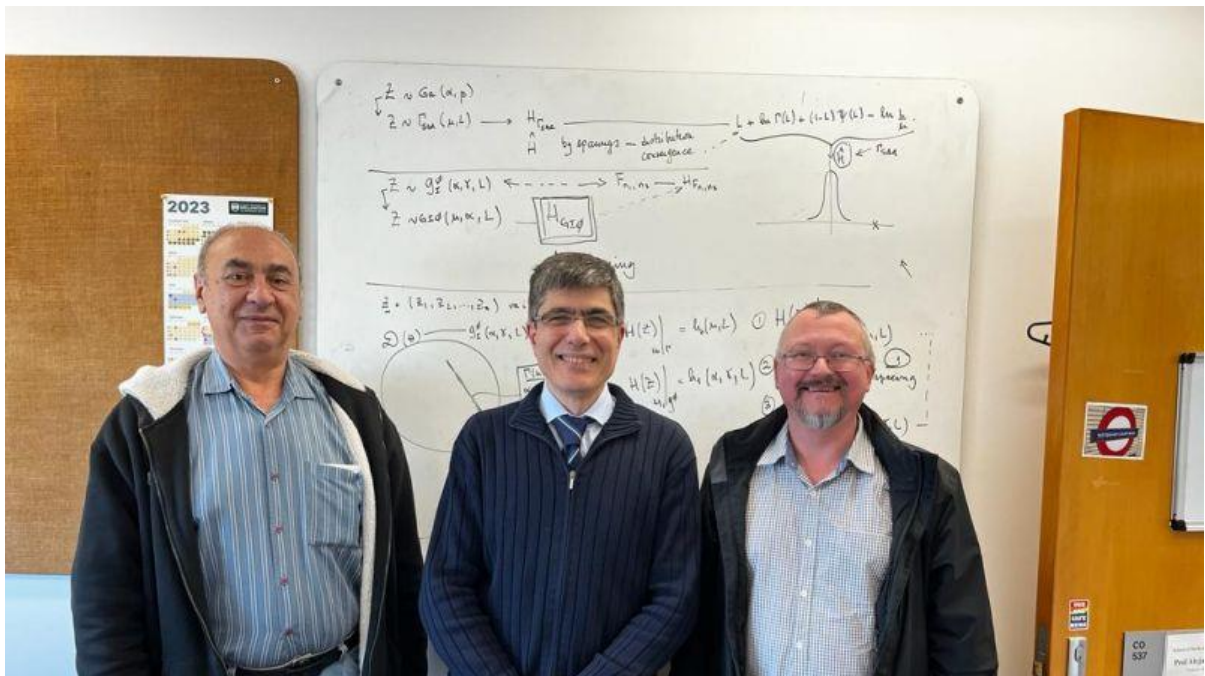


## Wellington Statistics Group (WSG) Report, 2023

The Wellington Statistics Group had a relatively quiet year in 2023. There were, however, several Statistics seminars held within the Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) School of Mathematics and Statistics – plus some Mathematics seminars too, not surprisingly! These seminars are announced independently of WSG, but several WSG members either presented a seminar in that series or took part in discussions and other activities with the presenters. A listing of the seminars from 2023 is available at the following webpage:

<https://sms.wgtn.ac.nz/cgi-bin/seminars?keyword=&datefrom=2023-01-01&dateto=&groupMATH=Y&groupSTOR=Y&searched=Y>

Among those VUW Statistics seminars was a presentation on **19 October 2023**, *Statistical analysis of sequences of satellite images*, delivered by the **2023 VUW Shayle Searle Fellow, Prof Paolo Gamba** from University of Pavia, Italy. Prof Gamba visited VUW for two weeks, working with Prof Alejandro Frery and his lab of postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers. Below is a photo of Paulo (centre) with Alejandro (left) and WSG Convener John Haywood (right). We have coats on because we are about to brave the Wellington wind, which was (unusually?!) quite strong that day, to go out for some drinks and [delicious, we all agreed :) ] dinner, accompanied by Paulo's daughter.



WSG members contributed significantly to the organisation of the:

**2023 Australasian Actuarial Education and Research Symposium (AAERS 2023)**

23-24 November 2023, Victoria University of Wellington.

This year is the first time that this Australasian actuarial event has been held in New Zealand – and VUW is the only New Zealand university which offers exemptions from Actuaries Institute professional exams. The AAERS 2023 website contains links to abstracts for all 47 of the Plenary, Invited and Contributed presentations at the Symposium:

<https://sms.wgtn.ac.nz/Events/AAERS2023/>

Financially WSG remains in a healthy position, and we are grateful to all the WSG past and current sponsors: Victoria University of Wellington, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Social Development and Statistics Research Associates Ltd.

**John Haywood**

WSG Convener

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