

News from the annual meeting of the Finnish Statistical Society

The Society's annual meeting was held on 25 May 2019 in Helsinki. At the meeting, a new board for the term 2019 was elected with no statistically significant changes with the following composition

Pauliina Ilmonen (chair)

Ari Jaakola (vice chair)

Tommi Mäklin (secretary)

Mikhael Koufos (treasurer)

Paula Bergman

Tommi Härkänen

Jyrki Möttönen

Pekka Pere

Johanna Seppänen

Riku Laine

Marianne Laalo (1st deputy member)

Niko Lietzén (2nd deputy member)

Lauri Viitasaari (3rd deputy member)

The [minutes of the meeting](#) and the [annual report from year 2018](#) (both in Finnish only) are available on the Society's website.

Statistical Days and 100th-year festivities on 14-15 May 2020

In 2020, the Finnish Statistical Society will celebrate its 100th birthday with the appropriate festivities in Helsinki including the Statistical Days and a 100th anniversary ball. To honour the 100 years of statistics, the Society will award prizes to the best doctoral dissertations and master's theses in recent years, and publish an English to Finnish statistical dictionary and article about the history of statistics and the Society.

New discounts on books from selected publishers

As a member of the Finnish Statistical Society, you are entitled to a 25% discount on all books published by [CRC Press](#) and [Wiley](#). The discount codes can be obtained from the secretary, and are valid for online purchases only.



Afternoon Seminar “Artificial intelligence and statistics – friends or foes”

On Monday 13th of May from 13.00 to 17.00, we will host an afternoon seminar on statistics and artificial intelligence. The seminar will take place on the Aalto University campus in Otaniemi. All talks will be held in English, and the seminar is open to all interested parties.

Time 13 May 2019, from 13.00 to 17.00
Place Aalto University School of Science, Otakaari 1,
2nd floor, Lecture hall B
Registration <https://forms.gle/gyvNa13t9YXAbbRn8>

- 13.00 **Pauliina Ilmonen**, Finnish Statistical Society & Aalto University
AI Meets Statistics
- 13.10 **Saara Hyvönen**, Dain studios
Data in Modern Business: Have a Solid Foundation & Use What Works
- 13.50 **Paavo Raittinen**, Aalto University
On Randomness of Random Forest Classification in High-dimensional Lipidomic Data
- 14.15 Coffee and Juice Break,
International Statistical Poster Competition (for students)
Winners' Poster Session
- 14.50 **Juho Kannala**, Aalto University
Artificial Intelligence and Vision
- 15.30 Statistics Finland - International Statistical Poster Competition Awards
Reija Helenius, Statistics Finland, International Statistical Literacy Project, **Pauliina Ilmonen**
- 16.00 **Matias Heikkilä**, Futurice
AI and Statistics in Digital Business
- 16.25 **Ilkka Särkiö**, Dagmar
Is This AI? Topical Trend Identification with Statistical Methods for Marketing Use
- 16.50 **Pauliina Ilmonen**
Definitely Friends



Nordic Statistical Meeting 2019 in Helsinki on 26-28 May 2019

Statistics Finland will organise the **Nordic Statistical Meeting** (NSM2019) from 26 to 28 August 2019 in Marina Congress Center, Helsinki. The conference will be themed around *Facts for Future*.

The Nordic Statistical Meeting is about bringing together statisticians and users of statistics to discuss best practices and latest innovations in the field. Alongside the main program, the conference includes short courses and workshops. For more details, please refer to www.nsm2019.fi.

Registrations to the conference before 30 April 2019 at a discounted price through the [webpage](#). The meeting will be held in English.

For more information regarding NSM2019, please contact Statistics Finland's head of research Faiz Alshail or event coordinator Leila Kaunisharju; the email addresses are *firstname.lastname@tilastokeskus.fi*

Nominations for the Leo Törnqvist award

Despite Statistics Days being moved to 2020, the Society's board has decided to award the Leo Törnqvist prize in summer of 2019 for the best master's theses published in the field of statistics and related subjects in Finland during 2017 and 2018. Nominations for the Leo Törnqvist prize may be sent to the Society's chair Pauliina Ilmonen (pauliina.ilmonen@aalto.fi) and the secretary (sihteeri@tilastoseura.fi). After 2019, the next Leo Törnqvist prize will be awarded as usual alongside the Statistics Days in 2020 and every two years afterwards.

E-book on R programming language from CRC Press

As part of the partnership between the Finnish Statistical Society and CRC Press, the publisher has decided to make available for download an e-book entitled *Using R*. The book contains six chapters on R from various publications by CRC Press and is available in exchange for your contact details on the [CRC Press webpage for the Finnish Statistical Society](#). CRC Press has also offered to make available similar e-books on related topics and suggestions for the topics can therefore be sent to the secretary of the Finnish Statistical Society.



Write about the history of statistics to celebrate the anniversary

The Finnish Statistical Society invites formal and informal articles on the history of statistics to be published in the Society's 2019-2020 Yearbook in late 2020. Celebrating the Finnish Statistical Society's 100th year, the yearbook of 2019-2020 accepts submissions on any topic related to the history of statistics and will provide a venue for publication of both peer reviewed and informal articles in Finnish, Swedish or English. For further information on publishing in Yearbook 2019-2020, queries may be sent to the secretary.

Remember the StatNet mailing list

StatNet is a collaborative mailing list for Finnish universities, research institutes, and professional and research societies. The list is a forum for sharing information and employment opportunities in statistics and can be joined by anyone interested in the aforementioned topics. For more information about StatNet, please visit <http://www.helsinki.fi/statnet/>.

Update your contact information

If your contact information has changed, please update the new information through [the form found behind this link](#). Please make sure to include at least your email address so we may reach you as efficiently as possible. If you are unsure whether your information is up-to-date, feel free to ask the secretary to verify it by email sihteeri@tilastoseura.fi.

Best wishes for the coming spring,

Finnish Statistical Society

