

Dear all,

A happy new year and welcome to all new members of young SIS!

On December 31st 2016, the members of the ySIS board Lucia Paci, Erlis Ruli and Valentina Tocchioni have completed their mandate. We would like to thank them very much for their contribution and dedication to the group. The new elected officers are Ilaria Bianchini, Daniele Durante and Tommaso Rigon, who started on January 1st 2017. Federico Camerlenghi has been nominated Chair of the ySIS board.

We remind that during the last SIS meeting the general assembly has decided to suppress the position of "studioso junior" for young researchers from January 1st 2017. From now on it is possible to join SIS as "socio ordinario": the fee for young researchers (under 35 years) is fixed at 35 euros (instead of 75). As a consequence the ySIS board has decided that every "socio ordinario" under 35 years can be a member of ySIS. For this reason we invite all of you to join SIS as "socio ordinario" filling the form that you have received by mail or available at <http://www.sis-statistica.it/> (click the button "Iscriviti alla SIS" on the right column). After that, you can join our Young SIS section by filling the form available on our website.

Below some news on the forthcoming events that we are supporting.

StatTalk on "New challenges in demographic research" @Florence

StaTalks are one-day informal seminars for young statisticians, undergraduate and graduate students. They are a great opportunity to share and update your knowledge on the interface of Statistical research in an easy atmosphere. The fourth StaTalk on New challenges in demographic research will be on February 7th 2017, and will cover the most recent topics at the forefront in the field of Demography. Dipartimento di Statistica, Informatica, Applicazioni "G. Parenti" of the Università degli Studi di Firenze will host the event. The program and the registration form can be found at the link

<https://sites.google.com/site/youngsocietaitalianastatistica/events/statalk/statalk-on-statalk-new-challenges-in-demographic-research>

For registration or additional information feel free to contact ValentinaTocchioni (v.tocchioni@disia.unifi.it)

SIS 2017, Florence, June 28-30, 2017

The Intermediate Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society entitled '*Statistics and Data Science: new challenges, new generations*', will be held on June 28-30 in Florence. The Conference will include plenary, specialized, solicited, contributed and poster sessions. Submissions of contributed papers/posters on any area of interest relevant to theoretical and applied statistics are invited. In particular the poster session will be a central moment of the conference and it will be organized following the "speed session" format. Also, the best posters will be awarded.

We invite you all to prepare and submit your contribution! The deadline for short-paper submission is **February 28th, 2017**.

A reduced fee will be applied to junior associates and PhD students. For more information, please see <http://meetings2.sis-statistica.org/index.php/sis2017/sis2017/index>.

Two *satellite* events will be organized with the SIS 2017 Conference: Stats Under the Stars 3 and START UP RESEARCH, see below.

Stats Under the Stars 3, Florence, night between 27-28 June, 2017

The night between June 27-28, will be held **Stats Under the Stars 3** (SUS3) a whole night event for young statisticians. SUS3 is an all night long friendly challenge, where teams of young statisticians will compete in the analysis of a shared dataset. Further information coming soon.

START UP RESEARCH, Siena, 25-27 June, 2017

Application for START UP RESEARCH meeting is now OPEN!

START UP RESEARCH is a 2-day meeting where research groups of young scholars, advised by [senior researchers](#) with a well-established experience in different areas of Statistics, will be asked to develop innovative methods and models to analyze a common dataset, with the goal of answering scientific questions arising from an applied problem.

This scientific event aims at playing as a stimulator of research. The meeting represents a great opportunity for interaction, sharing ideas and promoting the discussion. As a result, methodological and applied contributions to the statistical literature will be expected following the workshop.

Senior researchers leading the groups are: *Alessio Farcomeni, Alan Gelfand, Alessandra Luati, Antonietta Mira, Piercesare Secchi, Marian Scott and Ernst Wit.*

Early career researchers in Statistics and Data Science are invited to apply for attending the meeting. [Online application](#) must be submitted by **March 31, 2017**.

START UP RESEARCH will be held on June 25-27, 2017 at the Antica Certosa di Pontignano, (<http://www.lacertosadipontignano.com/en/certosa/certosa.php>), near to Siena in Tuscany, a unique place where nature, history and hospitality blend together.

For further information, please visit the web site <http://www.congressi.unisi.it/startupresearch/> or send an email to startupresearch2017@gmail.com.

Remember that we are on Facebook: sign in to our group in order to be up-to-date on our events and news!

See you soon,

The ySIS board: Ilaria, Federico, Daniele, Tommaso, Giorgia