



Annual Report of
Subcommittee

StCA [Student conference awards]

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Chair	1. Nadine Binder (Germany) since Aug/2015
Secretary	2. Katherine Lee (Australia) since Aug/2015
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Terms of Reference

Student conference awards are available for registered postgraduate students to attend the annual conference and present a paper. The Subcommittee shall receive submissions, judge them, and administer the awards. The rules and procedures are announced in a timely issue of the Newsletter and on the ISCB annual conference webpage.

Report

For the 2017 Annual Conference, we received 23 StCA applications: 4 applicants came from the United Kingdom; 3 applicants came from Germany, Spain, and USA; 2 applicants came from Australia and Canada; 1 applicant came from Austria, Italy, Japan, Slovenia, The Netherlands, and Vietnam. The sub-committee selected four students after a double-blind review of the submitted abstracts and summary papers from each applicant (listed below).

Name	Country	University	Title
Sam Brilleman	Australia	Monash	Bayesian joint models for multiple longitudinal biomarkers and a time-to-event outcome: software development and a melanoma case study
David Cheng	USA	Harvard	Efficient and Robust Semi-Supervised Estimation of Treatment Effects in Electronic Medical Records Data
Krithika Suresh	USA	Michigan	Comparison of joint modeling and landmarking for dynamic prediction under an illness-death model
Lan Wen	UK	Cambridge	Methods for handling longitudinal outcomes truncated by dropout and death

Thanks to the sub-committee for judging the applications and for giving good care and deliberation in the decision process. Thanks to the President for approving the selection of these four applications.

Since 2017, the student conference award also covers free participation in a pre-conference course, and the application rules had been updated accordingly. Thanks to the Officers' TC decision in autumn 2016. One award winner had booked his flights before receiving approval by the treasurer. As it was an overseas flight, the amount was very high and moreover it was not a direct connection to/from Vigo, but included a travel to another country before. To avoid this for future conferences, the email to the StCA winners will explicitly say that if flights will be booked before approval, the costs for these will not be covered.

One student submitting her work to the SC has withdrawn her application three days after the submission deadline right after she has been informed that she has won another travel award for the same work. She felt she would no longer comply with point (c) in the Submission Procedure of the application rules. After a controversial discussion during the Vigo meeting on whether we want to allow students applying for (or about winning) the ISCB award to receive other awards for the same work, an anonymous Doodle poll with three different answering options was conducted. Option 1 ("Allow a student to receive any other award for the same work, but not to have costs for similar travel reimbursed twice") was the preferred one (11/18 votes from StCA SC and ExCom members), and it was unanimously approved by the ExCom in the Oct 2017 TC. Consequently, the phrasing "not the subject of any other award" was deleted from the application procedures for the ISCB-ASC 2018 conference in Melbourne (and onwards).

The Students' Gathering (conference Sunday evening) and Students' Day (conference Thursday) went very well. 94 students registered for the Students Gathering on Sunday, only 68 attended. Some of the attendees had not registered prior. 88 students registered for the Students' Day, not all of them attended but still many. The exchanges on "How to do biostatistics" have been very fruitful and we received very positive feedback in the surveys in 2016 and 2017. After this very good response, the idea arose to establish a new subcommittee, and we could make this in December 2017. The new SC is named "Early Career Biostatisticians (ECB)" and is headed by Daniela Zöller (Freiburg, Germany) as Chair and Myra Beth McGuinness (Melbourne, Australia) as Secretary. The SC wants to address all career-young biostatisticians (ie, 10 years post BSc in Biostatistics or a related field), including MSc/PhD students, early scientists and non-academic biostatisticians. According to our Terms of References, the SC will continue organising the gathering and the Early Career Biostatisticians Day, but also wants to address all aspects of career-young biostatisticians within society. The SC can be reached via the email address: ecb@iscb.info and also has its own presence on the Society website: www.iscb.info.

Thanks to all who contributed to the development of the activities for the early career biostatisticians, in particular Katherine Lee, Ulrich Mansmann and the StCA SC as well as David W Warne in his position as upcoming and ongoing President of the Society. Thanks to the informal StuDay group for their contributions to the organisation of the 2017 Students Day. A special thanks to the current Executive Committee and the ISCB Officers for making the foundation of the SC possible and for their concrete suggestions to the Terms of References.

The StCA SC is going to convene next in Melbourne to discuss plans for 2019.