

Venue

The conference and conference dinner will be held in the University of Auckland's world-class Business School.

Owen G. Glenn Building, City Campus, The University of Auckland, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland, New Zealand.

This modern 11-storey building has 74,000 m² of floor space and a 1,000 carpark space in its basement. There are two 600-seat lecture theatres, and two 300-seat and one 150-seat lecture theatres.

Auckland, called the 'City of Sails', is New Zealand's largest city with a population of about 1.5 million people (almost 1/3 of NZ's population). The Waitemata Harbour is within walking distance of the university and it stretches eastward to several popular swimming beaches (including Mission Bay and Kohimarama). The quaint Devonport suburb is a short ferry ride from the Auckland Ferry Building. Some islands worth visiting by ferry are Tiritiri Matangi, Rangitoto and Waiheke. Also within walking distance of the university is the Auckland War Memorial Museum, one of the two most important NZ museums, in the Auckland Domain. The Parnell and Newmarket shopping precincts are close by.

For other ideas, some useful websites are:

www.AucklandNZ.com
www.AucklandTourism.co.nz
www.NewZealand.com

Auckland has a temperate climate. Being summer in December, the sun can be particularly strong, and we recommend a good hat, sunglasses and some suntan lotion!

Accommodation

Auckland offers a wide range of accommodation choices, ranging from backpackers to 5-star hotels. Some general websites include:

www.booking.com www.trivago.co.nz
www.tripadvisor.co.nz www.wotif.co.nz

A block-booking with University Hall has been secured by the University of Auckland; please see the conference website.

Committees

Next IASC-ARS organiser Philip Yu, Hong Kong University

General Chair

Thomas Yee University of Auckland

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

James Curran (chairperson), University of Auckland
Rolf Turner University of Auckland

Scientific Program Committee (SPC)

Ciprian Giurcaneanu (chairperson), University of Auckland
Claudio Conversano University of Cagliari, Italy
Robin Hankin Auckland University of Technology
Giampiero Marra University College London, UK
Ian McKeague Columbia University, USA
Osamu Komori University of Fukui, Japan
Antony Unwin University of Augsburg, Germany

Consultative Members

Representative of the NZSA: Ian Westbrooke, Department of Conservation, New Zealand

Representative of the Department of Statistics at Auckland:
Ilze Ziedins

Representatives of the ARS of IASC:
Chun-houh Chen, Jung Jin Lee.

Workshops (half-day)

Faster R Code	Thomas Lumley
Getting to Know Grid Graphics	Paul Murrell
Analysing Spatial Point Patterns	Rolf Turner
Using spatstat	
Graphics in R and iNZight	Chris Wild

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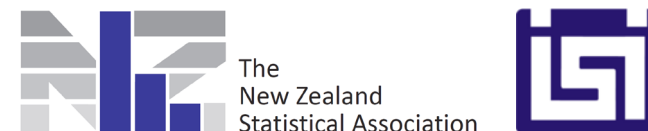
Joint Meeting of 10th Asian Regional Section (ARS) of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) and the NZ Statistical Association (NZSA)

10--14 Dec 2017

On the retirement of Ross Ihaka

<http://www.iascars2017.com>
<http://www.nzsa2017.com>

The University of Auckland, New Zealand



Aim

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of ideas, new concepts and recent methods in statistics. Being a joint conference, there will be a blend of traditional statistical theory and practice along with new developments in statistical computing, especially as related to the R statistical system.

This conference will be special in at least two ways: it is a joint international conference between two statistical associations (IASC and NZSA), and it marks the retirement of Ross Ihaka, one of the two co-founders of R. This conference is being hosted by the Department of Statistics at the University of Auckland, the birthplace of R.

Call for Papers

Participants wishing to present a paper at the conference should submit an abstract in English, plain text not longer than 500 words, including title, name of author or authors, keywords and contact information.

The submission should be uploaded on the conference website. Possible topics include the following:

- History of R and nostalgia
- R Package Development
- Bayesian Statistics
- Big Data
- Biometrics and Bioinformatics
- Economics, Finance and Insurance
- Environmental Statistics
- Graphics and Visualization
- High Performance Computing
- Multivariate Analysis
- Official Statistics
- Regression Modelling
- Reproducible Research
- Statistical Computing and software systems
- Statistical Education
- Statistical Inference
- Statistical Learning Techniques
- Time Series

Important Dates

31 March 2017 Registration opens
31 March 2017 Call for papers; acceptance of abstract submissions starts
31 March 2017 Call for posters
31 August 2017 Deadline for all submission of abstracts
20 October 2017 Earlybird registration closes
10--14 December 2017: Conference

Fees

Fees are in New Zealand Dollars (NZD)

	Earlybird (30 Apr--20 Oct 2017)	Standard (21 Oct--3 Dec 2017)
Full Conference (prices fixed as per budget)		
Non-Member	\$640.00	\$740.00
Member	\$540.00	\$640.00
Student	\$310.00	\$410.00
Part Conference (Does NOT include "Conference Dinner" Ticket)		
1 Day Attendance	\$250.00	\$300.00
1 Day Attendance (Student)	\$125.00	\$175.00

Note: As of May 2017, approximately:

1 NZD = 0.70 USD, 1 NZD = 0.63 EUR.
1.42 NZD = 1 USD, 1.59 NZD = 1 EUR.

This information is dated May 2017 and may change without notice. Please see the conference website for the latest information:

<http://www.iascars2017.com>

<http://www.nzsa2017.com>

Tentative Schedule

Sunday Dec 10
9:00 -- 17:00 Pre-conference Workshops
17:00 -- Welcome Reception
Monday Dec 11
9:00 -- 12:00 Welcome Ceremony, keynote speaker, Session 1
12:00 -- 14:00 Lunch, Executive Committee Meeting
14:00 -- 17:00 Session 2
Tuesday Dec 12
9:00 -- 12:00 Keynote speaker, Session 3
12:00 -- 14:00 Lunch and poster session
14:00 -- 17:00 Session 4
17:00 -- 18:15 NZSA AGM and IASC General Assembly
18:30 -- Conference dinner
Wednesday Dec 13
9:00 -- 12:00 Keynote speaker, Session 5
12:00 -- 14:00 Lunch
14:00 -- 17:00 Session 6
Thursday Dec 14
9:00 -- 12:00 Keynote speaker, Session 7
12:00 -- 12:15 Closing ceremony

Keynote Speakers

Jennifer Bryan, University of British Columbia, Canada
Ross Ihaka, University of Auckland, NZ
Luke Tierney, University of Iowa, USA
Simon Urbanek, AT&T Research, USA

