Data driven decision making in medical research
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2019 PSI Conference
QEII Centre, London

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Early Bird Deadline is 20th March (Midnight GMT)

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As someone who was in my first year of industry, I was both excited and nervous to be attending the conference, especially as I was also presenting a poster abstract. However, the atmosphere was very welcoming and friendly that within no time, I realised I had nothing to worry about!

Having the conference in Amsterdam allowed for a more diverse and global crowd. It was amazing to see some of the great work showcased and seeing the insights people had offer from across Europe. This was an incredible opportunity to meet people across the industry and they even have career young statistician events designed specifically for people new to industry.

I particularly enjoyed attending the workshops, they built upon the softer skills which are invaluable to statisticians. Best of all though, was the social aspect of it. I would highly recommend attending the gala dinner which proves to be a fun and entertaining evening.

I had a fantastic time and would highly recommend others to attend, regardless of what stage you are in your career!
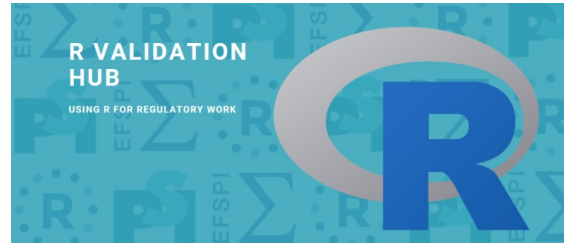
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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT: **The Future of A & R**

The main hurdle for widespread use of R in late phase trials is ensuring adequate validation documentation. Following the R/Pharma conference held at Harvard University in August 2018, there was general agreement that the Base R and recommended packages can be used without further testing documentation. However, the risks associated with R packages need to be assessed on a case by case basis. Given the large number of packages and package dependencies, the membership of the AIMS SIG was expanded to create a "R Validation Hub" team. The R-Consortium in June 2018 awarded funding to create an online repository for R package validation in accordance with regulatory standards. The R Validation Hub team are now focused on designing a framework which

could be used to assess package risk. The repository would host risk metrics, examples of tests, and validation documentation which together would form evidence of the quality of an R package. This documentation would be free to access and stored on a web based portal. The first version of the website went live in 2019 and can be accessed [here](#).

We are excited that representatives of the AIMS group are coming back to the 2019 conference in London to give us an update on this initiative and their work using R in the regulatory environment.

SPOTLIGHT ON: **Pre-Conference Courses**

There are two Pre-Conference Courses taking place on Sunday, 2nd June from 13:00 – 17:00. When competing your registration for the main conference, you will have the opportunity to register for these courses (see costs below).

Course 1 - *Stated Preference Methods: Eliciting patient preferences in the age of personalized medicine*

Course 2 - *Evidence Synthesis for Clinical Trials: Use of Historical Data and Extrapolation - Methods, applications and implementation with the R package RBesT*

[Click here](#) for more information regarding the course presenters, the description, the target audience and the goals of the course. Be sure to sign up before the early bird deadline to benefit from the reduced rates.

Registration Type	Early Bird Registration Fee (Until 20 March 2019)	Full Registration Fee (From 21 March 2019)
PSI member Pre-conference course (1 or 2)	£255	£295
Non-member Pre-conference course (1 or 2)	£300	£340

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Enquiries

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A Message from the Conference Chair

A MASSIVE thank you to anyone who submitted a poster abstract this year, we had 67 submitted in total, the highest ever received! The posters will go on to form one of my favourite sessions of the conference, so register today to join me and the rest of the Scientific Committee.

Kate Taylor
Conference Chair