

2nd Reference Group Meeting

Thursday - 25th October 2018

Compulsory Exercises:

In general, students are happy with the assignments and exercises. Their workload is not too much and they are not too difficult either. The topics covered are reasonable, the Eliteserien exercise is the best. A couple of students complain about too much focus on R. However, one needs to have a decent programming background to be a good statistician. That is why Mette focuses on these topics.

Sometimes the tasks are misleading, e.g. they way how to plot certain diagrams is sometimes not explained in full detail. We agreed on trying to avoid this.

The third assignment will be no coding and only focusing on understanding, analyzing and interpreting R outputs.

Lectures:

In general it seems that this year's students struggle more than those last year. There are more questions in the supervised exercises and more issues to talk about in the reference group meetings. However, according to Ingeborg, everyone is doing very well in the assignments. More and more students start to notice the high pace of teaching in the plenary lectures. As the workload in other classes is also increasing they are lacking time to re-read the lecture notes or the textbook. As a consequence they skip the Interactive Lectures since they think they have to be up to date with all modules to attend the current Interactive Lecture. However, one is able to follow the Interactive Lecture only with the knowledge of the currently taught module.

The next module 7 is difficult, so students are recommended to attend both Plenary and especially Interactive Lecture.

An improvement for the Interactive Lecture could be an optional table for students that did not attend the Plenary Lecture.

Exam:

There will be a digital exam but also paper to write on. More details to follow.

There won't be any practice exams – they are either online on Blackboard or at the end of the Interactive Lectures.