

President's report 2022

The AGM for 2021 was held on the 28th of April 2021 at GP-S408, Garden Points Campus, QUT. The following council members were elected (as per minutes of AGM):

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Councillor (Newsletter Contact)	<i>Vacant</i>	
Councillor (CPD Rep)	<i>Vacant</i>	
Councillor (regional)	Rachel King	Rachel.King@usq.edu.au

It should be noted that Farzana Jahan has since resigned from the council since her personal circumstances have changed.

Furthermore, Peter Barker has been acting as the CPD Rep and has informed us that he will no longer be able to act in this capacity.

Both are thanked for their valuable contribution to our council and society.

Seminars and Meetings

In 2021 we had 8 seminars given analytically below. Each one was accompanied by a QLD council meeting. It should be noted that the past year has been quite challenging with external events (COVID19 and its consequences; floods) impacting on our ability to meet but also in arranging for seminars. We have tried to meet as much as we can in person, but we also set up an online (mainly Zoom) meeting concurrently. It has been a challenging year to say the least. However, we also had the opportunity to expand our pool to overseas and interstate speakers given that most of the seminars have been online.

Meetings and seminars:

1. Farzana Jahan (QLD) on Bayesian Meta-analysis, 28/04/22, 17:00-18:00, Hybrid event, QUT GP-S408 & Online
2. Jonathon Love (interstate speaker) on Jamovi. 09/06/2021, 16:00-17:00, Online
3. Munni Begum on predictive Biomarkers (overseas speaker) 25/08/2021, 11am-12pm, Online
4. Foreman Lecture stream, Li-Chun Zhang (Overseas) on Graph Sampling Theory. 06/07/21, 17:00-18:00, Online but room booked and attended QUT KG-B330.

5. Panel Discussion on “Statistician and the Reproducibility Crisis” with Sabine Hoffmann, John Maindonald, Dr. Teresa Neeman and Adrian Barnett (overseas and interstate speakers), 28/09/21, 17:00-18:00, Online
6. Ioannis Ntzoufras (overseas speaker) on Unified Bayesian Models, 20/10/21, 17:00-18:00, Online
7. Shahjahan Khan (QLD-Toowoomba) on Meta-Analysis, 24/11/21, 15:00-16:00, Online
8. Richard A. Iles (Hybrid event), on an application of agent-based modelling, 11/03/22, 12:30-13:30, QUT KG-Q620 & Online

Future Seminars

Four speakers have been contacted and 2 have agreed to give seminars. Both are from QLD but not from Brisbane.

Scholarships

Our branch gave 3 scholarships of \$150 towards fee registration for ANSZC 2021.

Other Issues

The president of the QLD branch, who is also a member of the SSA accreditation Committee, has initiated and has been liaising with the Federation of European National Statistical Societies (<https://www.fenstats.eu/>) for reciprocal recognition. This is at the final stages of discussion at the Central Council.