

NZSA Awards Committee: Report for July 2010 – August 2011

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (Convenor)

Jennifer Brown (ex officio NZSA President)

James Curran

Harold Henderson

Roger Littlejohn (deceased)

Roger Littlejohn

The Awards Committee were deeply saddened by the death of Roger Littlejohn. Roger made a fine contribution to the Committee both as Member and Convenor.

Campbell Award

A call for nominations for the 2011 Campbell Award was made in May 2011. Two nominations were received, for Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott. The Awards Committee agreed unanimously that both nominees were hugely deserving of the Award. As a consequence it was decided that Roger Littlejohn and Alastair Scott should jointly receive the 2011 Campbell Award.

An extended citation for the 2010 Campbell Award winner, Steve Haslett, will appear in due course in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics.

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

A number of requests for funding from the Campbell Bequest Fund were received during the previous 12 months. The following proposals were funded.

ISLP Poster Competition

A grant of \$500 was made towards the national prizes for the International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) international poster competition. The mission of this ISI organisation is to support, create and participate in statistical literacy activities and promotion around the world. The aim of the poster competition is to promote statistics learning and education at school level.

2010 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference

An award of \$500 was made to support the 2010 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference, held 21-25 November 2010 at Westport.

Women in Statistics Mini-conference

Sponsorship of \$500 was granted for the Women in Statistics Mini-conference, held on 20 October 2010 at Victoria University in Wellington to celebrate World Statistics Day.

Project on developing bootstrapping and randomisation in New Zealand high schools

An award of \$546 was made to John Harraway (University of Otago) to fund travel costs associated with a large project on the development of bootstrapping and randomisation in New Zealand high schools.

2011 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference

An award of \$500 was made to Michael Snook in support of the organization of the 2011 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference, which will take place at Silverstream Retreat (near Upper Hutt) in November 2011.

Summer Workshops in Probability (January 2012)

An award of \$780 was made to Ilze Ziedins to support the Summer Workshops in Probability, to be held in Auckland next January. The Awards Committee noted that these monies should be used in the first instance to support NZ postgraduate students who wish to attend the workshops.

Other Awards and Honours

Estate Khmaladze Fellowship of the Royal Society of New Zealand

NZSA member Estate Khmaladze (professor of statistics, Victoria University in Wellington) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Ross Haines awarded Woolf Fisher Scholarship

Ross Haines (Honours student in Statistics at the University of Otago) has been awarded a prestigious Woolf Fisher Scholarship.

Thanks to the Awards Committee

The Convenor acknowledges the excellent work of the other members of the Award Committee over the past 12 months.

Martin Hazelton

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