# Curriculum Vitae

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# 1 Employment

### 1.1 Current employment

Institute of Computing, Università della Svizzera italiana

• Director (2021 – )

• Full professor of Statistics and Data Science (permanent)

#### 1.2 Activities

- University related activities
  - Director of the Institute of Computing
  - Head of Data Science (CI, USI) (2018 )
  - Director of the Master in Computational Science (USI)
- International activities
  - Scientific advisor, Ministry of Internal Affairs, The Netherlands (since 2014)
  - Chair of a Europe-wide EU COST Action (CA15109) for a network of European Scientists working on Statistical Network Science (Since 2015).
  - Associate editor Biometrics (since 2014), Statistical applications in genetics and micro-biology (since 2012). Reviewer for many journals.

### 1.3 Employment record

- 1 June, 2018 current, Full Professor of Statistics and Data Science, 1 fte, permanent Institute of Computing, Università della Svizzera italiana.
- 1 June, 2008 1 June, 2018, Full Professor of Statistics and Probability, 1 fte, permanent Johann Bernoulli Institute, University of Groningen.
   Chair of Johann Bernoulli Institute, consisting of 32 fte permanent staff.
   Management of Statistics and Probability Unit, consisting of 3.6 fte permanent staff
   Supervision of 15 PhD students, 2 postdocs, 1 instructor, 40+ BSc/Master students.
- 1 January, 2006 31 May, 2008, Full Professor of Biometrics, 1 fte, permanent Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Lancaster University.

  Director of the Medical Statistics Unit, consisting of 20+ research staff.

  Supervision of 2 post-docs, 2 Master Students, 2 PhD students.
- 1 July, 2004 31 December, 2005, Reader in Statistics, 1 fte, permanent 1 September, 2000 30 June, 2004, Lecturer in Statistics, 1 fte, fixed term Department of Statistics, University of Glasgow.

  Supervision of 3 post-docs, 3 BSc students, 4 PhD students.

#### 1.4 Master's ('doctoraal')

University of Higher Education: Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

- 1. MSc Statistics (Mathematics), 30/6/1994
- 2. MA Philosophy, 30/6/1997
- 3. MA Philosophy of Science, 31/7/1997

#### 1.5 Doctorate

- 1. PhD Philosophy, "The Ethics of Chance" (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Joseph J. Kockelmans), Pennsylvania State University, USA, 31/5/1997.
- 2. PhD Statistics, "The Categorical Imperative: Extendibility Considerations for Statistical Models" (Supervisor: Prof. Peter McCullagh), University of Chicago, USA, 31/6/2000

## 2 Education

## 2.1 Teaching philosophy

My teaching is informed by three principal components: my teacher parents, my experience as a student and my own teaching experiences in different social, cultural and academic backgrounds.

Both my parents were primary school teachers and this fact has made me sensitive to the amount of work and personal commitment that goes into teaching very early on. My parents would come home with scripts to correct, with school grades to enter and with lesson plans to be made. Another not unimportant aspect of a primary school is the very diverse academic qualities of the pupils. The way they resolved it was by focusing their apparent attention to weaker-average students while giving carefully monitored liberties to the better students to work on their own and to help their colleagues. This is an idea that I have carried along with me even at university level.

I have been educated in the Netherlands and the US, both in the humanities and the sciences. This diversity has been inspirational to my learning and teaching. Different socio-cultural contexts present their own parameters for learning and teaching. In the past twenty-five years, my teaching has been tried in many different geographical locations and it has not been left unaffected by these social-cultural interactions. Whereas certain techniques worked extremely well in the USA, they did not necessarily work in the UK or Australia.

When I moved to the USA, I really had to get used to a completely different student-lecturer relationship. Students expected to be taken as individuals rather than as an amorphous class. They wanted more interaction with the lecturer in front of the class-room. The responsibility of learning was as much considered being a responsibility of the lecturer as it was of the students themselves. Even though student-focused teaching is becoming more and more an issue in the Netherlands, in the USA it was pushed to its extreme. There are good reasons for student-focused teaching. Stevens (1992) expresses the idea that humanism in learning seeks ways to empower individuals to direct their own learning. This encourages a deep approach to learning. American students, who expected a lot from their lecturer, also expected more from themselves. Participation in course work was higher than it is in the Netherlands. Before returning to Europe, I taught for a short while as a lecturer at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. Sydney is a multicultural city and that is reflected in the student population. There were many first and second generation students from Southeast Asia. It was particularly that group of students that performed very well in the classes I taught. They were industrious and social, and as a result pulled the other students along with them. The style of teaching they seemed to respond to best was a more top-down approach, combined with sufficient openness to student interaction. When I came to UK, I had to adjust again. It was particularly striking how students disliked speaking in public. In a little study I performed, 74% of the students found public speaking intimidating and 87% did not want to fail in front of the lecturer.

When I moved to the Netherlands in 2008, I have found my international background increasingly useful. I now feel able to handle an increasingly diverse background rather effortlessly. This was useful as I had to focus on various other aspects. I succeeded in introducing a new statistics tracks both in the Bachelor and the Master programme in Mathematics, as well as expanding service teaching to a number of programmes (Biology, Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, Engineering), even including the Graduate School ("Refresher Course in Statistics") and the Honours College ("Figures and facts: statistics in the news", "Taking chances with the sciences").

Since moving to Switzerland, I became the director of the new Data Science Master (part of the Computation Science master), which is an interdisciplinary master to teach high-level quantitative skills to students from various national and disciplinary backgrounds. Although it is perhaps too early to say something definite at this early stage, this environment seems to resemble the Australian experience: ambitious students that work hard and that look for interaction with their peers and instructor in order to excel. It already has made me adjust the course material, by including additional challenges.

#### 2.2 Professionalization

During my Master degree (VU, 1994) I have obtained a didactics degree. Furthermore, while teaching in the US (Pennsylvania State University, University of Chicago) I have attended several continuing education courses on teaching. When I was appointed in Glasgow as a lecturer, I followed a two-year University Teaching Qualification course. As part of this course I prepared a teaching portfolio and obtained UTQ degree. In 2013 I updated my teaching portfolio and submitted it with additional teaching references to obtain a Dutch BKO degree.

#### 2.3 Teaching

In Switzerland, I am teaching four Master level courses:

- Introduction to Data Science (6 ECTS)
- Network science and graphical models (6 ECTS)
- Introduction to Computational Science (3 ECTS)
- Extensions of the linear model (3 ECTS)

### 3 Research

#### 3.1 Brief summary of research over last five years

Networks are remarkable models for a large variety of real world processes. Infections, traffic flow, causal chains, societal relations, gene regulation and signaling and many other processes can be described by means of a network. However, fundamental questions for many of these networks remain only partially answered: (i) what is the structure of these networks, (ii) what is the dynamic kinetics of the process and finally (iii) what drives the structure of these networks. My group deals with these questions on the basis of often limited amounts of data. I have set up a research group with currently 4 PhD students, 1 post-doc and 1 master student on statistical network

science, particularly dynamic networks. With my background in high-dimensional genomic data (as evidence by my 2004 book on the statistical analysis of microarray data), I became fascinated by the problem of modelling and inferring complex systems from limited amount of data. Although I am inspired by biological systems, because of their complexity and persistence, I do consider other systems as well, such as social networks and ocean currents. I am currently the chair and instigator of European COST Action (CA15109) on European Cooperation on Statistics for Network Data Science, bringing together some 200 research groups from 33 countries within Europe working on statistical network science.

Since 2014 I have been working as the expert consultant for the **Ministry of Internal Affairs** in the Netherlands to give advise on a number of projects, ranging from introducing a safe form of electronic voting, detecting election fraud and providing time-saving sampling tools to the Central Election Body (Kiesraad) in case of referendums.

## 3.2 Recent (Inter)national activities

#### 3.3 Institutional activities

- Chair of the Board, Johann Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics and Computer Science (2015–2018)
- Head of Management Team Mathematics (2015–2018)
- Tenure Track coach, Johann Bernoulli Institute (2016–2018)
- Chair of Promotion Committee (BC1), Faculty of Science and Engineering (2014–2018)
- Member of RuG Scientific Integrity Committee (2017–2018)
- Member of Programme Committee Mathematics (2010–2018)

#### 3.3.1 Recent service to research community

- President BMS-ANed, Dutch Society of Biostatisticians (2017–2018)
- Member Management Team NWO Stochastics Cluster, STAR (2016–2018)
- Member Commissie Onderzoek Platform Wiskunde Nederland PWN (2015–2018)
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board EPSRC project EP/L020319/1: "Computational inference of biopathway dynamics and structures," 2014-2018.
- Director of the International Biometrics Society, representing Europe (2014-2016).
- President of the Bernoulli Society, European Region (2012-2014).
- Chair of the Editorial Board of the Dutch Mathematics Platform (PWN) (2014-2016).
- Chair of National Accreditation Committee, NVAO, Master of Statistics, University of Leiden (2015)
- Member of Editorial Advisory Board of the International Biometrics Society (2013-2016) and of the *Journal of Applied Statistics* (2011-2016).

Chair of the Programme Committee (Applied) Mathematics, University of Groningen (2014
 – 2017)

#### 3.3.2 Recent editorial work

- Guest editor JRSS-C, special issue "Applied Network Science" (2016).
- Guest editor Statistica Neerlandica, special issue "All models are wrong..." (2012).
- Associate editor *Biostatistics* (2006-2009).
- Editor of the JRSS-B Read Papers (2006-2008).
- Associate editor JRSS-C (2001-2005).

#### 3.3.3 Recent research related activities

- Invited as visiting scholar to the Isaac Newton Institute, University of Cambridge, "Statistical Theory and Methods for Complex, High-Dimensional Data" programme (7 January 27 June 2008) and "Theoretical foundations for statistical network analysis" (11 July 21 December, 2016).
- Invited to the Mathematical Institute, National University of Singapore "Meeting the Challenges of High Dimension: Statistical Methodology, Theory and Applications" (13 Aug 26 Oct 2012) and "Networks in Biological Sciences" (1 June 31 July, 2015).
- Honorary Secretary of the *Research Committee* of the *Royal Statistical Society* (2006-2008), Member of RSS Research Committee (2003-2008)
- Organizer of several large (100+ participants) international workshops:
  - International Workshop on Statistical Modelling, 2-7 July 2017.
  - "All models are wrong...", 14-16 March 2011,
  - "High-dimensional inference and complex data", 23-25 November 2009, Groningen;

#### 3.4 Ph.D. and postdoctoral supervision

Being a scientist is as much about obtaining scientific results as it is about communicating those results. Teaching and supervision of students (Bachelor, Master and PhD) and postdocs is one, and very integral, part of this process. Below I list the PhD students I have supervised over the years.

- (Current, funded by USI) Igor Artico, "Longitudinal network models."
- (Current, funded by USI) Giacomo Ceoldo, "Extensions of the Stochastic Actor-oriented model."
- (Current, funded by Ministry of Education) Spyros Balafas, "Statistical modelling and inference of the dynamics of multivariate ordinal processes."

- (Current, funded by NWO) Francisco Richter Mendoza, "Simultaneous estimation and selection of species diversification models"
- (PhD, January 2018) Pariya Behrouzi, "Detection and analysis of high-dimensional genetic incompatibilities"
- (PhD, July 2017) Hassan Pazira, "High-dimensional Variable Selection for GLMs and Survival Models."
- (PhD, May 2017) Seyed Mahdi Mahmoudi, "Statistical inference of causal and ordinary differential equation models."
- (PhD, May 2017) Mirko Signorelli, "Inferring Community-driven structure in complex networks"
- (PhD, April 2017) Danilo Pellin, "Stochastic modelling of dynamic systems in biology."
- (PhD, July 2016) Nazia Gill, "Generalized Linear Modelling for Biometrical Sciences" (HEC)
- (PhD, June 2016) Saverio Ranciati, "Statistical modelling of spatio-temporal dependencies in NGS data"
- (PhD, April 2015) Abdolreza Mohammadi: "Model uncertainty in network inference" (NWO/STAR)
- (PhD, June 2014) Ivan Vujacic: "ODE inference of genetic networks".
- (PhD, March 2014) Lotsi Anani: "Statistical inference of biological networks".
- (PhD, April 2012) Antonio Abbruzzo, "Graphical models for estimating dynamic networks".
- (PhD, August 2007) Vilda Purutcuoglu, "Bayesian methods for gene network analysis"
- Other PhD supervision: Matthey Sperrin (Lancaster), Vasilis Giagos (Lancaster), Ximin Zhu (Glasgow), Luigi Palla (Glasgow/Bologna), Elisa Grilli (Glasgow/Bologna), Angela Recchia (Glasgow/Bari).

#### Post-doctoral supervision:

- (2018-2021) Fentaw Abegaz, "Multiscale modelling of state transitions in the host-microbiomebrain network." (NWO – Complexity in Health & Nutrition)
- (2011-2014) Javier Gonzalez, "Inference for Energy Metabolism and Ageing." (NWO Energy Metabolism and Ageing SBC)
- (2010-2016) Fentaw Abegaz, "Copula-based inference of conditional independence graphs."
- (2006-2008) Yongxiang Fang, "A lifetime of attrition: post-genomic analyses of ecological and evolutionary processes in nematode-vertebrate systems".
- (2005-2008) Angela Recchia, 'Stochastic Modelling and Statistical Inference of Gene Regulatory Pathways: Integrating Multiple Sources of Data".
- (2003-2007) Raya Khanin, "DNA microarray data analysis and modelling: an integrated approach."
- (2002-2004) David Bakewell, "Hypothesis testing in microarray experiments."
- (2001-2004) John McClure, "Statistics for microarray: design, modelling and inference".

# 4 Scholarships, grants and prizes

# 4.1 Large grants

- NWO, 2017-2021, "Multiscale modelling of state transitions in the host-microbiome-brain network," € 267,228. Dutch National Science Foundation (Co-PI with B. Bakker, UMCG).
- H2020 COST, 2015-2020, "European Cooperation on Statistics for Network Data Science" (Action CA15109), € 585,000. Horizon2020, Cooperation in Science and Technology.
- NWO-MPE, 2015-2019, "Simultaneous estimation and selection of species diversification models", € 200,000. Dutch National Science Foundation.
- NWO STAR, 2011–2015, "Network modelling with noisy ODEs using Gaussian Process priors", € 90,312. Dutch National Science Foundation.
- Workpackage leader, 2010 2015, Systems Biology Centre for Energy Metabolism and Ageing (SBC-EMA), Groningen, € 190,000. Dutch National Science Foundation.
- Principal Investigator, January 2008 31 May 2008, "Data mining: A Large Scale Re-analysis of Designed Microarray Experiments", NE/F001355/1, £168,000, Natural Environment Research Council.
- Principal Investigator, April 2006 March 2008, "A lifetime of attrition: post-genomic analyses of ecological and evolutionary processes in nematode-vertebrate systems", NE/D000602/1, £150,000, Natural Environment Research Council.
- Principal Investigator, September 2005 August 2008, "Stochastic Modelling and Statistical Inference of Gene Regulatory Pathways: Integrating Multiple Sources of Data", £204, 395, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.
- Principal Investigator, February 2003 February 2007, "DNA microarray data analysis and modelling: an integrated approach," £218,728, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.
- Co-applicant, February 2003 February 2005, "Functional genomics of nutrient transport in Arabidopsis: a bioinformatics approach," £87,306, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, with Dr Anna Amtmann, IBLS, Glasgow.

#### 4.2 Small grants

- STAR Workshop Grant, 2017, "International Workshop on Statistical Modelling Groningen, 2-7 July, 2017", € 5,000. Dutch National Science Foundation.
- STAR Workshop Grant, 2017, "SEMSTAT Eindhoven, 7-10 March, 2017", € 5,000. Dutch National Science Foundation.
- STAR Workshop Grant, 2011, "All models are wrong...", € 5,000. Dutch National Science Foundation.
- Principal Investigator (Value In People award holder 2003-2004), Wellcome Trust, £22,853.

- Principal Investigator, *November 2001 January 2004*, "Discovering the frontiers of statistical bioinformatics," £14, 180, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.
- Co-applicant, September 2002, "Ph.D. Summer School: Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Modelling of Biological Systems," £14,000, Mathfit Programme, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, with Dr Ela Hunt, Computer Science, Glasgow.

## 4.3 Awards and Scholarships

- (2012-2013) Best Dutch Biostatistics Paper, by Dutch Biostatistics Society (BMS-ANed), with F. Abegaz.
- (2004-5) Teacher Mobility Grant, University of Glasgow, University of Bologna.
- (1994-97) Fulbright Fellowship, US government.
- (1994-97) Several *smaller grants*: Dittmer Grant (Dittmer Fund), De Bussy Grant (De Bussy Stichting), VU-Fonds Grant (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam), VSB Grant (VSB Bank).

## 5 Publications

### 5.1 International (refereed) journals

- 1. SN Wood, **EC Wit**, M Fasiolo, PJ Green (2021) "COVID-19 and the difficulty of inferring epidemiological parameters from clinical data" *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 21(1), 27–8 DOI:https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(20)30437-0.
- 2. Artico, I., Smolyarenko, I., Vinciotti, V., Wit, E. C. (2020). "How rare are power-law networks really?". *Proceedings of the Royal Society A*, 476(2241), 20190742.
- 3. R Užupytė, EC Wit (2020) "Test for triadic closure and triadic protection in temporal relational event data", Social Network Analysis and Mining, 10(1), 1-12.
- S Ranciati, EC Wit, C Viroli (2020) "Bayesian smooth-and-match inference for ordinary differential equations models linear in the parameters", Statistica Neerlandica, 74(2), 125-144.
- 5. EC Wit, L Augugliaro, H Pazira, J González, F Abegaz (2020), "Sparse relative risk regression models", *Biostatistics* 21 (2), e131-e147.
- F Richter, B Haegeman, RS Etienne, EC Wit (2020), "Introducing a general class of species diversification models for phylogenetic trees", Statistica Neerlandica, 74(3), 261-274, https://doi.org/10.1111/stan.12205.
- W Kruijer, P Behrouzi, D Bustos-Korts, MX Rodríguez-Álvarez, SM Mahmoudi, Brian Yandell, EC Wit, FA van Eeuwijk (2020), "Reconstruction of networks with direct and indirect genetic effects", Genetics, 214 (4), 781-807.
- 8. S de Vos, S Patten, **EC Wit**, EH Bos, KJ Wardenaar, P de Jonge (2020) "Subtyping psychological distress in the population: a semi-parametric network approach", *Epidemiology and psychiatric sciences*, 29.

- 9. Signorelli, M., Wit, E. C. (2020). "Model-based clustering for populations of networks". Statistical Modelling, 20(1), 9-29.
- 10. Ranciati, S., Vinciotti, V., **Wit, E. C.** (2020). "Identifying overlapping terrorist cells from the Noordin Top actor—event network". *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 14(3), 1516-1534.
- 11. D Pellin, L Biasco, A Aiuti, MC Di Serio, **EC Wit** (2019), "Penalized inference of the hematopoietic cell differentiation network via high-dimensional clonal tracking", *Applied Network Science*, 4(1), 115.
- 12. K Kamphorst, BC Oosterloo, AM Vlieger, NB Rutten, CM Bunkers, **EC Wit**, RM van Elburg (2019) "Antibiotic Treatment in the First Week of Life Impacts the Growth Trajectory in the First Year of Life in Term Infants," *Journal of pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition*, 69 (1), 131-136.
- 13. S de Vos, S Patten, **EC Wit**, EH Bos, KJ Wardenaar, P de Jonge (2019), "Subtyping psychological distress in the population: a semi-parametric network approach," *Epidemiology* and psychiatric sciences, 1-8.
- 14. A Abbruzzo, I Vujacic, AM Mineo, **EC Wit** (2019), "Selecting the tuning parameter in penalized Gaussian graphical models," *Statistics and Computing* 29 (3), 559-569
- 15. NP Gill, L D'Arrigo, **EC Wit** (2019), "Comparison of Postoperative Fever and Effectiveness of Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL) Versus Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery (RIRS) for the Treatment of Renal Stones," *SN Comprehensive Clinical Medicine*, 1 (3), 154-159.
- 16. N Demetrashvili, N Smidt, H Snieder, ER Van Den Heuvel, **EC Wit** (2019) "Variance components models for analysis of big family data of health outcomes in the lifelines cohort study" *Twin Research and Human Genetics*, 22 (1), 4-13
- 17. P Behrouzi, **EC Wit** (2019) "Detecting epistatic selection with partially observed genotype data by using copula graphical models," *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C* (Applied Statistics), 68(1), 141–160.
- 18. SM Mahmoudi, **EC Wit** (2018) "Estimating Causal Effects from Nonparanormal Observational Data," *The international journal of biostatistics*, 14 (2)
- 19. EC Wit, L Augugliaro, H Pazira, J González, F Abegaz (2018) "Sparse relative risk regression models," *Biostatistics*, DOI: 10.1093/biostatistics/kxy060
- 20. P Behrouzi, **EC Wit** (2018) "De novo construction of polyploid linkage maps using discrete graphical models," *Bioinformatics*, https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/bty777.
- H Pazira, L Augugliaro, EC Wit (2018) "Extended differential geometric LARS for highdimensional GLMs with general dispersion parameter," Statistics and Computing 28 (4), 753-774
- 22. BMS Arani, M Mahmoudi, L Lahti, J González, **EC Wit** (2018) "Stability estimation of autoregulated genes under Michaelis-Menten-type kinetics," *Physical Review E* 97 (6), 062407
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- 25. S Ranciati, C Viroli, **EC Wit** (2017) "Mixture model with multiple allocations for clustering spatially correlated observations in the analysis of ChIP-Seq data," *Biometrical Journal*, 59(6), 1301-1316.
- 26. A Papagiannakis, B Niebel, **E Wit**, M Heinemann (2017) "A CDK-independent metabolic oscillator orchestrates the budding yeast cell cycle," *FEBS JOURNAL*, 284, 54-54.
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- 30. Papagiannakis, A., Niebel, B., Wit, E. C., Heinemann, M. (2017). "Autonomous Metabolic Oscillations Robustly Gate the Early and Late Cell Cycle." *Molecular cell*, 65(2), 285-295.
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- 35. Demetrashvili, N., Wit, E. C., van den Heuvel, E. R. (2016). "Confidence intervals for intraclass correlation coefficients in variance components models." Statistical methods in medical research, 25(5), 2359-2376.
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- 45. I Vujacic, I Dattner, J González, **E Wit** (2015), "Time-course window estimator for ordinary differential equations linear in the parameters" *Statistics and Computing* 25 (6), 1057-1070
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# 6 Invitations to scientific meetings and conferences

Invited talks only (excluding departmental seminars):

- "Dynamic Networks in Modern Statistics," RSS Journal Webinar, 9 December 2020.
- "Covid-19 and the perils of inferring epidemiological parameters from clinical data," CO-COCO meeting, Munich, 10 July 2020.
- "Estimating flow networks via systems of noisy differential equations," COSTNET meeting, Bilbao, 9 October 2019.
- "Statistical learning of epistasis, genetic maps and microbial networks via graphical models," BMS-ANed meeting, Utrecht, 16 May 2019.
- "Discussion of Functional and complex data by Laura M. Sangalli", 19 February, 2019.
- "Stochastic network modelling of evolutionary tree," SIS Palermo, 20 June 2018.
- "Network Inference in Genomics," COSTNET Meeting, Palma de Mallorca, 26 October 2017.
- "Statistics for Biological Networks," Emerging Topics in Biological Networks and Systems Biology Symposium SCAS, Uppsala, Sweden, 11 October 2017.

- "Reconstruction of Biological Networks," Eurandom SAM, 10th edition, 20 September 2017.
- "Network inference in Genomics," CLADAG Conference, Milano, Italy, 14 September 2017.
- "ODE network inference in genomics," SIS Conference, Florence, Italy, 28 June 2017.
- "Beyond (generalized linear) models," Peter McCullagh Symposium, Chicago USA, 7 June 2017.
- "Estimation of dynamic networks with differential equations," Royal Statistical Society, Emerging Application Section, London, UK, 8 May 2017.
- "COSTNET, Networks and Detecting Epistatic Selection," CMStatistics, Seville, Spain, 10 December 2016.
- "Network inference in Genomics," Theoretical foundations for statistical network analysis, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK, 24 August 2016.
- "God playing dice: stochastic species diversification models," Mathematics of Planet Earth, CWI, Amsterdam, 20 January 2016.
- "Exponential Random Graphical Models," CMStatistics, London, UK, 14 December 2015.
- "Short Course: Network Modelling," ECAS, Muenchen, DE, 30 September 2 October 2015.
- "Networks: between measures and data," Keynote, 12th Applied Statistics Conference, Slovenia, 22 September 2015.
- "Inference of genomic network dynamics with non-linear ODEs," IMS, Singapore, 11 June 2015.
- "Exponential Random Graphical Models," European Meeting of Statisticians, Amsterdam NL, 9 July 2015.
- "Big Networks and Data," STAR Outreach, Eindhoven, NL, 12 December 2014.
- "Sparse high-dimensional graphical models," ERCIM, Pisa, Italy, 7 December 2014.
- "DgCox: a differential geometric approach for high-dimensional Cox proportional hazard models", CIBB, Cambridge, UK, 27 June 2014.
- "Model selection in graphical models," Royal Statistical Society, General Application Section, 22 May 2014.
- "SHORT COURSE: Modelling genomic Networks", Norwegian Winter School, Geilo, Norway, 20-24 January 2014.
- "Network inference via Birth-Death MCMC", MCMSki (ISBA), Chamonix, France, 8 January 2014.
- "Sparse Graphs in Genomics", CIBB, Nice, 21 June 2013.
- "Statistical Network Science", Colorado State University Invited Honorary Lecturer, Fort Collins, CO, USA, 14-25 May 2013.

- "Sparse graphs in genomics", Challenges for Integrated analysis of Omics datasets in conjunction with EMGM (European Mathematical Genetics Meeting), 27 April 2013.
- "Sparse Graphs (from noisy data, obviously)", Meeting the Challenges of High Dimension: Statistical Methodology, Theory and Applications Workshop, IMS Singapore, 4 October 2012.
- "Colourful sparse dynamic genomic networks", Optimising Information Retrieval from Biological Data, Sheffield, 3 April 2012
- "Futility of models in science: about the Higgs boson, Fukushima and Lehmann Brothers", Chances in Sciences Workshop, Lorentz Centre, Leiden, 26 October 2011.
- "Sparse Coloured Graphs for Gene Network Models", BIO-SI workshop, Rennes, 19 October 2011.
- "Sparse model-based network inference using Gaussian graphical models", Biometric Conference, Italian region, Garganno, 21 June 2011.
- "PhD Short Course: Optimal design of microarray experiments", Amagro, Ciudad-Real, Spain, 7-10 June 2011.
- "PhD Short course: Statistical Network Modelling", Hilversum, Netherlands, 23-25 May 2011.
- "Model uncertainty and replication problems in designing microarray experiments," Dutch National Academy of Sciences (KNAW), Amsterdam, 28 April 2011.
- "Sparse modelling and inference of dynamic genetic networks", Royal Society, Kavli Centre Bucinhamshire, 28 March 2011.
- "Short Course: Statistics for Networks," International Biometrics Society meeting, Florianopolis, Brazil, 2-5 December, 2010.
- "Sparse model-based network inference using Gaussian graphical models", invited talk, LASR meeting, Leeds, 6 July 2010.
- "Looking for sparse genetic needles in high-dimensional haystacks", invited talk, Nederlands Mathematisch Congres, Utrecht, 23 April 2010.
- "Living in a sparse world", invited talk, NDNS meeting, Eindhoven, 12 April 2010.
- "War on Error", invited talk, Stat-OR Dag, Amsterdam, 1 April 2010.
- "Modelling networks: top-down or bottom-up", invited talk, GeneSys meeting, Warwick, 22 September 2009.
- "Mixed modelling ideas for microarray data", invited talk, CLADAG, Catania, Italy, 9-11 September 2009.
- "How statistics conquered genetics (or vice versa)", invited talk, Nederlands Mathematisch Congres, Groningen, The Netherlands, 14 April 2009.
- "Reverse engineering pathway dynamics from microarray data", invited talk, IBS-EMR Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 13 May 2009.

- "Muddling or modelling your way through normalization?", CAMDA, Vienna, Austria, 5 December 2008.
- "Nesting and other replication issues in two-channel microarray designs", invited talk, International Biometric Conference, 17 July 2008.
- "High-dimensional inference in bioinformatics and genomics," Newton Institute, Future Directions in High-dimensional Data Analysis: New Methodologies, New Data Types and New Applications, Cambridge, 24 June 2008.
- "From genomes to systems and 'some' statistics in-between", invited talk, From Genomes to Systems Conference, Manchester, UK, 19 March, 2008.
- "Modelling transcription activation using microarray data", invited talk, 6th workshop: Statistical Methods for Post-genomic Data", Rennes, France, 31 January 2008.
- "Random effects modelling for multivariate data from cDNA microarrays", invited talk, CLADAG, Macerata, Italy, 13 September 2007.
- "Statistics for Microarrays," invited short course, Ankara, 15 August 2007.
- "Microaray study design," invited talk, *NUGO microarray data analysis course*, Maastricht, Netherlands, 2-5 July 2007.
- "Reverse engineering pathway dynamics from microarray data", invited talk, *International Workshop Omics: Assembling System(s) Biology*, Lugano, Switzerland, 24-8 June 2007.
- "Microarray experiments: linear mixed-effect models for unusual designs", invited tutorial, NERC Microarray and Gene Expression Workshop, Liverpool, 14-7 May 2007.
- "Modelling transcription activation using microarray data," invited talk, Statistical Bioinformatics & Stochastic Systems Biology, Newcastle, 2-3 April 2007.
- "statistics for microarrays," invited tutorial, *BioSysBio Conference*, Manchester, 10 January, 2007.
- "Design for microarray experiments," invited talk, RSS Conference, 10-14 September, 2006, Belfast, UK.
- "Optimal design for microarrays," invited talk, *Design Workshop*, 8-10 September, 2006, Southampton, UK.
- invited talk, IMS Workshop in Probability, 30 July-4 Aug, 2006, Rio de Janiero, Brazil.
- "Statistics for Microarrays: a One Day Tour," invited Short Course, *International Workshop on Statistical Modelling*, 2 July, 2006, Galway, Ireland.
- "Multivariate Analysis in Bioinformatics," Master Course, 29 May 2 June, 2006, Department of Statistics, University of Padova, Italy. "Statistical Analysis of Genetic and Gene Expression Data," MolPAGE training, March 20-24, 2006, University of Pavia, Italy.
- Invited talk, Workshop on Experimental Design, Friday 10th March 2006, BioScope-IT, Ghent, Belgium.

- "Design of Microarray Experiments," invited talk, 5th VIB Microarray Users Group Meeting, " 16-18 November 2005, Ghent, Belgium.
- "Inferring transcription factor activity from gene expression data," *Data Fusion Meeting*, 6-8 September 2005, London, UK.
- "Decision making and modelling in genomics," invited talk, 25th European Meeting of Statisticians, 24-28 July, 2005.
- "Statistical Bioinformatics," invited speaker, European Young Staticians Training Camp, 18-23 July, 2005.
- "Hierarchical network modelling with architectural constraints," invited talk, Recent Advances in Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Markov Chain Monte Carlo, University of New South Wales, Sydney, 6-7 July 2005.
- "Experimental Design and Differentially Expressed Genes," ESF Training Course: Microarray Gene Expression Analysis: Power and Potential of Standardisation, 23-7 May 2005, Trondheim, Norway.
- "From experimental design to biological networks", *Intelligent Data Analysis*, 18-20 May 2005, Leiden, Netherlands.
- "Classification in high-dimensional spaces with microarrays in mind," invited talk, *Statistics Day*, 11 April, 2005, University of Rotterdam.
- "Robust optimal designs of microarray experiments using simulated annealing," invited talk, *DEINDE workshop*, 29-31 March 2005, Turin, Italy.
- "The Role of Statistics in Genomics," invited talk, RCUK Genomics Showcase, 16 November 2004, Brussel, Belgium.
- "Optimal design of microarray experiments," invited talk, BBSRC Microarray Workshop, *Methods of analysis and interpretation of microarray data*, 20-1 September 2004, Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, U.K.
- "Statistics for Microarrays: Design, Analysis and Inference": 2-day workshop, Department of Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, University of Verona.
- "How not to analyze microarray data," invited talk, Statistical Microarray Workshop, University of Singapore, Singapore, January 2004.
- "Error control in multiple testing using a mixture model setting," invited talk, *International Biometrics Society Conference*, Marina di Massa, Italy, 11 Sept 2003.
- "Statistical Microarray Analysis Workshop," International Biometrics Society Conference, Marina di Massa, Italy, 9-10 Sept 2003.
- "Hidden Markov Models for Gene Expression Analysis," *Joint Statistical Meeting*, San Francisco, USA, 5 Aug 2003.
- "Can We Make Statistics Count in Bioinformatics," 8 May, 2003, Royal Statistical Society, Local North-East Group, Durham.

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- "Can We Make Statistics Count in Bioinformatics," 13 February, 2003, Royal Statistical Society, Local Group Aberdeen.
- "Hidden Markov Models for Genomic Interactions," 15 January 2003, Seminar at Computational Biology Seminars, University of Glasgow.
- "Bayesian Hierarchical Models in Microarray Studies," invited talk, *BIOSS Annual lecture*, Edinburgh, 18 November, 2002.
- "Hierarchical Models for Gene Expression Analysis," invited talk, Workshop on Statistical Aspects of Microarray Data, Aarhus University, Denmark, February 20-22, 2003.
- "Dynamic Analysis of Time Course Gene Expression," invited talk, at *Mining Biomedical Data Session* of *Joint Statistical Meeting*, New York, August 11-15, 2002.
- "Experimental Design of Microarray Studies," *Biologist Meets Statistician Meeting*, (Stratagene), European Bioinformatics Institute, Hixton, May 2002.
- "Correcting for Truncation effects and the Use of Background Information in Microarrays," Array Meeting, UMIST, February 14, 2002.
- "The Use of Statistics in Microarray Studies," at *Microarray Technologies Summit & Exposition*, Princeton Marriott, New Jersey USA, September 24-25, 2001.