12:00	***Presentation Session 4*** *(90 minutes)* *Session Chair: Gina Cheung* 13. Usability testing of Blaise question templates at Statistics Norway (Statistics Norway) 14. Designing a question (Statistics Netherlands) 15. A New Dial Screen for CATI Surveys at Statistics Norway (Statistics Norway) 16. My journey as a fledgling software engineer (ONS)
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 – 21:00	Conference Excursion, Bus leaves the hotel around 13:30 Dinner at the hotel around 19:00

Thursday, September 24th : IBUC – Day 3	
Time	**Activity**
8:30 – 9:00	**Coffee and Logistics briefing**
9:00 – 10:30	Blaise Team Presents *(90 minutes)*
10:30 – 11:00	**Break**
11:00 – 12:00	***Presentation Session 5*** *(60 minutes)* *Session Chair: Leif Bochis Madsen* 17. KAMI at Statistics Norway: Bringing Blaise Metadata to Python (Statistics Norway) 18. Assessing Interview Quality for Blaise 5 Interviews using ASR and LLMs (UMSRC) 19. Solving Blaise Database Bloat Caused by Image Storage (ONS)
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 – 15:00	***Presentation Session 6 + Workshop*** *(90 minutes)* *Session Chair: Marcel van der Steen* 20. The Human, The AI and the Blaise Questionnaire: Using LLMs for Generation, Translation and Maintenance (Statistics Norway) 21. "I'm Never Copy and Pasting Another Spec Again": AI-Assisted Blaise Development in Practice (RTI) Workshop: Automatic translation using Blaise for multilingual surveys (Statistics Netherlands) (50 minutes)
15:00 – 15:15	**Break**
15:15 – 16:00	***Discussion Session: AI for Blaise*** *(45 minutes)* *Hosts: Harry Wijnhoven and Marcel van der Steen*
15:45 – 16:00	**Break**
16:00 – 16:45	"Tony" Award for IBUC Papers and Presentations International Blaise Users Group Meeting

Preconference Training Program



MMCM Basic (level: basic)
In this session we will show the basics of the Multimode Case Management system

MMCM Advanced (level: advanced)
This session focuses on advanced features of the Multimode Case Management System

Data (level: medium)
This session shows the improvements on how Blaise handles data

DepApp (level: medium)
In this session we will demonstrate the new MAUI version of the DepApp

Middleware & Angular Websockets (level: advanced)
In this session we will show how to use Middleware with Blaise, and the benefits of Angular Websockets

REST API (level: medium)
In this session we will show how you can use the new REST API

Security (level: advanced)
This session shows how to use Blaise in a secure way

REST Conversion Tools (level: medium)
In this session we will show you how to use the WCF to REST Conversion tools

Blaise Colectica Questionnaires (level: basic)
In this session we will show you the ins and outs of BCQ, the connection with Colectica Repository and the advantages of DDI

Cloud (level: medium)
In this session we will show the new additions to our cloud solution

From Risk to Reliability: An Automated Testing Approach (level: medium)
This session will show the way that the Blaise team tests new version of the software

Q&A (level: medium)
In this session, the Blaise team will try to answer any questions you have about Blaise