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It's good to be back from leave and I have quickly settled into my routine again. It being October, things are starting to heat up with the usual end-of-year hustle and bustle. The final months of the year often come with change, especially for many of our student members.

If you are leaving your university and if your contact details change, please don't forget to let SSA know so that our membership officer can update the database. Our email address is eo@statsoc.org.au. If you are leaving uni and moving into the workforce, keep in mind that when your membership renewal comes around next time, you will be entitled to one year of *transitional* membership at half the price of full membership. You may also consider applying for GStat Accreditation. If you attended one of SSA's accredited courses going through the application process is generally just a formality. Should you have completed a course that was not accredited by the Society it's not too complicated either. We just ask for more information about the course contents of your subjects. GStat Accreditation is a great way to show potential employers not only that your qualifications have been vetted by the Statistical Society, it also indicates a dedication to your profession that will set you apart from other job applicants.

So please keep those GStat applications coming. Good luck with the various challenges waiting for you in the next few months!

Kind regards,

Marie-Louise Rankin
Executive Officer

ISCB ASC 2018: Report from the organisers

By members of the Local Organising and Program Committees

The end of August brought with it ISCB ASC 2018: the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics and Australian Statistical Conference. ISCB ASC 2018 was the culmination of four years of work, and we welcomed 616 delegates from around the world to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on the banks of the Yarra River.

[Read more](#)

Young NSW statisticians attending ISCB ASC 2018

The NSW branch provided travel support for four young statisticians to attend the ISCB ASC 2018 conference in Melbourne.

[Read their reports](#)

2019 Belz Lecture with Professor Di Cook

Human vs computer: when visualising data, who wins?

Tuesday October 16, Melbourne

[Find out more](#)

South Australian Branch August Meeting

Early stopping adaptive trial designs: Bayesian or frequentist?

The speaker for the August meeting of the SA Branch was Dr Andrew Vincent, a biostatistician at the University of Adelaide, and his topic was adaptive randomized Phase II trials. Early stopping adaptive designs are likely to have much lower (expected) sample sizes compared with randomized control trials (RCTs), which make them appealing for the early-stage discovery RCT setting. Andrew discussed logistical issues associated with these simple adaptive designs, and contrast properties of the standard Frequentist and Bayesian designs.

[Read the article](#)

NSW Branch September meeting with Dr Tian (Frank) Feng

The NSW Branch September meeting hosted a presentation from Dr Tian (Frank) Feng, from the University of New South Wales. Tian talked about “Urban Modelling and Understanding with Machine Learning”.

[Read more](#)

Member news: SSA member Alison Harcourt featured on the ABC's 7:30 Report

We are proud to boast that Alison Harcourt has been a member of SSA since 1965. On Monday, 8 October, the “ground-breaking grandmother of Australian mathematics” was featured on the 7:30 Report on the ABC. If you missed the program you can still [catch it here](#).

First ABS PhD Interns

Ten new internships announced under a continuing partnership between APR.Intern and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will accelerate engagement of women in statistical research innovation. Following the previous placement of seven PhDs, the new internships will roll out over the next year. Each project will run for up to five months, with the PhDs undertaking specialist research within ABS teams to complement academic expertise with essential industry soft skills.

[Find out more](#)

ISI International Poster Competition

The [International Statistical Institute](#) (ISI) and Esri have launched a student competition using GIS in statistics, including spatial statistics, regression modelling, spatial data management, mapping, visualization and analysis.

The call for applications from student groups to enter the international poster competition using ArcGIS software is open since September 1, 2018. The application deadline is November 30, 2018, and successful applicants will have until May 30, 2019, to submit their posters for the international competition. Posters will be displayed at the ISI World Statistics Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in August 2019, where the winners will be announced.

[Find out more](#)

Have you checked out SSA's Career Center yet?

Are you aware that we host a Career Centre where you can advertise job openings for statisticians and data analysts, post your own resume and read other people's resume? It currently advertises 7 recently posted jobs (plus many more from other web sources) and hosts 84 live resumes posted by job seekers.

[Visit the Career Centre](#)

Upcoming events - NSW Branch

Tickets are currently available for our ever-popular NSW Young Statisticians & Data Scientists Careers Networking Evening (free for SSA members), to be held on October 19 at UTS. We have speakers from financial, government, academic and consultancy services, and a great opportunity to network! [Register here.](#)

The next regular NSW Branch meeting will be on October 30, featuring a talk by Kelly Tall from the Commonwealth Bank. Keep an eye out for further details about this and our JB Douglas Awards, Annual Lecture and Dinner, to be held in late November.

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