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Invited Session at ISI Regional Statistics Conference 2014, Kuala Lumpur

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Professors David Steel and Noel Cressie of NIASRA organised an invited session at the International Statistical Institute (ISI) Regional Statistics Conference (RSC) 2014, in which NIASRA PhD graduate Dr Klairung Samart was awarded second prize in the competition for best paper by a young statistician.

The session had the theme of *Statistical Inference with Dependent Data*. Data that do not satisfy the independence assumption are ubiquitous. The three talks in this session considered problems in which dependent data arise: time series, longitudinal analysis, and spatial statistics.

Noel Cressie chaired the session. The speakers and the titles of their papers are given below:

- Dr Klairung Samart, Lecturer in Statistics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics Prince of Songkla University, Thailand: *Linear Mixed Models Using Longitudinal Linked Data*. Co-authored with Ray Chambers.
- Dr Hsin-Cheng Huang, Research Fellow and Deputy Director, Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan: *Regularized Principal Component Analysis for Spatial Data*.
- Dr David Nott Associate Professor, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, National University of Singapore, Singapore: *Approximation of Bayesian Predictive P-Values with Regression ABC*.

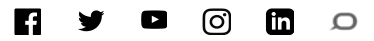
The ISI-RSC was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 16-19 November 2014. This conference was organised by the International Statistical Institute (ISI) and its South East Asia Regional Network in collaboration with Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM), and the Malaysia Institute of Statistics (ISM).

The conference brought together statistical researchers and practitioners as well as users and policy-makers from around the world to discuss new developments in statistical science. The topics covered research, applications, and best practices involved in knowledge discovery and innovation.

The conference theme, "*Statistical Science for a Better Tomorrow*", was intentionally broad to allow for a diverse programme and to attract participants with diverse interests. Researchers and practitioners who are actively involved in statistical science in academia, industry, national statistical offices, national and international agencies, central banks, and other groups participated in the conference.

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