

Spanish Region (SEB)

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200 YEARS OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of [Florence Nightingale](#), pioneer of modern statistics and epidemiology, and the first woman admitted to the [Royal Statistical Society](#), the [Rladies](#) Spain organization (nodes of Barcelona, Madrid, and Bilbao), in collaboration with the [Spanish Biometric Society](#) and the [Catalan Statistical Society](#) are pleased to announce the data analysis competition: “**200 YEARS OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**”.

The competition aims to analyze the data set that Florence Nightingale used to determine the causes of death of the British Army during the Crimean War, and which served to analyze the factors associated with high mortality and to reduce it significantly.

Further information as well as the Guidelines for participation are available from the website of the [Spanish Biometric Society](#).



Florence Nightingale (May 12, 1820 - August 13, 1910)

Signature of collaboration agreements.

The Spanish Biometric Society (SEB) has just signed collaboration agreements both with the Spanish Plant Pathology Society (SEF) and the Spanish Society of Statistics and Operations Research (SEIO). These agreements will make it possible to strengthen the alliances between SEB and each of these scientific societies by organizing joint conferences and disseminating their activities. In particular, SEB and SEF share common areas of work such as population analysis and disease epidemiology and this agreement aims to promote and facilitate synergies between plant pathologists and biostatisticians. Also, SEB and SEIO share their common interest in statistical methods which can be developed further under this agreement.



Western North American Region (WNAR)

<http://wnar.org/>

2020 WNAR/IMS/KISS/JR meeting

Due to the health concerns associated with the ongoing pandemic and complying with the government's guidance, WNAR decided to cancel the 2020 meeting in Anchorage, Alaska (June 14 - 17,

2020). WNAR is planning to hold its 2021 Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Dates and venues for the 2021 meeting are still being finalized.

Registration information and other details about the 2021 meeting will be on the WNAR web page www.wnar.org as they become available. We note that WNAR supports speakers from lower and middle income countries to attend the WNAR meeting; the policy statement can be found here.

We extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in planning the 2020 meeting, including the many researchers who contributed abstracts to the meeting. In particular, we thank our Local Organizer Jiaqi Huang and Program Chair Yingqi Zhao, both of whom have generously agreed to continue in those positions for the 2021 meeting. We also want to thank the Student Paper Committee Chair, Harold Bae, and all the members of that committee for continuing the Student Paper Competition, which will be held virtually in June 2020.

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

ASA Sponsors New Health Tech Podcast



Looking to stay up to date on developments in health care technology around the world? The American Statistical Association is sponsoring “The Pod of Asclepius”, a new podcast where data scientists, statisticians, engineers, and regulatory experts discuss the technical challenges in their healthcare domain.

We have over 30 episodes published and available on YouTube, Podbean, iTunes, Stitcher, Podchaser, and Tune In Radio.

Looking for a good place to start? Check out the following episode links:

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- [Kidney Injury - Biomarkers for Prediction and Prognosis](#) with Allison Meisner
- [Data Platforms to Monitor Animal Health](#) with Shane Burns
- [Bayesian Approaches in Medical Devices: Part 1, Part 2, Part 3](#) with Martin Ho and Greg Maislin
- [What is a Stepped-Wedge Trial?](#) with Mona Kanaan and Ada Keding
- [Machine Learning for Patient Vital-Sign Monitoring](#) with Glen Wright Colopy