

Minutes of the

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

7.9.2021, 8:30 – 9:00, at the *Swiss Statistics Meeting 2021* in Lugano

Participants:

Laurent Donzé, Uni Fribourg
Stefan Sperlich, Uni Geneva
Ernst Wit, Uni Svizzera Italiana
Beat Hulliger, FHNW School of Business

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 28th August 2018 in Zurich by Barbara Hellriegel are accepted unanimously. They are published in SSS Bulletin 99 and available at www.stat.ch/en/sections/education-and-research.

3. Report of Activities (2018-2021)

The report is published in Bulletin Nr. 99 and the president gives an overview.

Committee SSS-ER

- The pandemic crisis has dramatically affected our activities. The lock-down obligation has obliged us to virtual conferences, and no great projects were proposed.
- During these years, several members decided to quit the committee (B. Hellriegel, N. Meinshausen, P. Voirin).

Committee SSS

- Participation in the regular meetings
- Main points treated are related to Swiss Statistics Meetings and Swiss Days of Official Statistics (budget and administrative subjects)
- Internal workshops and organisation / scientific committees in charge of the Swiss Statistics Meeting 2020, postponed to 2021.

Lambert Award

- The Lambert Award Jury was elected during the last General Assembly
- The Jury met on several occasions and found a young statistician to honour

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- 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.

Swiss Statistics Seminars

- The last Swiss Statistics Seminars were organised by Prof. Lutz Duembgen from the University of Bern, and Prof. 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, Jonas PETERS (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) 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.

4. Elections for SSS-ER committee

Two members of the committee are willing to continue: Laurent Donzé and Silvain Sardy. The other members step down. The following committee is proposed for election.

- Lauren Donzé, Université de Fribourg
- Silvain Sardy, Université de Genève
- Tobias Schoch, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz
- Jasmine Wandel, Berner Fachhochschule
- Ernst-Jan C. Wit, Università de la Svizzera Italiana

The SSS-ER committee is elected with acclamation.

Lauren Donzé is willing to continue as the president of SSS-ER and is elected with acclamation. He was also elected as the delegate of SSS-ER to the Committee of SSS.

5. Lambert Award

Election of the jury of the Lambert Award 2023, including the chair:

- V. Chavez-Demoulin (University of Lausanne) and Chair
- A. Mira (Università della Svizzera italiana)
- M. Temple (ZHAW School of Engineering)
- S. Sardy (University of Geneva)
- S. Sperlich (University of Geneva)

The Lambert Award committee and its chair were elected unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous

The **Lambert Award** attracted mostly PhD candidates and/or candidates that are already beyond the first steps of their carrier. This makes the encouragement of young statisticians, say with a Master degree more difficult. An easy solution is not in sight. It does not necessarily consist an extension of the Lambert Award but some different form of encouragement.

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The **data literacy project** should be supported by the SSS-ER community since education in statistics is one of the fundamental objectives of the section. Antonietta Mira, new committee member, already proposed an involvement.

Bern, 2021, Beat Hulliger