

Wellington Statistics Group Report

25 June 2010

Over 2009 and 2010, the Wellington Statistics Group has arranged the following talks:

2 July 2010, Ingram Olkin (NZSA Visiting Lecturer)
26 May 2010, Shirley Pledger and Richard Arnold
9 February 2010, John Maindonald
8 September 2009, Vijay Nair
2 April 2009, Ross Ihaka
2 February 2009, Brian Easton and Ryan You

Further details of these talks can be found on the NZSA Local Groups web page: http://nzsa.rsnz.org/local_groups.shtml. This web page also contains contact details for the group (including the mailing list web interface), names of sponsors, and details of forthcoming talks, which included Ingram Olkin's, at the time of writing.

David Harte has been the convenor of the group over the last few years (since 2007), but David has been out of New Zealand for some lengthy periods more recently and he feels it is time to step down from the convenor's role. For now John Haywood will resume as WSG convenor, a position which John previously held from the group's launch in 2001 until 2006. Alistair Gray continues to be the treasurer and Leigh Roberts usually organises the refreshments. John Haywood maintains the group's mailing list and writes the Newsletter entries for both NZSA and the New Zealand Mathematical Society.

Financially the group is in a healthy position, with a bank account balance of \$303.95. There is a further \$500 coming from NZSA, which is the group's share of the profits from the 60th Annual NZSA Conference that was held in Wellington in September 2009.

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