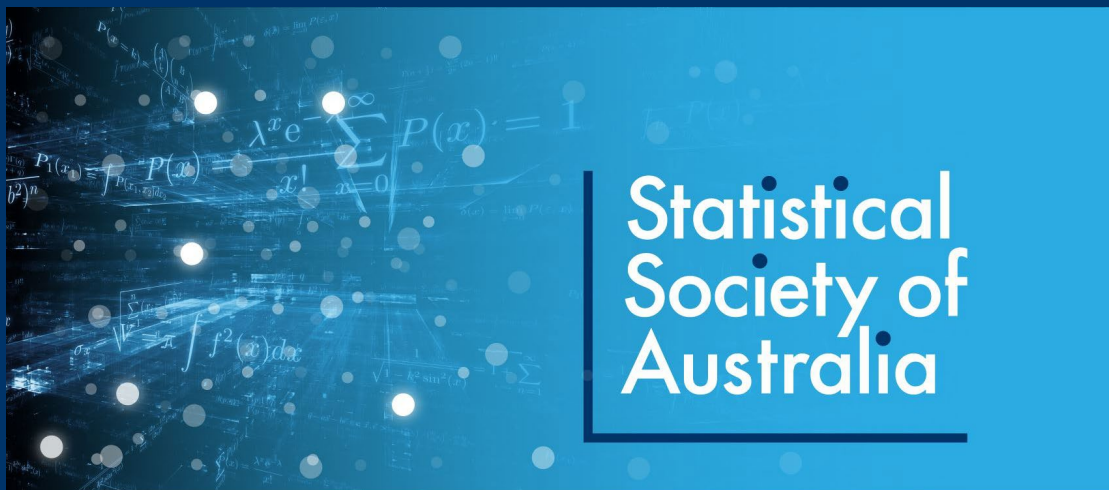


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## STATS MATTERS & EVENTS

15 December 2022

Dear Marie-Louise,.

This last week has been frantically busy, not just for me, but for the people around me as well. Everyone I talk to feels exhausted and is counting down to their last day at work. There is the pressure of getting your work done before leave while at the same time attending office parties and social get-togethers with friends.

For some of our members the end of year comes with major changes. I am talking about our student members who completed their final year at uni this year. Congratulations! You did it! A new life is waiting for you!

If you are leaving university life, your uni email address may no longer be valid. Please don't forget to update your email address in the membership portal of the SSA website, so we can stay in touch. You can also email me if you would like me to update it for you.

Now that you are entering the workforce as a fully-fledged statistician, keep in mind that when your membership renewal comes around next time, you will be entitled to three years of Early Career membership at half the price of full membership.

If you are looking for a job, our [Career Centre](#) may be a good place to post your resume. Please also see the tips [below](#).

You may also consider applying for [GStat Accreditation](#). If you attended one of SSA's accredited courses, going through the application process is 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 detailed 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 why not spend your summer break working on your GStat application?

[Marie-Louise Rankin](#)

Executive Officer

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**Would you please note that the SSA Office will be closed from 22 December 2022, reopening on 9 January 2023.**

**The first newsletter of 2023 will be published on 12 January 2023.**

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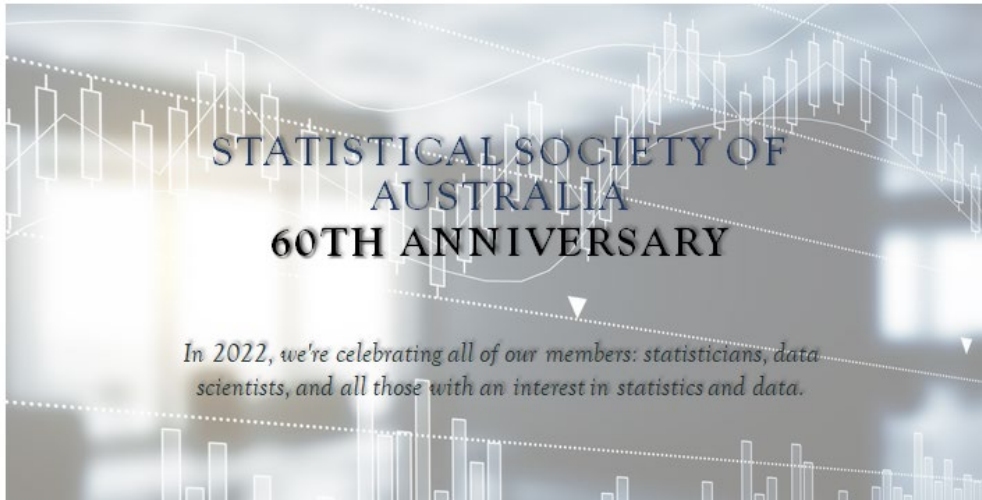
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### **ASC 2023: Call for Abstract Reviewers**

The ASC 2023 Scientific Programming Committee (SPC) is currently seeking expressions of interest from SSA members interested in undertaking the peer review of abstracts for the conference. All areas of statistical expertise are welcome. The Australian Statistical Conference, partnered with the Australian Conference on Teaching Statistics (OZCOTS), will take place in Wollongong from 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Each reviewer will be responsible for blind reviewing up to 20 abstracts of up to 300 words aligned with their area of expertise and each abstract will have 2 reviewers. Review criteria and information on how to review the abstracts will be provided once the call for reviewers closes. **Reviewers must be available to review abstracts between April and May 2023.**

Selection of reviewers will be based on SSA membership and area of expertise, with the number of reviewers based on the number of abstract submissions. If you are able to review abstracts, please complete the [online registration form](#). Abstract reviewer registrations will close on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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### **Call for nomination: Horizon Lectures, [Australian Statistical Conference](#), 10-15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (ASC 2023)**

The Statistical Society of Australia (SSA) and ASC 2023 Scientific Programme Committee are delighted to open nominations for the inaugural Horizon Lectures, to be given at ASC2023 in Wollongong, 10<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The Horizon Lectures aim to recognise emerging leaders in Australia's statistics community and their contributions to advancing statistical practice across academia, government, and/or industry. Lectures will be awarded to mid-career statisticians working in any discipline who have made an impact within their field(s) of expertise and have demonstrated leadership in building capacity in statistical expertise within Australia.

Up to three (3) Horizon Lectures will be awarded for presentation at ASC2023. All Lectures will be presented together as a plenary session to all conference delegates. Lectures can be on any area of statistics in line with the awardee's expertise. Each awardee will receive up to \$2,500 to cover conference and travel costs.

Nominations involve a written statement (up to 1,000 words) summarising how the nominee meets the award selection criteria. Nominees must be a member of the SSA and be employed as a statistician in Australia. Nominations must be supported by another member of the SSA.

Full details on eligibility, award selection criteria and submission are available in the nomination form, available on the [conference website](#). Nominations must be submitted by **5 pm AEST, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Questions about the Horizon lectures can be sent to ASC 2023 Scientific Programming Committee at [asc.ozcots2023@gmail.com](mailto:asc.ozcots2023@gmail.com)

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## **Lionel Messi - The ridiculous records and silly statistics of the greatest player ever**

The last couple of weeks have left Australian soccer fans bleary-eyed as they sacrifice precious sleep to follow the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

One of the most exciting games was Argentina playing Croatia just a couple of mornings ago, with Lionel Messi living up to his reputation, being one of the key players and adding to his long list of personal statistics. If you are a Messi fan and curious about "The ridiculous records and silly statistics of obviously the greatest player ever" (Matthew Stead, 14 December 2022, Football365), click [here](#).

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## **End-of-year job searching**

Some people will tell you that hiring ramps up before the New Year. Others will tell you that hiring slows down during the holiday season.

As a job seeker, rather than worrying about how quickly companies make hiring decisions, put your focus on what you can control, such as how intensely you search for jobs.

Increase your chances of winning that key job by following these tips from SSA's career centre.

1. Keep an up-to-date resume - If you're looking for a new job, it's essential to periodically update your resume, don't wait until the last minute. Use a resume template that you can easily customize to match the job description.
2. Learn new skills or gain new experiences - Our careers are never-ending and we need to constantly upgrade our skills and learn about new areas to advance. Take a certification course to increase your marketability.
3. Be persistent and don't give up - Getting started can be the most challenging part of job hunting. We all sometimes have schedules that prevent us from preparing or advancing in our careers. Take some time each month to improve your skills or practice mock interviews. Lastly, never give up. Regardless of the time of year, starting the search takes time and patience.

[Explore our Career Centre and resources](#)

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## SSA Events

### [The Necessary SQL - An Introduction to SQL with Daniel Fryer](#)

6-February 2023, 9:00 AM (AEDT) – 7 February 2023, 5:00 PM (AEDT),  
Online via Zoom

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### **Save the date: ASC and OZCOTS 2023**

10-15 December 2023, University of Wollongong, NSW

[Find out more](#)

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## Other Events



### AMSI Careers Day 2023

Maths, Stats & Data Science is critical to so many careers across all industry sectors. University students are invited to attend the FREE AMSI Careers Day on Monday 16 January 2023 at the [University of Melbourne](#) to explore the diverse career pathways available to Maths, Stats and Data Science graduates - refreshments provided.

Hear from some of Australia's leading employers of mathematical sciences graduates, including:

- [Optiver](#)
- [MECCA Brands](#)
- [Microsoft](#)
- [CSIRO's Data61](#)
- [Australian Signals Directorate](#)
- [Australian Space Agency](#)
- [Reserve Bank of Australia](#)
- [APR.Intern.](#)

[Find out more and register here](#)

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If you have news from the Australian statistical community to share in Stats Matters and Events, please get in touch [with us](#)! We love getting feedback too.

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