About Our Educational and Networking Events for SAS® Users
in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Anywhere Else

A dedicated, hardworking group of unpaid volunteers has been organizing and hosting educational and networking events for SAS users in the north central part of the United States, continuously offering programs since 1986.

Currently, we offer our conference in Milwaukee on the last Wednesday of June. In the past, we have also offered a conference in Chicago and are considering doing so again in future years.

The program includes parallel presentation sessions, one of them for SAS Analytics topics, and runs from 9 AM until 5 PM. It includes the following: expert speakers from SAS customer sites; SAS authors, trainers, and consultants; and, as available, technical, marketing support, and training staff from SAS Institute. There is an optional, no charge, post-conference networking social. Average conference attendance has been in the range 150-200. Topics include How-To tutorials, user software/application implementation experiences, and product education, as well as a third concurrent track dedicated to SAS Analytics. Our mailing list includes approximately 1500 users.

Though we are always interested in having local SAS users share their knowledge and experience, the program also includes SAS user expert speakers from distant parts of the USA, Canada, and occasionally Europe.

Content to load a Conference Proceedings and Tools folder is downloadable, after the conference, from a secure web site by paid registrants. It includes each speaker's paper(s) and/or slides, and might include related papers/slides by speakers. The publisher sometimes includes as a bonus a selection of useful papers and/or tools from other authors/contributors, and always includes links to SAS-related resources around the world.

Lunch is included. Continental breakfast is provided upon arrival, and beverages are also provided at breaks.

Full conference details and registration, when available, are accessed at: http://www.wiilsu.org.

There are no membership fee, no dues, and no formal membership process. **Event attendance is open to any pre-registered and pre-paid interested person, from any geographic location.** In the past, whether we met in Milwaukee or Chicago, we drew also some attendees from other states—nearby, and sometimes distant, parts of Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Missouri. SAS Institute promotes our conferences only in Illinois and Wisconsin. The Milwaukee site is an easy trip from the large concentration of SAS users in northeast Illinois.

Registration and payment are online or by mail, and in advance only. We can accept charge cards, personal checks, money orders, and company checks. No purchase orders.

If you are interested in our events, please send us your name, email address, affiliation, postal mailing address, and phone number. For email, please do not use a group email address. Send the information to Le_Roy_Bessler@wi.rr.com .

We recommend that you rely on direct delivery of our event notice. Please ask your colleagues or other interested parties to send us their email address and postal mailing information so that they can receive notification of Wisconsin Illinois SAS Users events directly.

Wisconsin Illinois SAS Users Conferences are organized and hosted by Software User Services, Inc., which is the unpaid-volunteer-staffed and not-for-profit administrator for SAS user conferences in the North Central USA.

If you have any questions, wish to volunteer to speak, or wish to help underwrite a future event, please communicate with **Dr. LeRoy Bessler** at Le_Roy_Bessler@wi.rr.com or **262-512-9484**.

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