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Welcome the March edition of the SSA newsletter. I hope you'll enjoy reading the contributions, such as the reports by the two SSA delegates at this year's "Science Meets Parliament". They could not have been there at a more turbulent time! There is also a number of upcoming events that I'd like to draw your attention to. Hopefully you'll find something interesting in that list for yourself. Our Vic Branch members have an advantage over the other members since most of the events seem to be happening in Melbourne this year!

Until next month!
Kind regards,

Marie-Louise Rankin
Executive Officer

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Science Meets Parliament

The Statistical Society of Australia, together with the NSW Branch and the QLD Branch sponsored two members of the Society to attend this year's Science Meets Parliament, organised by Science & Technology Australia. Judging by their reports they really enjoyed the experience and made the most of this amazing opportunity.

Read the full reports from Mahrita Harahap (NSW Branch) and Lee Jones (QLD Branch)

[Find out more](#)

News from the National School's Poster Competition

The 2017 competition saw a record 955 participants submit posters. Posters of winners and honourable mentions (announced December 217) are available [here](#).

Please help spread the word for the 2018 competition – families, friends, schools, etc. if you are interested in being involved.

And... there is a new Undergraduate Division in 2018 – more info coming soon on the [website](#).

You may also be interested in the 4-minute videos I've created of industry and other experts (NASA, NSWHealth, HVCCC, et al) talking about Statistics in practice, or the 1-minute overview video [here](#).

SSA-QLD Travel Grant

The Statistical Society of Australia QLD Branch is offering one award to fund the participation of a QLD Young Statistician to attend the Biostatistics Conference on 26–30 August 2018 in Melbourne.

[Find out how to apply](#)

Golden Jubilee Travel Grant

Applications are now open for the Golden Jubilee Travel Grant for SSA student and transitional members! If you are planning to travel overseas this year to present at an international conference, click through for more information.

[Find out how to apply](#)

Got an idea for a short statistical video?

The Australian Academy of Science is keen to produce short topical videos promoting science and, in particular, statistics to the general public. If you have an idea for a short 1 to 2 minute statistical video aimed at public education or topics of public interest then the Academy and the Statistical Society of Australia would like to hear from you.

You can find recent videos and web articles [here](#).

Submit video ideas to the Academy via email [here](#).

For further information, please contact Paul Richards, Digital Media Strategist, via email [here](#), or [email me](#).

Peter Baker

Chair of SSA Media and Communications Committee

[Find out more](#)

It's time to nominate! Do you know any researchers deserving of recognition?

The [Science Prizes Calendar](#) is available to help you track the opportunities such as the Eureka, FameLab and CRC Innovation awards, which are all open now, and the Academy of Science's honours, which will open soon. The \$750,000 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science opened on 21 February. Across the prizes, it would be great to see more nominations of innovators, more women for the science prizes, and more men for the teacher prizes.

[Find out more](#)

Australian and New Zealand Statistical Journal

Are you aware that every member has online access to the ANZJS? Simply log into your membership profile on the SSA website and click on ANZJS in the black ribbon with the menu headings. Your username is your email address. If you have trouble with the password please email me.

[Log on here](#)

Australian Survey of Social Attitudes

ACSPRI contacted the Statistical Society to advertise the opportunity to contribute to The Australian Survey of Social Attitudes (AuSSA), by sponsoring a question or questions relevant to the theme of "Religion".

AuSSA is an important source of data for the scientific study of the social attitudes, beliefs and opinions of Australians, how they change over time, and how they compare with other societies.

[Find out more](#)

Does the public understand science?

With scientific misinformation more pervasive than ever, who is responsible for the public's understanding of research?

Wiley recently conducted a "Perceptions of Public Trust in Science" study, where they asked researchers what skills they think are most important for scientific literacy and how the research community can help improve wider public understanding. Here are the results.

[Find out more](#)

Upcoming Events

Estimating the benefits of new treatments (hosted by Dr Nick Latimer)

19 March 2018, Sydney. [Find out more.](#)

Adaptive Trials

22 March 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

Writing Clinical Trial Simulators

23 March 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

Clinical Registry Data Analysis using Stata

19 – 20 April 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

Computational and Applied Statistics (CAS2018) workshop

2-5 July 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

Sports Analytics & Sports Technology Conference (SAC) Australia

10 August 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

Joint International Society for Clinical Biostatistics and Australian Statistical Conference 2018

26-30 August 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

Early Career Researchers' Day

30 August 2018, Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

And don't miss ACSPRI's 2 Day Master-classes and Workshops in Melbourne. [Find out more.](#)

QLD Branch AGM

4:30pm, Tuesday 20 March, 2018

The Gibson Room 1064, Z Block, Gardens Point Campus, QUT. [Find out more.](#)

The AGM will be followed by an ordinary branch meeting at 5:15PM at the same venue. Members and guests are welcome to join the speaker afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

Topic: The crisis in health and medical statistics

Speaker: Professor Adrian Barnett, Queensland University of Technology

[Find out more](#) about the speaker and see the abstract.

Canberra Schedule 2018

The Canberra branch of the SSA is pleased to present our [meeting schedule for 2018](#). Please see the link at the top of that web page for a poster of the schedule containing our statistically and practically awesome lineup of speakers for the year!

Canberra Branch AGM

Tuesday March 27, 2018

Australian National University

Topic: Branching process in Population Genetics: Mitochondrial Eve and genetic mutations

Speaker: Conrad Burden, MSI, ANU

Please save the date in your diary! More details will become available in due course [here](#).

VIC Branch AGM

5pm, Tuesday 27 March, 2018

Peter Hall Building Tea Room, the University of Melbourne

Topic: Data and Decision-Making: Informative Missingness, Recommender Systems, and Personalised Medicine

Speaker: Howard Bondell, Professor of Statistics and Data Science, University of Melbourne

To be followed by the seminar at 6pm (seminar location to be confirmed).

[View the abstract here.](#)

Methods of Official Statistics - Workshop

10 May 2018

SSA Official Statistics Section in conjunction with the Australian Bureau of Statistics is holding a one day workshop on 10 May. The focus on the day is the application of State Space Methods to the production of official statistics.

There will be opportunity for short presentations on any topic with connection to official statistics: this may be attractive to people who intend presenting at the forthcoming ASC and wish to give a dry run with the opportunity for constructive discussion.

The workshop will make use of ABS videoconferencing facilities in all its offices - accessible by non-staff members who have registered for the event.

Look out for details in later notices

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