**Reference group report**

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| **Date: 13.05.15****Course code and title:** Computer Intensive Statistical Methods (TMA4300)**Dates of reference group meetings held:**03.02.1520.03.1517.04.15**Students who have participated in the reference group. Name and programme of study:**1: Luca Fenzi (ERASMUS)2: Martin Walderhaug (MTKJ)3: Abdul Ghaffar Rehman Malik (BMAT) |

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| **The reference group's report on the quality of the course:**. The course was quite relevant to the outline learning objectives.. Precise and informative slides..The division of the whole course in 3 blocks, and subdivision within each block was nicely done.. Everything was available online, hence making it easier to keep track.. The availability of slides before the lecture helped immensely.. Professor Andrea was quite proficient in explaining the course.. Code examples in R made learning more conceptually clear.. Exercises were quite well designed and helpful.. Some students had problems understanding the TA’s explanations during exercise hours, some of these thought the problem was related to his English.. But he was almost always available for help, and responded very clearly on e-mails regarding queries.. The comments on the graded exercise were very detailed.. The Oral R presentations were pretty helpful.. Some students complained about the lack of office hours.. The course dealing with recent topics, such as INLA, is useful for the students in order to find a job or a PhD. |

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| **Measures proposed by the reference group:**. Possibility to set up office hours.. Additional articles and reviews can be posted on the lecture plan to have a complete overview of the state of art of the subject.. Additional information about how R code should be presented in the oral presentation could be useful. |