

Minutes of the

**General Assembly of the Section Education and Research (SSS-ER)
of the Swiss Statistical Society**

28.08.2018, 8:30 – 9:00, at the *Swiss Statistics Meeting 2018* in Zurich

Participants:

Laurent Donzé, Uni Fribourg

Anne Renaud, EHSM

Lutz Dümgen, Uni Bern

Barbara Hellriegel, Uni Zürich & ZHAW

Beat Hulliger, FHNW

Pascale Voirin, HES-SO Fribourg

Frédéric Schütz, Uni Lausanne

Nicolai Meinshausen, ETH Zürich

Excused: Andreas Ruckstuhl, Sylvain Sardy, Victor Panaretos

Chair: Laurent Donzé

1. Welcome

President of SSS-ER Laurent Donzé welcomes the participants of the GA. The agenda is accepted.

2. Minutes of the last general assembly

The minutes of the GA of 24th August 2015 in Bern are accepted unanimously. They are published in SSS Bulletin 90 and available at www.stat.ch/en/sections/education-and-research

3. Report of Activities (1 July 2015- 30 June 2018)

1) Committee of SSS-ER and activities of SSS

The current committee of SSS-ER was elected at the GA of August 24, 2015:

Barbara Hellriegel (Uni Zürich), Beat Hulliger (FHNW), Nicolai Meinshausen (ETH Zürich), Andreas Ruckstuhl (ZHAW), Sylvain Sardy (Uni Geneva), Victor Panaretos (EPFL), Pascale Voirin (HES-SO Fribourg) and Laurent Donzé (Uni Fribourg) as president and delegate to the committee of SSS.

The SSS-ER committee met at three occasions (due to geographic distance and time constraints) and covered further issues by e-mail exchange.

Sessions with all committees of SSS were attended either by the president or by a member of the SSS-ER committee. In addition Beat Hulliger was member of the organising committee of the Swiss Statistics Meeting 2018 in Zurich and Laurent Donzé and Pascale Voirin contributed to the SSS triggered events called "Pitch your Research".

2) SNF/CTI

As a consequence of discussions during 2014 and 2015, in September 2015 the SSS-ER committee sent a letter to the National Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation concerning the representation of the Statistics field in the council. A response from SNSF was not received.

3) New website of SSS

We contributed contents to the new website of the society and helped with translations, especially concerning the pages related to our section.

4) Seminars and Workshops organized by SSS-ER and its members

- The Swiss Statistics Seminar, which is organised jointly by ETH Zürich, EPFL, University of Bern and SSS-ER, took place once in 2017 and is scheduled for November 9, 2018 with a new format
 - Spring 5.5.2017 with Speakers Sebastian ENGELKE (EPFL Lausanne), Matthias TEMPL (ZHAW Winterthur) and Damian KOZBUR (Uni Zürich)
 - See: www.stat.ch/en/sections/education-and-research
 - Fall 9.11.2018 with Speakers Thordis THORARINSDOTTIR (Norwegian Computing Center Oslo), Richard SAMWORTH (Uni Cambridge) and a poster session of one hour

Organizers from SSS-ER section: Lutz Dümbgen (Uni Bern) and Barbara Hellriegel (Uni Zürich)

- A workshop "Statistics at Universities of Applied Sciences" was held in Olten on 26.1.2018 with Beat Hulliger (FHNW), Jacques Zuber (HES-SO, HEIG-VD), Matthias Templ (ZHAW, School of Engineering) and Sabine Schilling (ZHAW, Life Science) as speakers.

Main organizer: Andreas Ruckstuhl (ZHAW Winterthur)

- A workshop "Pitch your Research in Statistics 2017" took place at Uni Fribourg on 6.10.2017 with Laurent Donzé, Rédina Berkachy, Corinne Hager Jörin, Nayla Sokhn and Martin Huber
See: www.frisam.ch/pitchresearch2017/

Organizers: Pascale Voirin and Laurent Donzé (Fribourg, Statistics and Applied Mathematics - FRI-SAM)

- A workshop on anonymization was held in June 2017 at the Berner Fachhochschule (BFH).

5) Lambert Award

It will be awarded for the third time by the Jury of the Lambert Award which in 2018 consists of Eva Cantoni (University of Geneva, Chairperson), Michael Beer (Centralschweizerische Kraftwerke AG), Lutz Dümbgen (Uni Bern), Matti Langel (OCSTAT Geneva), Beat Hulliger (FHNW).

4. Elections for SSS-ER committee

President, Delegate to SSS-Committee and SSS-ER committee have to be elected.

Laurent Donzé is again proposed for Presidency and for Delegate to SSS-Committee

Six members of the committee are willing to continue:

- Barbara Hellriegel, University of Zürich
- Beat Hulliger, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz
- Nicolai Meinshausen, ETH Zürich
- Silvain Sardy, Université de Genève
- Pascale Voirin, École d'ingénieurs et d'architectes Fribourg

The SSS-ER committee as well as the president were elected with acclamation.

5. Lambert Award

Election of the jury of the Lambert Award 2018, including the chair:

Matti Langel (Office cantonal de la statistique Genève, chairperson), Michael Beer (Centralschweizerische Kraftwerke AG), Valérie Chavez-Demoulin (Uni Lausanne), Lutz Dümbgen (Uni Bern) und Beat Hulliger (FHNW)

The Lambert Award committee and its chair were elected unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous

- The **SSS member survey** was executed between March and April 2016 and its main results were published in SSS Bulletin 85 (November 2016) – with additional “messages in a bottle (Flaschenbotschaften)” in Bulletin 87 (Juni 2017).

Lead: Mauro Stanga (Ufficio di statistica, Bellinzona)

- The **2nd World Statistics Day** was celebrated on the afternoon of 20.10.2015 in Olten and was dedicated to the development statistics

Local organizers: Marcel Baumgartner (Nestlé) and Beat Hulliger (FHNW)

See: https://worldstatisticsday.org/index_2015.html

Zurich, 2018, Barbara Hellriegel