



International Association for Statistical Computing *European Regional Section*

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Incoming Chairman's Statement

Firstly, I would really like to thank Ana Colubi for having been very active and rigorous in managing all the administrative and scientific affairs of ERS. She also deserves a special word of appreciation for having accomplished, together with her team, such an outstanding organization, for both the scientific program and the social events, of COMPSTAT 2016 conference in Oviedo. I also want to congratulate the newly elected Chairman of the ERS for the period 2014-2016 (Peter Winker) and the newly elected members of the Board of Directors and thank them for their time and commitment to the ERS. I'm looking forward to working with them and rely on the invaluable support of the Past and Elected Chairman and the whole board during my term as the ERS Chairman.

Nowadays, as for some years now, we are witnessing a substantial change of the computational statistics that are essentially related to the technological innovation and to the increasing availability of data in many application domains. This has led researchers in computational statistical methods to improve interdisciplinary collaborations and to promote the access to computational and data analysis knowledge. In line with the aim and scope of the IASC and in collaboration with them, the ERS can act as main actor in this process and promote discussion and collaborative efforts within other scientific organizations in Europe even increasing participative membership from those research area, other than Statistics, interested in the use of computer-intensive statistical methods. The interdisciplinary discussion can be further animated by enlarging the use of new communication technologies, such as on-line forums and interactive platforms, for exchange of software, data-set and all the useful material regarding statistical computing for Data Science in both academia and more applied domains.

We have to make sure that for the next two years we support initiatives to:

- Promote dialogue and cooperation among members in order to increase dynamic participation in the activities of the association;
- Further support the traditional activities of the association such as the COMPSTAT conferences and the summer schools confirming and strengthening their visibility among the international scientific community;
- Stimulate scientific exchanges and networking with other scientific associations in Europe on related fields also with joint organization of new scientific events, workshop and courses.
- Foster the link between academia and practitioners so as to attract more members belonging to different applied topics;
- Contribute to further increase the quality of publications promoting the journal Computational Statistics and Data Analysis and contributing actively to the development of publications in statistical computing and related fields.
- Seize any opportunity of European funding for research collaboration with the ultimate goal of develop activities of young researchers on areas of interest to the ERS.

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