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Welcome to our first newsletter edition of 2018! I trust you had a relaxing Summer break and are ready to embrace the new year.

At SSA some of our members have been busy over the Summer months to expand our relationship with "The Conversation", to draft additional points for our Code of Conduct to include the matter of sexual harassment and to come up with ways to reward long term members. Details will be revealed over the upcoming months, so please make sure we have your your current email address so we can keep you posted on these topics.

For now I hope you'll enjoy our February newsletter.

Kind regards,

Marie-Louise Rankin
Executive Officer

J. B. Douglas Postgraduate Awards

Congratulations to Maria Jofre from the University of Sydney Business School, who won the student presentation competition at the 18th Annual J. B. Douglas Postgraduate Awards for her talk "Accounting fraud detection through forensic analysis". A full report will be provided in the next eNewsletter.

Right: Maria Jofre with NSW Branch President Michael Stewart.



YSC Travel Grant Winners

The NSW branch provided travel grants to two students to attend the 2017 Young Statisticians Conference in September. Hao Wu and WeiChang Yu reported on their experience.

[Read the article](#)

[The Conversation](#)

[Mike Tallis Interview](#)

The Conversation is an online independent source of news and views, sourced from the academic and research community.

The SSA is working with The Conversation to put together a landing page where all SSA's member articles appear, showcasing the expertise in the Society, and providing a go-to page for articles on news or views with a statistical flavour.

Nick Fisher in conversation with the late Mike Tallis (1931-2017) - an insight into the history and development of Statistics in Australia.

[Read the interview](#)

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 here for more information:

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Are You Interested in Statistics in the Media?

Do you have an interest in promoting the statistical profession via traditional or social media?

Currently the SSA Media and Communications Committee are looking to publish articles via:

1. media releases, documents and reports at the SSA website,
2. website articles like The Conversation, and
3. social media like twitter and facebook.

These may be for very quick turn around articles of immediate public interest like the recent Scott Sisson and Peter Baker The Conversation article or more general articles like contributing to The Open Letter for Science.

We are also working on developing draft guidelines or policy on Social Media for SSA and drafting Rules of Operation for the SSA Media and Communications Committee itself.

If you would like to be involved in any of these areas, contribute an article or simply wish to suggest ideas then please [email me](#). Thanks to those who have already responded.

Dr Peter Baker

Chair of SSA Media and Communications Committee

Early Career Researchers' Day

The aim of the day is to encourage discussion on how to be a good researcher and how to come up with statistical research projects of ongoing or future interest.

To be held at the joint International Society for Clinical Biostatistics/Australian Statistical Conference 2018 in Melbourne on Thursday, 30 August 2018.

[Find out more](#)

From the WA Branch

The WA Branch welcomed Professor Mark Girolami of the University of Warwick in December. His trip to Perth was funded in part by the Frank Hansford-Miller bequest which aims at strengthening the relationship between statisticians in Western Australia and the United Kingdom. As part of his trip, Mark gave a one day workshop and short seminar which were both very well received. Many members took the opportunity to meet Mark with some post graduate students forming strong bonds with him. During his stay, Mark was hosted by the University of Western Australia.

Upcoming Events

QLD Branch meeting - February 20

[DETAILS HERE](#)

Canberra Branch meeting - February 27

[DETAILS HERE](#)

Workshop on Adaptive Trials and Writing Clinical Trial Simulators - March 22-23, Melbourne

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