Western North American Region

2017 WNAR/IMS Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the WNAR/IMS was hosted University of New Mexico from June 25-28 with over 150 participants.

The meeting began with two short courses: “Clinical Trials: How to create, organize and implement a clinical trial from a statistical perspective” presented by Tammy Massie from the National Institutes of Health and “Spatio-temporal dynamic statistical modeling in practice” presented by Mevin Hooten from Colorado State University, Trevor Hefley from Kansas State University, and Perry Williams from Colorado State University. Javier Rojo from Oregon State University presented the WNAR Presidential Invited Address.

The conference included eleven invited sessions sponsored by WNAR, two invited sessions sponsored by IMS, three student paper competition oral sessions, nine contributed paper sessions, and a poster session. WNAR thanks Charlotte Gard (New Mexico State University) for her efforts as the Program Chair.

Figure 1a-b. Conference Participants enjoying the WNAR mixer and poster session
Student Paper Competition

Congratulations to the winners of this year’s student paper competition. The Most Outstanding Written Paper winner was Jiacheng Wu from the University of Washington. The Distinguished Written Paper winners were Qike Li from University of Arizona and Sai Li from Rutgers. The Most Outstanding Oral Presentation winner was Brian Williamson from University of Washington. The Distinguished Oral Presentation winners were Linh Ngoi from Southern Methodist University and Matt Hingham from Oregon State University. The students received their award at the conference banquet.

We give a special thanks to the chair of the student paper competition, Adam Branscom from Oregon State University. We also thank the team of student paper reviewers and judges for the students’ oral presentations and papers: Kate Crespi from University of California Los Angeles, Ken Newman from United States Fish and Wildlife Services, and Chris Sokra from New Mexico State University.
WNAR student paper competition winners, WNAR President Sarah Emerson, and WNAR student paper competition judges Chris Sokra and Kate Crespi

WNAR thanks the invited session organizers, invited session chairs, and contributed session chairs. WNAR also thanks the faculty and volunteers from the University of New Mexico. WNAR gives a particular thank you to the Local Organizer, Cristina Murray-Krezan.