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CHAPTER CHATTER

NYC Metro Area Chapter
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The NYC Metro Area Chapter continues to keep busy and provide a service to our diverse statistical community.

This summer, we held our first in-person event since the pandemic and our first collaboration with an ASA section. It was the Inaugural Statistics and Large Language Models (LLM) Workshop jointly hosted by the ASA Section on Text Analysis, ASA NYC Metro Area Chapter, and Department of Statistics at Columbia University. There was an in-depth conversation about the role of statistics in the era of LLMs. View workshop details and presentation slides on the chapter's event page.

On November 9, the ASA NYC Metro Area Chapter is sponsoring the inaugural Statistical Innovation Community Summit, a collaboration with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. This is a one-day hybrid workshop on exploring the opportunities and challenges of statistical innovation in the biopharmaceutical industry and health regulatory agencies. It will bring together the statistical innovation community—expert statisticians from industry, academia, and the FDA—to take a leadership role in advancing statistical innovation in medicine development. Learn more and register.

The chapter also hosted a virtual short course, "Network and Multivariate Meta-Analysis," September 21–22 and an ASA virtual traveling course, "Data Visualization with R," October 19–20.

The ASA NYC Metro Area Chapter sponsored the 6th Annual New England Rare Disease Statistics (NERDS) Workshop 2023, an in-person, two-day workshop October 12–13 at the Hilton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey. This year's workshop theme was *Accelerating Rare Disease Drug Development Through Novel Endpoint, RWE, and Innovation*.

The emerging collaboration between the chapter, ASA, ASA Section on Statistical Computing, and NYC Office of Technology and Innovation continues to develop as we raise awareness of NYC Open Data—free public data published by city agencies and other partners—and its use.

In addition to the above-mentioned collaborations and events, the chapter was busy hosting two activities in the spring. The first was a virtual short course, "Statistical Topics in Outcomes

Research: Patient-Reported Outcomes, Meta-Analysis, and Health Economics," and the second was a refresher course in statistics that consisted of a series of seven virtual short courses.

All are welcome to the chapter and its upcoming events. To learn more, visit the chapter's website, where you will find up-to-date news, chapter events, and other events that may be of interest to you.