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TIES announces Ron Smith as a new Interim President

In December 2014, Bronwyn Harch and Alexandra Schmidt resigned from their positions as TIES President and President-Elect, respectively. In such situations, the TIES Board is to elect an Interim President to carry matters on until a new President is elected. After lengthy discussions, the Board voted and elected our Regional Representative for Europe, Ron Smith, as Interim President. Giovanna Jona Lasinio will remain Regional Representative for Europe.



Ron has a degree in Mathematics and Statistics and now works in Edinburgh as a Principal Environmental Statistician and leader of the Statistics Network within the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. His recent scientific work has been in air pollution studies on vegetation and human health, in biodiversity assessment, and in uncertainty and scale effects within ecosystem services valuation where his research group is promoting the use of Bayesian Decision methodology.

He has been a member of TIES since 2002 and one of the European Regional Representatives on the TIES Board since 2013. He is an elected member of the ISI (2007).

Also, Ron served on the British Region committee of the International Biometric Society (1992-1996) and has been on the committee of what is now the Environmental Statistics Section of the Royal Statistical Society since 1996 (serving as Secretary 2000-2006 and Chair 2006-2008). He was elected to the Council of the Royal Statistical Society (2003-2007) and the RSS Professional Affairs Committee (2008-2011) and has led the interdisciplinary RSS Panel on Statistics for Ecosystem Change since 2007.

The TIES Board is happy to welcome Ron in his new position. A new President and President-Elect will be voted in in the upcoming elections this summer.