

Swiss Statistical Society - Section Education and Research

Minutes of the general assembly held on November 16, 2007 in Luzern, 16h15-16h45.

Participants:

Ruedi Baumann, Peter Bühlmann, Eva Cantoni, Lutz Dümbgen, Beat Hulliger, Peter Köppel, Marloes Maathuis, Martin Mächler, Andreas Ruckstuhl, Werner Stahel, Jacques Zuber.

1. Agenda

No objections.

2. Minutes of the last general assembly

Accepted unanimously.

3. Report of the last two years

Werner Stahel, (still) president of the section, gives a short report on the section activities during the last two years. The main activities are the Swiss Statistics Seminars, taking place twice a year, including the contribution to the organization to the Swiss Statistics Meeting.

Additional activities:

- Jacques Zuber has given talks on teaching statistics in Gymnasiums.
- The section also represents the Swiss Statistical Society within the Swiss Academy of Sciences and in the board organizing the European Courses on Advanced Statistics.

4. Elections

Werner Stahel will step down as president but is willing to stay on the committee. Jacques Zuber and Anthony Davison will step down from the committee. The assembly elects the following committee by acclamation:

- Eva Cantoni, Univ. de Genève (President)
- Lutz Dümbgen, Univ. Bern
- Theo Gasser, Univ. Zürich
- Yanyuan Ma, Univ. de Neuchatel
- Werner Stahel, ETH Zürich
- Pascale Voirin, Ecole d'ingénieurs et architectes Fribourg.

5. Miscellanea

- Werner Stahel informs about the upcoming Swiss Meeting of Official Statistics in Davos in September 2008.
- Two general themes for the Section, among others, will be Undergraduate Education and Science & Society, as the Swiss Academy of Exact Science (*scnat*) will be interested in activities in these fields.
- The assembly discusses briefly a potential Master program in Statistics, offered jointly by several Swiss universities of applied sciences. The general opinion is that the contact to the universities of applied sciences should be intensified.
- The association of Maths teachers at Gymnasiums will form a new member of *scnat*. We should tie a link with them.
- The dates of the upcoming Swiss Statistics Seminars are visible on the corresponding web page: <http://www.imsv.unibe.ch/htm/sstats.htm>. Lutz Dümbgen will ask for proposals of invited speakers in due time.

The assembly thanks Werner Stahel and Lutz Dümbgen for their work.