PSI 2023 CONFERENCE
11-14 JUNE 2023

Registration is now open!

Dear Emily,

Join us at the PSI Conference 2023 to be held at the Novotel London West in the UK. The conference will be **face-to-face** from Sunday 11 to Wednesday 14 June 2023.

Registration for the conference is **now open**. Click below to see more details and register now to qualify for the Early Bird discount!

Register Now!

Group registration discounts are also available if your company is sending multiple attendees. These are also outlined in the link above.

If you have any questions about registration please use the enquiries email at the end of the newsletter.

For travel planning be advised we plan for the conference to end a little later this year at around 4:30pm on Wednesday June 14 (rather than 3pm as in previous years).

SPOTLIGHT ON: Keynote Speakers

One of the key attractions of the PSI conference is our great keynote speakers.

We are pleased to announce the writer, broadcaster and presenter Timandra Harkness as a keynote speaker.

Since winning the Independent newspaper's column-writing competition, Timandra has written for many publications including the Telegraph, Guardian, Sunday Times, Unherd, BBC Focus magazine, WIRED, Men's Health and Significance (the journal of the Royal Statistical Society).

Her book *Big Data: does size matter?* Was published by Bloomsbury Sigma in 2016, and came out in an updated paperback edition in June 2017.

Timandra is a regular on BBC Radio, writing and presenting BBC Radio 4's *FutureProofing* and other series including *How To Disagree, Steelmanning* and *Political School*. BBC documentaries include *Data, Data Everywhere*, *Divided Nation*, *What Has Sat-Nav Done To Our Brains*, and *Five Knots*. She was also resident reporter on all 8 seasons of social psychology series *The Human Zoo.*

After performing improvised & stand up comedy, & touring with a tented circus, she formed the first comedy science double-act in the UK with neuroscientist Dr. Helen Pilcher. Since then she has written and performed scientific and mathematical comedy from Adelaide (Australia) to Pittsburgh PA.

In 2010 she co-wrote & performed *Your Days Are Numbered: The Maths of Death*, with stand-up mathematician Matt Parker. They performed the show to average audiences of 100.3 and 4 star reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe, then toured it in the UK and Australia. Timandra's science comedy since then includes cabaret, gameshows, and solo live show *Brainsex* (with Socrates the rat).

Timandra has a BA in Film and Drama with Art & Art History, a BSc in Mathematics & Statistics, and is a Graduate Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

Look out for details on the topic of Timandra's talk in the new year.

We are also pleased to announce Dr Andy Grieve as a keynote speaker for 2023.

Andy Grieve is a Fellow, Chartered Statistician and former president of the Royal Statistical Society; Fellow of the American Statistical Association and honorary life-member of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry of which he is a past-Chairman and founder-member.

Since 2017 Andy has been with the Belgian pharmaceutical company, UCB, where he established the Center of Excellence for Statistical Innovation (CESI), and is now a Statistical Research Fellow. Prior to joining UCB he was a Vice President in the Innovation Center of the Contract Research Organisation ICON/Aptiv Solutions.

From 2006 to 2010 he was Professor of Medical Statistics at King's College London in the Department of Public Health Sciences. Before joining King's he spent over 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry working for CIBA-GEIGY, in the UK and Switzerland, ICI Pharmaceuticals (Zeneca) and Pfizer.

Andy's statistical research has been primarily concerned with the application Bayesian idea to the pharmaceutical industry. Latterly he has concentrated on the design and implementation of Bayesian adaptive trials, and the Probability of Success (PoS) of studies and drug development programs. He has published over 140 articles and is the author two books. The first, for non-statisticians involved in clinical trials is entitled "FAQ's on Statistics in Clinical Trials". The second "Hybrid Frequentist / Bayesian Power and Bayesian Power in Planning Clinical Trials". He has been an invited speaker at national and international conferences on over 300 occasions.

Andy will speak on the topic of "If you Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks, Can Old Dogs Teach Young Ones Old Tricks?" and will emphasise the value of having learnt the practice of statistics in an era not dominated by ever quicker computers. He will continue with a theme he first put forward at an ISCB meeting in Basel in 1994 that our first thought when considering a new problem should not be to immediately resort to a computer to solve it.

THANK YOU for the incredible response to the call for abstracts!

A very important component of the conference agenda is the sessions based on submitted abstracts.

This year the response to the request for abstracts has been amazing. When the deadline passed we had received 90 individual abstracts as well as a number for full sessions. This is frankly astonishing! Thank you for supporting the conference call for abstracts in such high numbers this year.

Don't forget the abstracts for posters can still be submitted and poster abstract submission is open until **25 February 2023.**

Abstract Details

"The PSI conference is an opportunity to learn about new things we are doing in the statistical community and in the pharma industry. It is a good opportunity to network."

Jonas Häggström (Keynote Speaker PSI Conference 2022)
Cytel

A Message from the Conference Chair

Registration is now open! Early bird deadline is March 25 2023. We have our keynote speakers confirmed and I look forward to sharing details of the rest of the conference agenda very soon. Last but not least thank you for the incredible number of abstract submissions, it is the largest number I can remember!

David Lawrence
Conference Chair

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