y-SIS Newsletter

An exciting summer!

The summer is hitting hard, but y-SIS activities are even hotter! June saw the meeting of the Italian Statistical Society, where y-SIS organized the challenge Stats Under the Stars and the prizes for young researchers: see below for more details. The next big event will be StaTalk in September: we hope to see you all there! Here you can find information on the conference and how to register.
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Stats Under the Stars

ANCONA, JUNE 20-21

Twenty teams from all over Italy competed at the Stats Under the Stars (**SUS**[6]) challenge. This year's problem has been provided by Flow-Traders, giving the teams a hard time trying to construct dynamic asset portfolios based on time series data. Congratulations to all the participants and in particular to the winning teams:

- **carri ARMAti** from University of Padua
- **Bayes beyond the stars** from University of Milano-Bicocca, and Politecnico di Milano
- **Renaissance Market Maker** from the Catholic University of Milan, University of Bologna, and D'Annunzio University

SIS2023 and Best Young Contribution Awards

ANCONA, JUNE 21-23

During the Intermediate Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society we assigned the *Best PhD Student Contribution Award* to Elena Sabbioni, from Politecnico di Torino, for her contribution named "*Analyzing RNA data with scVelo: identifiability issues and a Bayesian implementation*". Similarly, Luca Merlo from Università Europea di Roma has been prized with the *Best Young Contribution Award* for his contribution "*Quantile-based graphical models for continuous and discrete variables*". Finally, Sally Paganin from Harvard University received an honourable mention for her work titled "*A Bayesian framework for early cancer screening*". In all the three cases the Commission appreciated the novelty of the works, together with the broad impact they may have on future research. **Congrats** to Elena, Luca and Sally! If you want to know more about their research, Elena and Luca will give a talk at the StaTalk meeting: yet another reason for not missing it.

We also want to thank **Serena Arima, Giulia Cereda, Antonio Lepore** and **Saverio Ranciati** for agreeing to be part of the Commission for the second of the two prizes.

We have been very glad to see many of you in Ancona (apart from the temperature, of course). Thanks to everyone that came to our sessions!

StaTalk 2023

ROME, SEPTEMBER 15

StaTalk, **a full day dedicated to young statisticians**, is finally coming back R(h)ome! It is an informal scientific meeting promoting the interchange of ideas among students and young researchers from different areas of study. The day will include a plenary talk given by Giacomo Zanella from Bocconi University and three invited sessions to give **young researchers** from all over Italy the opportunity to share their projects, and research interests. Moreover, you will have the opportunity to see a speech from Datapizza and from old and new board members of y-SIS! Last, but not least, plenty of time will be devoted to interaction among young researchers, both during the sessions and during the **social lunch**! Go here to register: the deadline is July, 31st.