

# Wellington Statistics Group (WSG) Report 2015

The Wellington Statistics Group has had a fairly relaxed year, with a few meetings organised or advertised in 2015 (dates below), and extensive input into the organisation of the Fifth Wellington Workshop in Probability and Mathematical Statistics (19-20 November, Victoria University of Wellington). See that workshop's webpage for more information, including the Workshop Proceedings (links to all presentations): <http://msor.victoria.ac.nz/Events/Nov2015WWPMS>

## WSG-announced meetings, 2015:

**10 February**, Estate Khmaladze (Victoria University of Wellington), "Towards the statistical theory of a large number of rare events: connections with fragmentation processes and the theory of infinite divisibility";

**19 May**, Chris Franklin (University of Georgia), "The Statistical Education of Teachers (SET): an American Statistical Association policy document";

**26 May**, Wellington Analytics Forum, five presentations on the theme, "Young Analysts - Moving from Study to the Workforce". To view the presentations see the Analytics Forum website: <http://analytics.org.nz/events/wellington-analytics-forum-26-may-2015/> ;

**11 June**, WRUG meeting (Wellington R Users Group), presentations by: Michelle Gosse (Food Standards Australia New Zealand), "Applied Ggplot and Introduction to ReporteRs" and Peter Ellis (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment), "All is Shiny: Extending R into the World Wide Web";

**1 September**, Wellington Analytics Forum, five publicly-available presentations on the theme, "Analytics in Government". To view the presentations see the Analytics Forum website: <http://analytics.org.nz/events/wellington-analytics-forum-september-1-analytics-in-government/>;

**15 October**, WRUG meeting (Wellington R Users Group), presentation by: John Maindonald (Centre for Mathematics and Its Applications, Australian National University), "RStudio Abilities for Reproducible Reporting";

**4 November**, John Maindonald (Centre for Mathematics and Its Applications, Australian National University), "Reproducibility in Science - Rethink, or Crisis? A search for a more scientific science". The presentation is available on John's website: <http://maths-people.anu.edu.au/~johnm/stats-issues/rethinkORcrisis-slides.pdf>.

Further details on various WSG activities and contact details can be found on the NZSA Local Groups web page: <http://stats.org.nz/events/local-groups>

Financially WSG remains in a healthy position, with a bank account balance of \$680.66 at the start of November 2015.

We are grateful to all the WSG sponsors: Victoria University of Wellington, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Social Development and Statistics Research Associates Ltd.

It is likely a new WSG convenor will take over during 2016. Further details to be confirmed.

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