

Wellington Statistics Group (WSG) Report 2014

The Wellington Statistics Group has had a fairly relaxed year, with a few meetings organised or advertised in 2014 (dates below), and lots of energy devoted to planning the Joint NZSA+ORSNZ 2014 Conference (23-26 November, Victoria University of Wellington).

WSG-announced meetings, 2014:

27 February, Granville Tunnicliffe Wilson (Lancaster University), "What spectral analysis can do for you";

9 May, James Curran (University of Auckland), "Adventures in Forensic Statistics";

4 June, Roger Koenker (University of Illinois), "Empirical Bayes Approach for mixed models";

19 June, Estate Khmaladze (Victoria University of Wellington), "On K. Pearson's chi-square statistic and the theory beyond it";

28 August, WRUG meeting (Wellington R Users Group), presentations by: David Lillis (Sigma Statistics & Research Ltd), "Tips and Tricks: Coding and Graphing in R" and James Hogan (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment), "Screen-Scraping the Internet with R";

21 November, Geoff McLachlan (University of Queensland and the 2014 Shayle Searle Visiting Fellow in Statistics, Victoria University of Wellington), "Mixture Models with High-Dimensional Data".

Further details of James Curran's WSG talk (from 9 May), plus a link to an archive of many earlier ones, can be found on the NZSA Local Groups web page:

<http://stats.org.nz/events/local-groups>

That web page also contains contact details for WSG (including the mailing list web interface), names of sponsors, and details of forthcoming/most recent talks.

Financially WSG remains in a healthy position, with a bank account balance of \$679.04 at the end of October 2014.

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