y-SIS Newsletter

Resting from a busy summer!

*Typically the summer is a season for relax and rest, but y-SIS events transformed it into a non-stop adventure! Among the others, we had our informal conference (**StaTalk**), a data competition (**Stats Under the Stars**), various sessions and prizes at the **SIS meeting**...*
Below you can find all the details, but for real-time news do not forget to follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

StaTalk 2024

FLORENCE, MAY 30-31

The new edition of StaTalk has been a success: we had the luck to meet over 90 participants! The program featured a plenary talk given by Maria Francesca Marino from the University of Florence (UNIFI), five invited sessions and a very insightful discussion on mental health, held by Federico Chiariotti from ADI. Moreover, a poster session (with more than 20 participants) took place, and two prizes were assigned: congratulations to **Dalila Failli** (UNIFI) and **Claudio Del Sole** (Bocconi University), who won the first prize and the honourable mention respectively. Thanks to the local faculty members who agreed to form the committee for the poster prizes: Alberto Cassese, Marco Doretti, Monia Lupparelli, and Elena Pirani.

We are hugely in debt to Giulio Grossi and Giovanni Poli, both from UNIFI, for their dedication as local committee members. Last but not least, we thank all the participants who filled the two days with great memories and those who made everything possible: the Department of Statistics, Computer Science, Application of the UNIFI, the BayesMeCOS project, and GRASPA.

While waiting for the next edition (stay tuned!), follow Datajournalice (aka Alice Gabrieli), who documented StaTalk on Instagram; much material has been and will be posted in the coming months!

Stats Under the Stars

LECCE, JUNE 16-17

The 7th edition of Stats Under the Stars (**SUS**^{7}) took place at University of Salento and the teams competed over a problem provided by our main sponsor **Adecco**.

A committee formed by Filippo Ascolani (Duke University & y-SIS), Angelo Coluccia (University of Salento), Livio Finos (University of Padova), Gabriele Maggioni (Adecco) and Marco Mingione (University of Roma Tre & y-SIS) selected the winning teams, and it was a tough choice! Congratulations to **Le ruote** (University of Padova) for the best project overall, **Gli Imbruttiti** (Sapienza University of Rome) for the best objective prediction, **Le pre-**

visioni di Paolo Cox (University of Padova) for the best quality of report and **SoloLacrime** (Sapienza University of Rome) for the honourable mention.

We thank University of Salento (in particular prof. Serena Arima and Enrico Ciavolino) and Adecco for making this event possible!

SIS2024

BARI, JUNE 17-21

y-SIS was present at the **52**nd **Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society** with one specialized and two solicited sessions. Thanks to all the participants for the great talks!

We also awarded two prizes. As regards the Best PhD Student Contribution Award, congratulations to **Greta Panunzi** (University of Salento) and **Beatrice Foroni** (Sapienza University of Rome) for the prize and the honourable mention respectively. For the Best Young Contribution Award, open to all the members, a round of applause to **Mirko Armillotta** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) for the main prize and **Martina Amongero** (University of

Torino) for the honorable mention.

We want to thank the committee for the latter prize: Gaia Bertarelli (Ca' Foscari University), Federico Camerlenghi (University of Milano Bicocca), Lucia Paci (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart) and Mariangela Sciandra (University of Palermo). Special thanks to **Giorgia Zaccaria** (Milano Bicocca & y-SIS) for all her work in the global committee of the SIS meeting!

A screenshot from **StaTalk** in Florence. We were so many that we had to take the picture from very far away!

The board at the social dinner in Bari for the 52nd meeting. It is time that three of them **leave the throne to somebody else**! In a few weeks, you will receive all the important information about the elections: this is the time to consider whether **you** want to join the y-SIS board!