

## **SG335: Attendance at the International Statistical Ecology Conference**

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The small grant of £400 awarded by MASTS assisted me with travel costs to attend and present research at the International Statistical Ecology Conference 2016 in Seattle, USA.

I presented a talk on the "Novel application of a quantitative spatial comparison tool to species distribution data" at a spatial modelling session, disseminating recently-published research to an international audience. I also presented a poster describing a recently-funded project "Efficiently modelling non-stationarity in ecological spatial models". This provided a platform to gain valuable feedback and generate interest from the statistical ecology community on potential directions for the project.

The conference was also an excellent opportunity to attend talks and poster sessions outside of my area of research and learn about new and evolving statistical methods and applications. Through a series of meetings at the conference, a new research collaboration was formed, in which we are in the process of applying for funding.



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