

Welcome



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With 2017 now behind us, let's take one last look back. It was a good year if we consider the activities of the Luxembourg Statistical Society. But let's be honest, it was a bad year in communication. In fact, we even experienced almost a communication breakdown, as we were not able to inform our members and followers in due time of upcoming events. Although informed shortly before, many attended nevertheless the events, showing interest in the very diverse topics presented. This first newsletter of 2018 is to bury bad practices of the past.

The Luxembourg Statistical Society is small compared to giant societies like those in United Kingdom, France, Germany and others. Many of these Societies have joined to build FenSTATs, the Federation of European National Statistical Societies, the President of which is the former Director general of Eurostat, Mr. Walter Radermacher. The Luxembourg Statistical Society has applied for membership of FenSTATs and should become a member soon. For more information on FenSTATs: <http://fenstats.eu>.

Beside joining FenSTATs, we are also engaging in discussions with our Belgian colleagues (Royal Statistical Society of Belgium) on future collaborations and joint activities. Another neighboring Society, the Société française de Statistique (SFdS), will organize its yearly conference in 2019 in Nancy and the Luxembourg Statistical Society intends to set up at least one session at the Nancy meeting 2019 of SFdS.

We will start our events in Luxembourg beginning of March and you'll find more details on planned activities in this newsletter. On 14 October 2018 a new Parliament will be elected in Luxembourg. National elections go along with forecasts and the Society intends to shed a light on the election polling forecasts, explain and discuss their methodology, as well as their precision.

New activities, new events go along with financial resources. We welcome our members to renew their affiliation and pay their fee for 2018. New members are welcome and if you want to join the Luxembourg Statistical Society, please fill in and send in the subscription form for 2018, otherwise we will not be able to send you notifications of upcoming events.

Next LSS Talks

Mark your calendars!

8 March 2018

The Generalized Inverse Gaussian Distribution in Statistics

On **8 March 2018**, a lecture will be given by **Angelou Koudou** on the theme “The generalized inverse Gaussian distribution in statistics”.

The conference will be held at:

Luxembourg Institute of Socioeconomic Research (LISER), Maison des Sciences Humaines (1st floor), 11 Porte des Sciences, Belval Campus

The conference will start at **6:00 p.m.** and will be conducted in English.

Abstract

This talk is divided into two parts. We begin by showing some examples of use of the generalized inverse Gaussian (GIG) distribution in statistics. The second part of the talk discusses the (unsolved) problem of a possible use of the so-called *Stein's method* in deriving rates of convergence to the GIG distribution.

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Angelou Koudou is Maître de conférences at the University of Nancy.

Visit A. Koudou's [personal web page](#)

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About the speaker**Register at admin@luxstat.lu****Other Upcoming Events**

21 March 2018 **Claude Lamboray**, Head of Unit “Price statistics”, STATEC will talk on Scanner Data and Indices of Consumer Prices

31 May 2018 **Yves Tillé**, Professor of Survey Statistics, Université de Neuchâtel will give a lecture related to sampling theory



As the national parliamentary elections will be held on 14 October 2018, the Society will organize a conference on **Election Polling Forecasts** to exchange about statistical techniques and operational issues related to taking the pulse of society before elections.

In the context of **the National Statistics Day 20 October 2018**, the Society intends to celebrate together with STATEC and the Luxembourg Science Center.

More information will be posted soon on our [website](#). Stay tuned!