ISI Committee on the History of Statistics

Objectives and expected products

- **Maintain an archive of articles** on the history of:
  - statistical methodology,
  - official statistics,
  - statistical computing,
  - statistical education,
  - survey statistics,
  - business & industrial statistics,
  - environmetrics,
  - probability,
  - stochastic processes.

- **Document the history** of:
  - the ISI,
  - the ISI Associations,
  - national statistical organisations.

- **Write new articles** in areas of interest to the community.

If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact the PO liaison below.

**Committee members**

Chair

- *Peter Guttorp*, Norwegian Computing Center, Norway.

Members

- *Amanda L. Golbeck*, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, USA
- *Wai Keung Li*, University of Hongkong, Hongkong
- *Georg Lindgren*, Lund University, Sweden
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- The chair

Liaison with the ISI PO

- *Olivia van Dijck-Timbol*
Events

WSC 2021 — invited paper session 88

Title: “Betty, Mario, Pilar, Danie and Esther: some important statisticians”.

Much of statistical history research has focused on Europe and North America. In the context of reevaluating the social role of some of the founders of statistics, a request to provide information about researchers outside this part of the world has been made. This session is a small step in that direction. It has five speakers, each providing a short presentation of their respective statistical researchers, with their historical importance.

Chair:

- Alexandra Schmidt, McGill University, Canada.

Speakers:

- Brent Henderson, CSIRO, Australia: Betty Allan, Australia.
- Georg Lindgren, Lund University, Sweden: Mario Wschebor, Uruguay.
- Rosangela Loschi, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil: Pilar Iglesias, Chile.
- Peter Guttorp, Norwegian Computing Center, Norway.
- Danie Krige, South Africa.
- Thordis Torarinsdottir, Norwegian Computing Center, Norway.
- Esther Samuel-Kahn, Israel.

WSC 2019 — invited papers session 355

Speakers:

- Amanda Golbeck — “Elizabeth L. Scott: A Portrait of the Statistician as a Young Woman”.
- Jean-Louis Bodin — “A view on 50 years of life of the ISI”.
- Panel discussion about the history committee.

Links

- Founders of Statistics
- Statistical scientists outside of Europe and North America
- ASA History of Statistics

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