

## 2016 ENBIS AWARDS

ENBIS has established three awards to honour individuals who have helped to broaden the use of statistics in business and industry.

The **Box Medal** is awarded for outstanding contributions to business and industrial statistics. It is named after George Box who was the first recipient of the medal.

The **Best Manager Award** is meant to recognize managers who gave a significant contribution to the success of their companies by advancing the spread and the practice of business and industrial statistics.

The **Young Statistician Award** aims to honour the work of young people in introducing innovative methods, promoting the use of statistics and/or successfully using it in the daily practice.

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### Who are the 2016 Award Recipients?

The 2016 Award Recipients were selected by the 2015-2017 ENBIS Awards Committee chaired by the President-Elect **Antonio Pievatolo** (CNR-IMATI, Italy). Other committee members are **Shirley Coleman** (Newcastle University, United Kingdom), **Bart De Ketelaere** (University of Leuven, Belgium), **Rainer Göb** (University of Würzburg, Germany) and **Jean-Michel Poggi** (Paris-Descartes University, France).

### The 2016 Box Medal Goes to David Hand.



Professor David Hand is Senior Research Investigator and Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at Imperial College, London, where he formerly held the Chair in Statistics. He is also Chief Scientific Advisor to Winton Capital Management. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, and has served (twice) as President of the Royal Statistical Society. He is a non-executive director of the UK Statistics Authority, and is Chair of the Board of the UK Administrative Data Research Network.

David Hand has published 300 scientific papers and 28 books, including Principles of Data Mining, Information Generation, Measurement Theory and Practice, The Improbability Principle, and The Wellbeing of Nations.

In 2002 David was awarded the Guy Medal of the Royal Statistical Society, and in 2012 he and his research group won the Credit Collections and Risk Award for Contributions to the Credit Industry. In 2013 he was made OBE for services to research and innovation.

David Hand is an ambassador of statistics; some of his books and articles have addressed important societal problems, with the merit of being accessible not only to specialists but also to the general reader.

#### **The 2016 Best Manager Award Goes to Luc Bijmens.**



Luc Bijmens holds master degrees in zoology and biostatistics and a Ph.D. degree in biology. He spent the earlier part of his career in academia in Europe and Africa. After having worked in the pharmaceutical field for some time, he joined Johnson and Johnson to support clinical oncology. He built the European branch of nonclinical biostatistics team that collaborates with hundreds of researchers in the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson and Johnson in Europe. He is a Visiting Professor at the University of Hasselt and has played a major role in statistical societies both in Belgium and in Europe. He has mentored many master and PhD level students leading to the publication of their work in peer reviewed journals. Through his manifold activities, he has bridged the gap between academic and industrial statisticians, he is well-regarded among clinical and laboratory scientist within his company, and as a result, he is an ambassador of good statistical science and practice in the truest sense of the word.

#### **The 2016 Young Statistician Award Goes to Nicolas Bousquet.**

Nicolas Bousquet is an Expert Research Scientist at EDF (Electricité de France) Lab and an Associated Researcher at the Institut de Mathématiques de Toulouse, University Paul Sabatier.



In his work, Nicolas focuses on Bayesian statistics, treatment of uncertainties and risk in industrial and ecological resource management. He worked mainly in an industrial environment but also published a substantial number of articles, working on a varied range of topic both on the applied and theoretical side. He has supervised several master and PhD students. Active in teaching, member of scientific committees and groups, organiser of workshops and conference sessions on risk and safety themes, he has been able to employ with success statistical methods for the solution of important applied problems.

Among his many contributions the study of the properties of fast Monte-Carlo-based exploration of monotonic functions, as well as the elicitation of prior distributions for the Weibull distribution and the assessment of their agreement with actual data, deserve special attention.

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#### **Award Ceremonies Will Take Place at ENBIS-16 in Sheffield (UK).**

The award ceremonies for all three recipients, followed by their keynote addresses, will take place during ENBIS-16 in Sheffield (September 12-14, 2016).



**You can still submit an abstract (maximum of 250 words) by June 20th, 2016, at the latest.** To submit your abstract go to [www.enbis.org](http://www.enbis.org), log in and search for ENBIS-16 under *Upcoming Events*. If you are not already a member of ENBIS, please join first (note there is no membership fee for individual members of ENBIS).

Please note that the **early bird registration fee will be available up until June 30th, 2016.**

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