Sociéte Adolphe Quetelet
Adolphe Quetelet Society
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Belgian region of the International Biometric Society

Dear Members of the Quetelet Society,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the next meeting and General Assembly of the Adolphe Quetelet Society. This General Assembly will take place in Ghent, on March 17. The GA will precede the ceremony to grant an honorary doctorate to Louise Ryan.

Date: Thursday March 17, 2016, at 15.00-16.00 (General Assembly)

Place: room New York
Campus De Sterre, building S9.
Krijgslaan 281, 9000 Ghent
(Ground floor, next to multimedia room following the entrance on the right hand side of the building.)

Programme:

15:00 – 16:00: General Assembly (GA) of the Quetelet Society:

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous GA.
2. Elections and Board Composition, Roles and Responsibilities
3. Quetelet members, Quetelet prize winners
4. Activities (past year), financial report and funding of activities
5. Channel Network Meeting.
6. Any other business

You're all cordially invited to attend the seminar 'Statistics and Big data: friend or Foe, following the GA (more details in attached announcement).

Thursday, March 17, 17:00-19:30
Statistics and Big data: Friend or Foe?
Place: Campus Ledeganck, Auditorium 5, K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35, Gent.

17:00 **Louise Ryan**, University of Technology, Sydney and **UGent honorary doctor 2016**
18:00 Drinks
18:30 **Peter Diggle,** president of the Royal statistical Society:
`Statistics: a Data Science for the 21st Century'

We look forward to meeting you there.
Yours sincerely,
An Vandebosch, President

Beerse, March 8 2016
To all members of the Quetelet Society

Dear Quetelet member

This is a year of elections for some members of the administrative board of our society.

The term of the following board members of the Adolphe Quetelet SOciety has expired: Celine LEBAILLY DE TILLEGHEM (Merck), Catherine LEGRAND (ULC, Vice president), An VANDEBOSCH (Janssen) and Stijn VANSTEELANDT. These four positions have to be renewed for a period until 2018.

According to our statutes two of these council members should be from the French speaking region and two should be from the Dutrch speaking region. A new vice-president should be elected from the members of the French speaking regions.

We received four candidate applications (2 Dutch and 2 French) during the call for candidates-period. A brief biographical sketch of the candidates is listed at the end.

Yours sincerely,
An Vandebosch
President

Biographical sketch of candidates

Pierre Lebrun is senior principal statistician at Arlenda, a Belgium based company dedicated to statistical expertise. During more than 10 years, Pierre developed his skills in non-clinical statistics, and in particular, all quality-by-design aspects related to processes and assays, with a strong emphasis on the use of Bayesian statistics to improve knowledge during the process validation stages. Pierre is also a recognized trainer in statistics for the pharmaceutical industry, including design of experiments, Bayesian thinking and statistics, statistical process control, linear model, drug stability, optimization, process/assay comparison, validation, and robustness. Pierre's work in applied statistics can be found in international peer-reviewed journal, and he is regularly giving conferences on these subjects. He is also in the scientific committee of the European non-clinical statistics conference (http://www.ncs-conference.org/). Pierre Lebrun holds a master degree in computer sciences and economy, followed by a master in statistics at the university of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium. He has also completed a PhD in statistics from the university of Liege (Belgium), in the topic of Bayesian models and Design Space applied to Pharmaceutical industry.

Olivier Thas studied bio-engineering at Ghent University (1989-1994) and bio-statistics at Hasselt University (1994-1996). He obtained is PhD from Ghent University in 2001 on goodness-of-fit testing. After his postdoc he was tenured in 2004 as Professor of Bio-Statistics at the Department of Mathematical Modelling, Statistics and Bio-Informatics of Ghent University. He is also Honorary Professor at the National Institute for Applied Statistics Research Australia (NIASRA) of the University of Wollogong (Australia).

Olivier is co-founder of StatGent, a Ghent University concortium that provides statistical consulting and statistical training for industry, research institutes and government. He is currently the vice-chair of the UGent Center for Statistics and the chair of the Master of Statistical Data Analysis, a one-year advanced master program.

The research of Olivier Thas focusses on nonparametric and semiparametric statistics and their applications in life sciences. An important research topic is concerned with Probabilistic Index Models (PIM), which is a class of semiparametric models for the probabilistic index that generalises well known rank tests and puts them into a modelling. His applied research is nowadays particularly targeted to genomics (sequencing, qPCR, dPCR, microbiome studies, toxicogenomics, microbial ecology, …). Olivier has published about 100 papers and two monographs on goodness-of-fit.

Niel Hens (MMath, MSc, PhD) is Associate Professor at Hasselt University and at Antwerp University where he holds the chair in evidence-based vaccinology. He is a biostatistician and mathematical epidemiologist with over 10 years experience in human epidemiology. He has recently been awarded with the prestigious Consolidator Grant from the European Research Council (ERC), to consolidate his innovative and interdisciplinary line of research on modelling infectious diseases through long-term funding. He has published 1 successful monograph and over 140 publications in both statistical and epidemiological journals. He heads a research group (size ~ 15, including PhD students and postdocs) on modelling infectious diseases within CenStat and together with Philippe Beutels (UAntwerp) he leads the interuniversity research

group SIMID (size ~ 25, www.simid.be). He is member of the Young Academy of Belgium (www.jongeacademie.be).

Andrea Callegaro obtained a Master Degree in Statistics from the University of Padova (Italy) in 2001. In 2000, he started working as junior statistician at the San Gerardo Hospital (Milan, Italy) with Prof. M.G. Valsecchi. He spent three years at the San Gerardo Hospital studying and applying survival methods to clinical data. In 2003 he was visitor for four months at the Dept. of Medical Statistics and Bioinformatics (Leiden University Medical Centre) to work with Prof HC van Houwelingen on predictive analysis of microarray data. In 2004, he joined the Data Analysis Group of the Dept. of Chemical Engineering Processes, University of Padova (Italy) to work on microarray data. He completed a PhD in 2010 at the Department of Medical Statistics and Bioinformatics, Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), working with Prof. H.C. van Houwelingen and Prof. J.J. Houwing-Duistermaat on using multivariate survival data in genetic linkage and family-based association analysis. In 2012 he completed a Post-doc at the University of Padova (Italy) with Prof. A. Azzalini where he developed survival models with skew-normal frailties. Since 2013 he is working as statistician at GSK Vaccines (Belgium), where he is involved in the design and analysis of clinical trials. He worked on the development of predictive gene-signature for two Phase III oncology trials and he is currently part of a group providing methodological statistical solutions. Along with these professional experiences, he co-authored about 20 papers in peer-reviewed statistical journals. He is member of the Belgian Statistical Society (SBS-BVS).