

What is CHICAS?

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“Combining Health Information, Computation, and Statistics”



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Health Data Science?



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What CHICAS isn't

- Statistical Consultancy Service
 - But we do like talking about statistics
 - Can probably find you jobbing statisticians
- Clinical Trials Research Unit
 - Maths and Stats has this!
- Service Teaching Group
 - Although some staff do some teaching
 - Do want to expand PG teaching...

Who is CHICAS?

- Peter Diggle
- Frank Dondelinger
- Emanuele Giorgi
- James Hensman
- Chris Jewell
- Tom Keegan
- Jo Knight
- Jon Read
- Barry Rowlingson
- Luigi Sedda
- Ben Taylor

Plus three full-time PDRAs and 14 PhD Students.

Peter Diggle

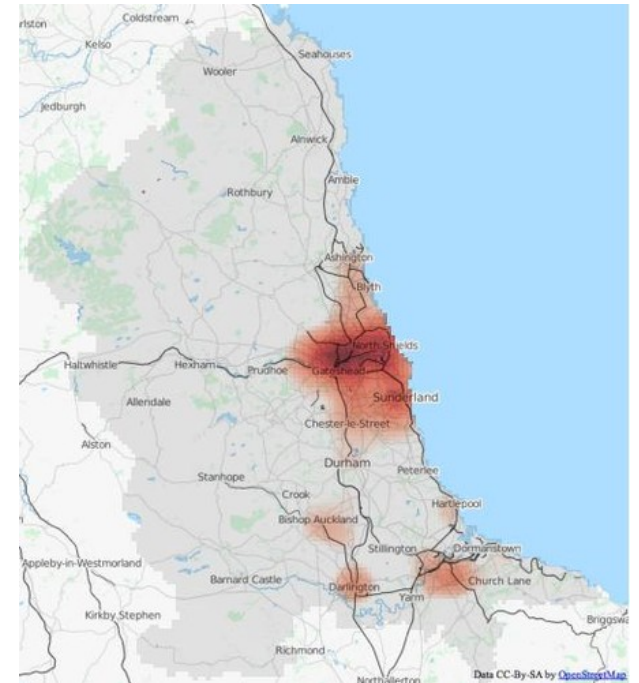
- Distinguished University Professor
- RSS President (2014-2016)
- Spatial and Longitudinal Analysis
- Biomedical, Health, Environmental Applications



Campylobacter



- Most common cause of GI illness in England and Wales
- Integrating heterogeneous data collections
- Produce incidence maps
- Predict risk
- Target controls



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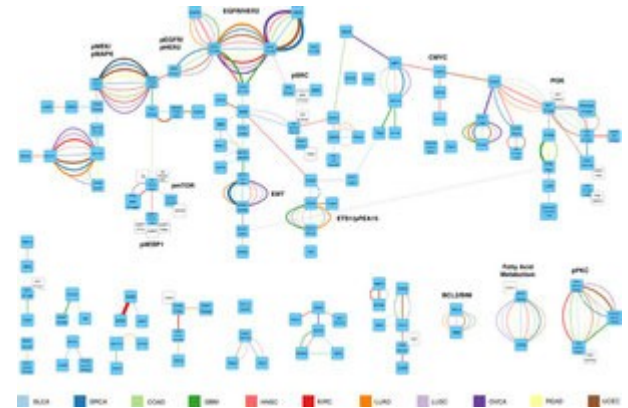
Frank Dondelinger



- Anniversary Lecturer in Biostatistics
- Statistical Genomics
- Disease Outcome Prediction
- Genetic Trait and Phenotype Prediction
- Networks and Pathway Inference
- Hierarchical Bayesian Modelling
- Analysis of Heterogeneous Datasets
- Systems Biology and Dynamical Modelling

Signalling Pathway Reconstruction

- Using a Pan-Cancer Proteomics Dataset
- 181 proteins in 11 tumour types
- Graphical Gaussian models
- Reconstruction of known and novel pathways.
- Enabling new stratification and classification of cancer subtypes.



Emanuele Giorgi

- MRC Research Fellow
- Recent CHICAS PhD completion
- Spatio-temporal Statistics
- Prevalence Mapping



Malaria Control in Malawi

- Intervention Effectiveness
- Monitoring and Evaluation Tool
- With Wageningen, Amsterdam, Malawi, Liverpool
- Aiming for 80% morbidity reduction



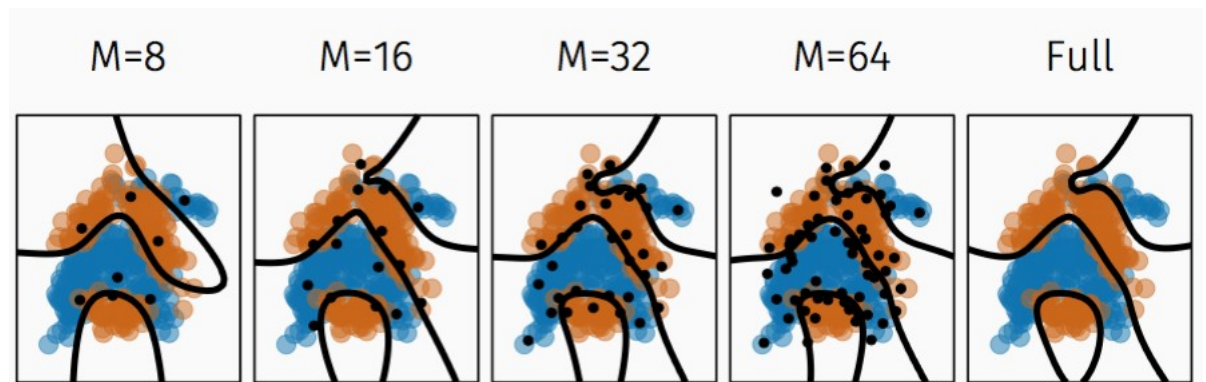
James Hensman

- MRC Fellowship Lecturer in Biostatistics
- Statistical Machine Learning
- Gaussian Process Models
- Bioscience and Epidemiology Applications



Scaling Gaussian Processes

- GPs are popular and useful statistical models
- Computation is $O(n^3)$
- Becomes slow with Big Data
- Developed algorithm for better than $O(n^3)$ performance with little accuracy sacrifice



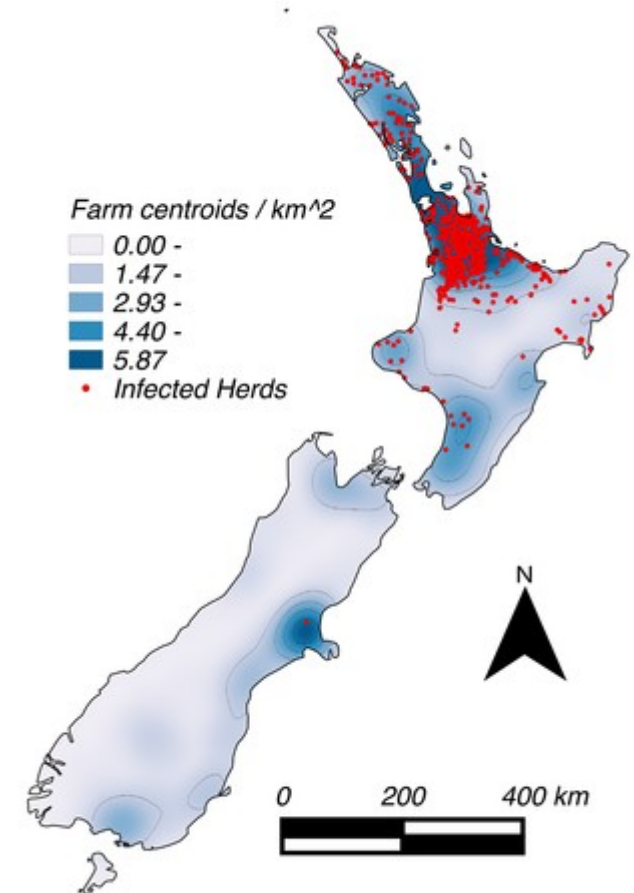
Chris Jewell

- CHICAS Senior Lecturer
- Disease Outbreak Response
- Zoonotic Diseases
- Stochastic Dynamic Infection Models
- High Performance Computing, including GPU Programming



Vector-borne Disease Inference

- Methodology for forecasting
- Fitting algorithms from case data
- Predicting risk surfaces
- Data assimilation



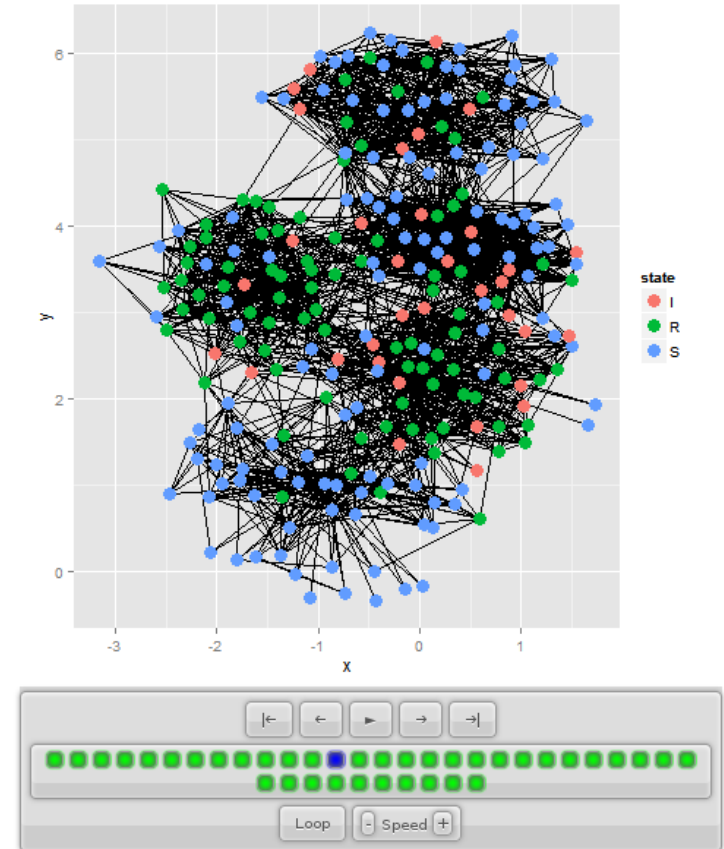
Tom Keegan

- Lecturer in Epidemiology
- Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
- Exposure Measurement and Modelling



Infections and Networks

- Influenza Transmission
- Social Network Graph Models
- Vaccination Scheme Design



Jo Knight

- Anniversary Reader in Statistical Genetics
- Psychiatric Genetics
- Genetic Data Integration
- Epigenetics



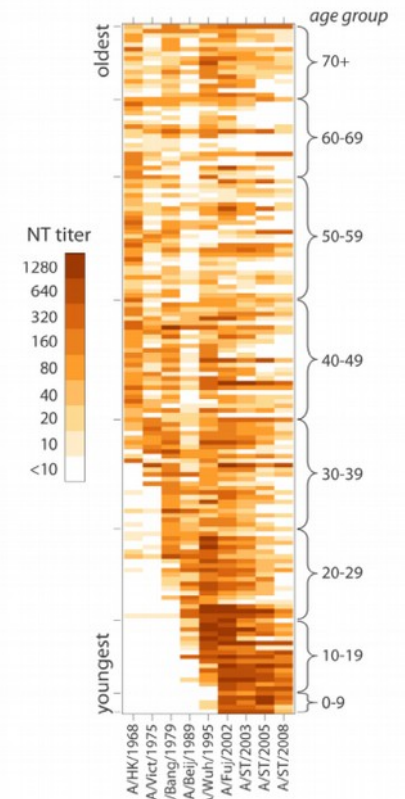
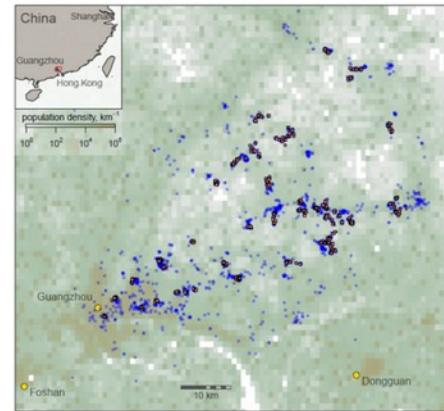
Jonathan Read

- Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology
 - Infectious diseases
 - Pathogen transmission and evolution
 - Human interaction patterns
 - Field-based and modelling studies
- Worked on seasonal and pandemic influenza, Ebola, RSV, norovirus, rotavirus, pneumococci
- Studies in China, Hong Kong, UK, USA, Malawi, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam



Fluscape

- Open cohort study
 - Guangdong province, China
 - Approx. 1,000 households
 - Approx. 2,000 individuals
 - 4 years field-work
 - Measure contact and travel patterns
 - Serological analysis of antibody titres to recent and historic influenza strains
 - Statistical analysis and modelling (simulation)



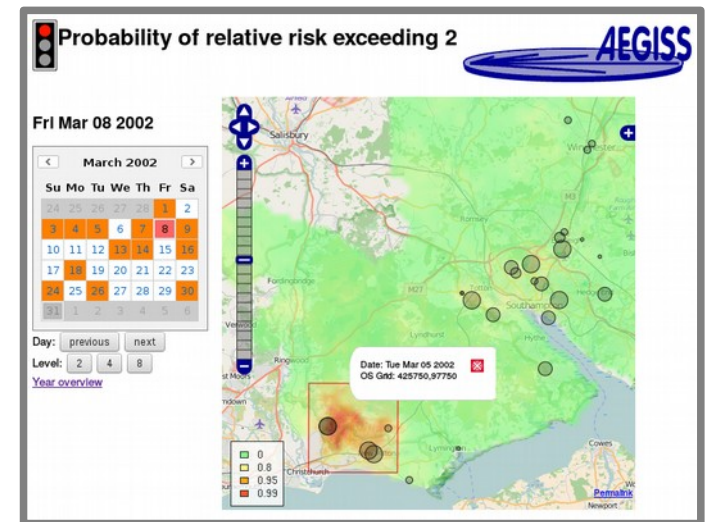
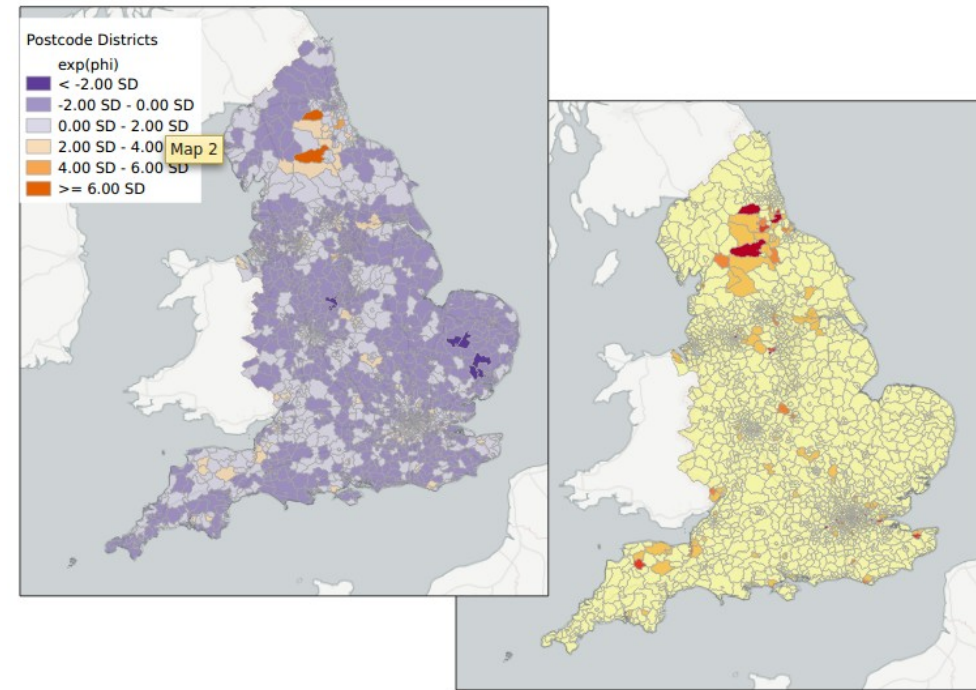
Barry Rowlingson

- CHICAS Research Fellow
- Spatial Epidemiology
- Statistical Software Development
- Visualisation and Graphics
- Geographic Information Systems
- Web System Development



AEGISS2

- Integration of Human and Veterinary Case Data
- Vet Data via SAVSNET
- Human Data via NHS111
- Rapid Detection of Disease Outbreaks



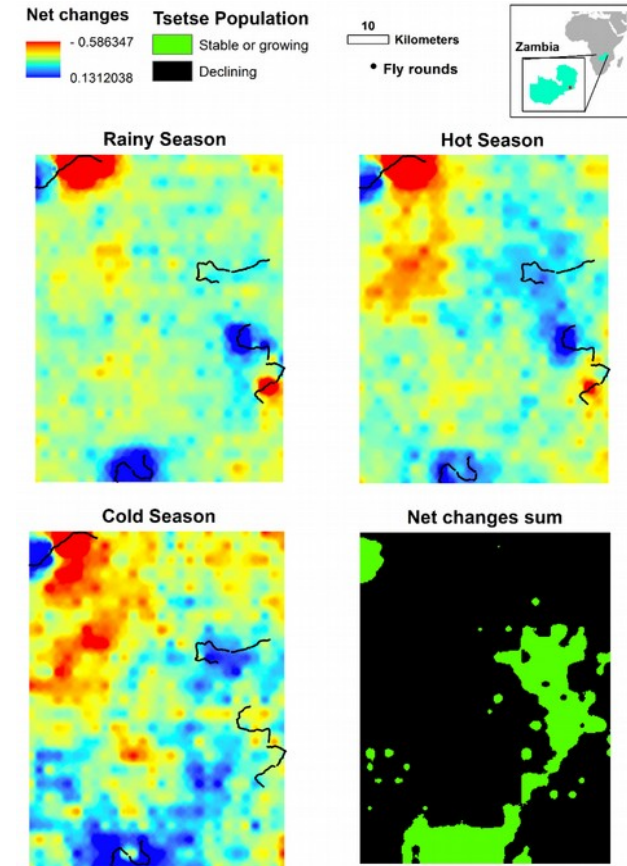
Luigi Sedda

- Anniversary Lecturer in Spatial Epidemiology
- Vector-borne disease mapping
- Emergence and spread
- Species Distribution
- Disease Control



Mapping Vector Hot-Spots

- Determine vector and host population dynamics
- Tsetse fly distribution analysis
- Map stable/growing tsetse fly zones
- With Lancaster, Liverpool STM, Southampton University



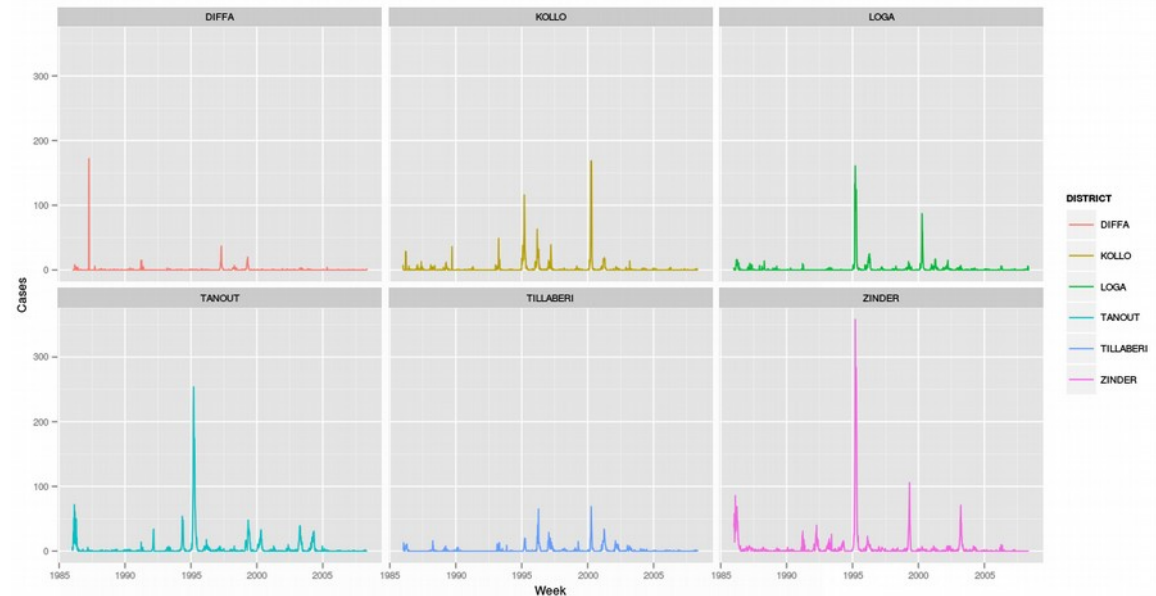
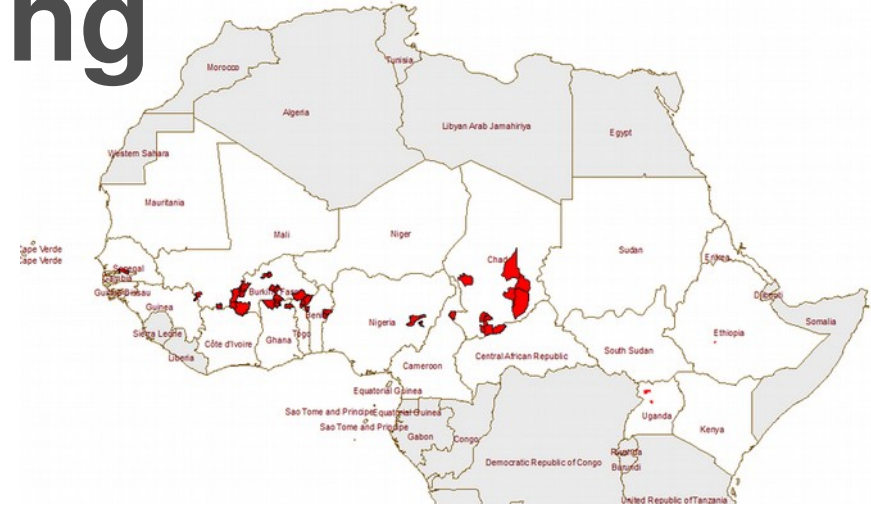
Ben Taylor





- Lecturer in Statistics
 - Methodological and computational aspects of log-Gaussian Cox Processes.
 - Combining data recorded at multiple spatial scales.
 - Filtering methodology and applications.
 - Forecasting meningitis incidence in sub-Saharan Africa in collaboration with the World Health Organisation.
 - Spatial prediction of campylobacter in the UK.
 - Spatial modelling of survival outcomes

Meningitis Forecasting

- Weekly District Case Counts
- Dynamic Linear Model
- Epidemic Alert and Forecast
- Weekly Reports Delivered to WHO

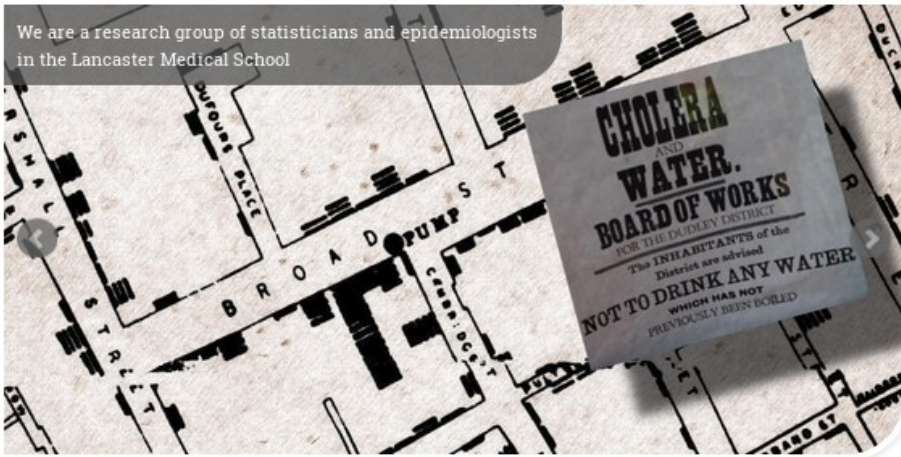


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We are a research group of statisticians and epidemiologists in the Lancaster Medical School



Latest News

[CHICAS Partnership with Liverpool Tropical Medicine Creates New PhD Opportunities](#)

Our successful MRC application has resulted in a number of fully-funded studentships in quantitative and translational research for Global Health.

Coming Next...

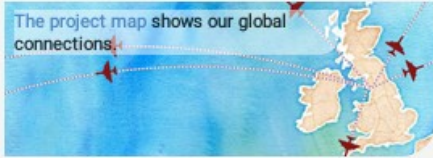
Our Work

Want to know more about spatial epidemiology or the work of the group?

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The project map shows our global connections.



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AEGISS 2
Real-time Surveillance Modelling



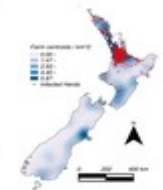
Brazilian Leptospirosis Study

Ecoepidemiology of Leptospirosis in the Urban Slums of Brazil



Inference for Vector-borne Diseases

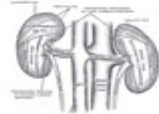
Statistical Inference and Data Assimilation for Dynamical Models of Vector-borne Diseases.



Predicting Stroke
Population Predictors for Stroke Risk in Kelantan, Malaysia.

Acute Kidney Injury

Investigating the Influence of Acute Kidney Injury on Long-term Kidney Function



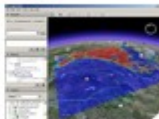
Campylobacter Transmission

A Better Understanding of Campylobacter in Humans



Loa-loa Modelling

Identifying High-risk Areas for LF Treatment

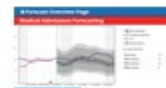


Partial Likelihood for Space-Time Models

Developing Methods for Space-time Point Process Models

Alder Hey Hospital Prediction

Predicting Emergency Admissions in a Children's Hospital



GPU Accelerated Epidemic Forecasting

Within-chain Acceleration of MCMC Using GPUs as Likelihood Co-processors



National Snakebite Study in Sri Lanka

Developing a Risk Map for Snakebites



Tuberculosis in Portugal

Spatial Survival Analysis of TB Outcomes



Amazonian Food Insecurity

Environmental Change and its Effect On Food Supplies



Health e-Research Centre

MRC-funded Research into New Techniques in Health Research



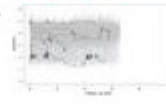
Malaria Control in Malawi

Community-based Malaria Control in Majete Wildlife Reserve, Malawi



Predicting Renal Failure

Real-time Monitoring of Progression Towards Renal Failure in Primary Care Patients



Bluetongue Mapping

BBSRC-funded Study Into Bluetongue Disease Vectors in the UK

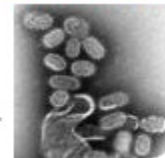


Coronary Heart Disease

Socio-economic Factors in Coronary Heart Disease

Infections and Networks

Using network connectivity to explore the spread of infections.



Noisy Knees

A Non-invasive Osteoarthritis Test



Projects

African Institute for
Mathematical Sciences
(Tanzania)

College of Public Health,
University of Arizona
(Tucson)

Hong Kong University
School of Public Health
(Hong Kong)

Lancaster Data Science
Institute (Lancaster)

MD Anderson Cancer
Center (Houston, Texas)

Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
(Brazil)

Stichting Dioraphte
(Netherlands)

University of Liverpool
Institute of Infection and
Global Health (Liverpool)

AstraZeneca Innovative
Medicine Oncology
(Cambridge, UK)

Department of Zoology,
University of Oxford
(Oxford)

Imperial College School of
Public Health (London)

KEMRI-Wellcome Trust -
University of Oxford
Collaborative Programme
(Kenya)

MRC Epidemiology Unit
(Cambridge, UK)

Public Health England

The Colt Foundation

University of Glasgow
School of Mathematics
and Statistics (Glasgow,
UK)

Bioeconomy Africa
(Addis Ababa)

Centres for Disease
Control and Prevention
(USA)

Flowminder Foundation
(Stockholm)

Johns Hopkins
Bloomberg School of
Public Health (Baltimore)

Malawi-Liverpool-
Wellcome Trust Clinical
Research Programme
(Blantyre, Malawi)

Salford Royal NHS
Foundation Trust
(Salford)

United Nations Food and
Agriculture Organisation
(Rome)

World Health
Organisation (Geneva)

Centre de Recerca en
Sanitat Animal (CRESA)
(Barcelona)

Farr Institute at HeRC
(Manchester)

German Centre for
Neurodegenerative
Diseases (DZNE) (Bonn,
Germany)

Lancaster Environment
Centre (Lancaster)

MRC Biostatistics Unit
(Cambridge, UK)

Otago University (New
Zealand)

The Water Research
Institute (Bari, Italy)

University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine
(Pittsburgh)

Centre for Ecology and
Hydrology (Wallingford)

Coalition for Operational
Research on Neglected
Tropical Diseases
(Decatur, Georgia, USA)

International Research
Institute for Climate and
Society (New York)

Liverpool School of
Tropical Medicine
(Liverpool)

NIHR Health Protection
Research Unit in
Gastrointestinal
Infections

Scienze della Natura e del
Territorio (Sassari, Italy)

University of Liverpool
Faculty of Health and Life
Sciences (Liverpool)

Yale University School of
Public Health (New
Haven, USA)

Connections



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CHICAS and BLS KE workshop

Fri, 29 January
12:00 – 16:30

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