

# Activities' Report (2018 – 2021)

At the general assembly in Zurich in August, 28th 2018, held during the Swiss Statistics Meeting, the following committee was elected (in alphabetical order): L. Donzé (University of Fribourg), B. Hellriegel (University of Zürich), B. Hulliger (FHNW), N. Meinshausen (ETHZ), S. Sardy (University of Geneva), P. Voirin (HES-SO/Fribourg). In addition, L. Donzé was elected as president and as a delegate to the SSS committee too.

Traditionally, the General Assembly of the section holds every two years during the Swiss Statistics Meeting. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation, the Swiss Statistics Meeting 2020 was postponed to 2021 and as well the assembly of our section.

The pandemic crisis has dramatically affected our activities. The lock-down obligation has obliged us to virtual conferences, and no great projects were proposed.

## Committee

During these years, several members decided to quit the committee (B. Hellriegel, N. Meinshausen, P. Voirin). In replacement, we tried to contact few people, but unfortunately, without great success.

## SSS Committee

Our involvement in the SSS Committee was first active participation in the regular meetings. Furthermore, we participated in some internal workshops and was engaged in the organisation committee and the scientific committee in charge of the Swiss Statistics Meeting 2020, postponed to 2021.

## Lambert Award

The Lambert Award Jury was elected during the last General Assembly of our section. The following persons compose it: Dr Michael Beer (Centralschweizerische Kraftwerke AG), Prof. V. Chavez-Demoulin (University of Lausanne), Prof. Lutz Dümbgen (University of Bern), Prof. Beat Hulliger (FHNW), Dr Matti Langel (Office cantonal de la statistique Genève). Dr Matti Langel was elected president of the Jury too. The Jury met on several occasions and found a young statistician to honour. The Lambert Prize 2021 will be given in August in Lugano during the Swiss Statistics Meeting.

## MAP-Platform, SCNAT and SAGW/ASSH

As a delegate of the SSS, we represented the statistical community at the spring and fall MAP-Platforms, the general assemblies of SCNAT, and SAGW/ASSH. These meetings were very stimulative. The Swiss academies are important partners in the founding of the SSS. Therefore, and though we didn't have a lot to say, it is essential that the society is present in all the meetings.

## Swiss Statistics Seminars

The last Swiss Statistics Seminars were organised by Prof. Lutz Duembgen from the University of Bern, and Prof. Dr Marloes Maathuis (ETHZ), with the help of Prof. B. Hellriegel from our committee. They were held at the University of Bern. In November 2018, the speakers were Thordis THORARINSDOTTIR (Norwegian Computing Center, Oslo) and Richard SAMWORTH (University of Cambridge), and in October 2019, Richard SAMWORTH (University of Cambridge) and Patrick WOLFE (Purdue University, USA). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there were no Swiss Statistics Seminars in 2020.

## Other Events

The World Data Forum, firstly foreseen for 2020, is also postponed to October 2021. This forum will be held in Bern with the contribution of our Swiss Statistical Office. In this context the SSS has planned some events in which we contribute.

Yours faithfully

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of the Swiss Statistical Society