

Minutes of the

**General Assembly of the Section Education and Research (SSS-ER)  
of the Swiss Statistical Society**

17.10.2013, 16:40 – 17:30, at the *Swiss Statistics Meeting 2013* in Basel

**Participants:**

Beat Hulliger (FHNW)  
Werner Stahel (ETHZ)  
Lutz Dümgben (Uni Bern)  
Mark Hannay (ETHZ)  
Barbara Hellriegel (Uni Zürich)  
Martin Mächler (ETHZ)  
Andreas Ruckstuhl (ZHAW)  
Eva Cantoni (Uni Geneva)  
Laurent Donzé (Uni Fribourg)  
Pascale Voirin (HES-SO/FR)  
Corinne Hager Jörin (Statoo Consulting)  
Jürg Hüsler (Bern)  
Jan-Peter Trepp  
Victor Panaretos (EPFL)

Chair: Beat Hulliger

**1. Welcome**

President of SSS-ER Beat Hulliger welcomes the participants of the GA. The agenda is accepted.

**2. Minutes of the last general assembly**

The minutes of the GA of 30 October 2011 in Fribourg are accepted unanimously (available at <http://stat.ch/en/sections/education-and-research>).

**3. Biennial Report of Activities (1 July 2011- 30 June 2013)**

1) The **current committee** of SSS-ER with Lutz Dümgben (Uni Bern), Barbara Hellriegel (Uni Zürich), Andreas Ruckstuhl (ZHAW), Werner Stahel (ETHZ), Pascale Voirin (HES-SO/Fribourg), Victor Panaretos (EPFL) and Beat Hulliger (FHNW) as president and delegate to the committee of SSS was elected at the GA of 25 October 2011:

The SSS-ER committee met at the Seminars of SSS-ER and via Skype on several occasions. In addition two joint sessions with all committees of SSS were attended by several members of SSS-ER committee.

- 2) **Rules and format of the Swiss Statistics Meetings** were discussed with respect to the needs of the section SSS-ER. The possibilities for changes are limited. From 2013 onwards, however, two delegates of the SS-ER should be involved in the preparation of these meetings. The current delegates are Andreas Ruckstuhl and Victor Panaretos. They reported mixed experiences because of language issues and the difficulties resulting from the fact that there is no separation between local organizing committee and scientific committee. Both issues are not easy to resolve.
- 3) **Establishment of the Lambert Award** and its rules and installation of the jury for the first edition of the Lambert Award by the committees of SSS-ER and SSS. The Jury of the Lambert Award was composed of Eva Cantoni (University of Geneva), Yves-Laurent Grize (Bâloise Group), Beat Hulliger (FHNW, Chairperson), Matti Langel (OCSTAT Geneva), Victor Panaretos (EPFL).
- 4) **Seminars and Workshops** organized by SSS-ER and its members
- The Swiss Statistics Seminars organised jointly by the University of Bern and SSS-ER were held on three occasions Spring 20.4.2012 (Speakers Anestis ANTONIADIS, Guillaume OBOZINSKI and Jon WELLNER), Fall 26.10.2012 (Speakers Nanny WERMUTH, Jennifer L. WADSWORTH, Anatoli JUDITSKY) and Spring 26.4.2013 (Speakers Hein PUTTER, Johanna F. ZIEGEL, Piotr FRYZLEWICZ). Main organizer of the Statistics Seminar is Lutz Dümbgen.
  - A workshop "Statistik an den FH" (18.2.2012) was dedicated to research projects and didactical experiences. Main organizer: Andreas Ruckstuhl

#### 4. Elections for SSS-ER committee

Five members of the committee are willing to continue:

Lutz Dümbgen, University of Bern

Barbara Hellriegel, University of Zürich

Beat Hulliger, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz

Victor Panaretos, EPFL

Andreas Ruckstuhl, Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften

Pascale Voirin, Ecole d'ingénieurs et d'architectes Fribourg

Two new members are proposed to the GA:

Nicolai Meinshausen, ETH Zürich

Silvain Sardy, Université de Genève

The GA was elected as a whole: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Beat Hulliger FHNW is willing to continue as president of SSS-ER and as delegate of the SSS-ER in the committee of the SSS. He was elected with acclamation.

President and committee said good-bye to Werner Stahel and thanked him for his valuable contributions of the last years with wine and sweets.

## 5. Lambert Award

The rules are accepted with no dissentient and no abstention.

Election of the jury of the Lambert Award 2015:

Eva Cantoni (Uni Geneva)), Victor Panaretos (EPFL), Matti Langel (Office cantonal de la statistique Genève), Beat Hulliger (FHNW) and Yves-Laurent Grize (Baloise Group) as chair

The Lambert Award committee was elected as a whole: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

## 6. Miscellaneous

- The **spring seminar** of SSS-ER is scheduled for **11 April 2014** in Bern.  
Speakers are: Donald RICHARDS (Pennsylvania State University), Antonietta MIRA (University of Lugano), **Rajen SHAH** (University of Cambridge)
- Pascale Voirin has been approached by a French initiative on “Teaching Statistics”. It might be interesting to learn more about it and present it e.g in the Bulletin.
- SSS has been asked to submit its position on the “Lehrplan 21” (secondary level 1)  
We agreed that in general the SSS should be involved in developing teaching material. On the other hand we face the difficulty that we do not have close contacts with teachers, especially not to those teaching young pupils.  
There was a suggestion to have a look at a similar program in the Suisse Romande.  
According to the new Rahmenlehrplan of the professional Matura statistics is taught in 21 hours.
- We should update and expand the advertisement of statistics consulting activities on our website.

March, 2014, Barbara Hellriegel