

The inaugural SASA Conference Pub Quiz was held on the evening of Tuesday 29 November at the River Club conference venue in Cape Town. Twelve teams of approximately 8 members each participated. The team names and affiliations were as follows: The Awesomes (mixed), The Invincibles (mixed), The Confounders (SMU), MUSCLE (Multiple Unbiased Statistical Comrades in Learning and Exploring) (UCT), Pretty Little Outliers (UFS), The Median Machine (Stellenbosch), Madibas (NMMU), NMMU Group 1 (NMMU), Witty Statistics Related Team Name (NMMU), Colonel Density and the Bandwidths (NWU/mixed), UMVUE (UP) and Harry Potter and the Order Statistics (UP).

The quiz was divided into 4 rounds, each consisting of 10 questions on one of four categories: Nature, Sport, Geography and General knowledge. Teams were given the option before the start of the quiz to choose one of the rounds as one where they would double their points scored.

The quiz was excellently organized and run by Stefan Britz, a lecturer in the department of Statistical Sciences at UCT. The questions were varied in difficulty and range, facilitating much discussion and excitement among team mates.

In what ended up being a hotly contested quiz, three teams were tied for points at the end of round four. After four rounds of sudden death questions, including the likes of “What is the name for the fear of the number 13?”, the home team from UCT, MUSCLE, emerged as victors!

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and it is hoped that the Pub quiz will become a permanent tradition at SASA conferences.

