

THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP

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Honor Fell Room,
Strangeways Research Laboratory,
Worts Causeway, Cambridge

Challenges Faced In The Pharmaceutical Industry: A Biostatistics Perspective

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Abstract: Working as a Biostatistician in the pharmaceutical industry is rewarding for a variety of reasons, predominantly because of being able to contribute to medical research and development of new and novel medicines that can dramatically improve the lives of patients. The job is very demanding, exciting, and extremely challenging, but lots of fun too.

Chrissie will review a variety of challenges she has faced from her working history, with particular attention to Biostatistical issues.

Speaker: Chrissie graduated in 1991 with a first class BSc. (Hons) in Statistical Sciences and Management Techniques degree from the University Wales College Cardiff. She then joined SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals working as a biostatistician in clinical development. In 1997 Chrissie joined Amgen Ltd working as a biostatistician, also in clinical development. Her current role is Biostatistics Manager with global Biostatistics project responsibility for an inflammation product. Chrissie also has overall responsibility for Biostatistics projects in the European inflammation/bone metabolism and exploratory therapeutic area.

Directions: Head away from Cambridge city centre along the Hills Road. About 200 yards after the hospital roundabout a road (signposted 'Fulbourn 3') forks off to the left – this is Wort's Causeway. Strangeways Research Laboratory is the first building on the right on Wort's Causeway. There is car parking at the front of the building. Access to the building may be difficult after 7:45.

Provisional Next Meetings:

4th March – Tim Sparks (Centre for Ecology & Hydrology) on 'The Influence of a Warming Climate on the Phenology of Plants and Animals'.

10th April – Mike Streater (Eastern Region Public Health Observatory).

7th May - Peter Wadhams (Scott Polar) on 'Statistical Properties of Sea Ice Thickness - is the Arctic Ice Disappearing?'

14th October – Peter Treasure (Strangeways Research Laboratory).

Supper: Some members eat before a talk at the University Centre meeting in the downstairs bar at 6pm. All welcome !

Subscriptions: of 4 pounds per member are now due for the 2002-2003 session.

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