

## 2026 Box Medal, Young Statistician, and Best Manager Award

As the ENBIS Awards committees, it is our great pleasure to announce the 2026 Box Medal, Young Statistician, and Best Manager Award recipients. The 2026 Award Recipients were selected by the ENBIS Awards Committees, chaired by the President-Elect **Winfried Theis**.

For the 2026 Box Medal, committee members were Alberto Ferrer Riquelme (University of Valencia), Martina Vandebroek (KU Leuven), Bertrand Iooss (EDF), Biagio Palumbo (University of Naples), Mathilde Mougeot (enSIIE, Paris), Volker Kraft (JMP).

For the **2026 Young Statistician** and **Best Manager Award**, committee members were Marit Schoonhoven (University of Amsterdam), Rebecca Killick (University of Lancaster), Panagiotis Tsiarmirtis (University of Athens), Nikolaus Haselgruber (CIS Consulting).

### The 2026 Box Medal



In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development and the application of statistical methods in business and industry, the 2026 George Box Medal is awarded to **Bradley Jones**.

Before retiring from JMP in 2023, Bradley Jones, PhD, was the Distinguished Research Fellow, where he was responsible for the development of new methods in design of experiments (DOE). He built the JMP Custom Designer, a general and powerful tool for generating optimal experimental designs. He holds 24 patents for innovations in DOE. Jones is the inventor of the prediction profile plot for interactive exploration of multiple input and output response surfaces. He collaborated with Chris Nachtsheim in the discovery of Definitive Screening Designs.

Jones is the 2012 recipient of the Statistics in Chemistry award from the American Statistical Association (ASA). In 2009, 2011, and 2022 he received the American Society for Quality's Brumbaugh Award for the paper making the largest contribution to industrial quality control. He also won the Lloyd S. Nelson Award in 2010 and again in 2012 for the article having the greatest immediate impact to practitioners. He is the winner of the Youden Prize in 2011 for the best expository paper in Technometrics. He won the Ziegel

Prize in 2013 for co-authoring the book *Optimal Design of Experiments – A Case Study Approach*. Jones received the. In 2022 he received the Shewhart Medal and gave the Youden Memorial Address.

Jones is the former Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Quality Technology* and a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the American Society for Quality.

## The 2026 Young Statistician Award



The recipient of the 2026 Young Statistician Award, which is aimed to recognize the work of young people in introducing innovative methods, promoting the use of statistics and/or successfully using it in the daily practice, is **Fabio Centofanti**.

Fabio Centofanti (<https://fabiocentofanti.github.io>) is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Statistics and Data Science Section of the Department of Mathematics at KU Leuven (Belgium), and a member of the ROBUST@Leuven research group. His research focuses on robust statistics, functional data analysis, and statistical process monitoring, with the aim of developing reliable methods for complex and high-dimensional data. He obtained his PhD from the University of Naples Federico II (Italy). His work has led to recognized contributions in both methodological and applied statistics, addressing key challenges in the analysis of real-world

data.

## The 2026 Best Manager Award



The recipient of the 2026 Best Manager Award, which recognizes managers who gave a significant contribution to the success of their companies or organizations by advancing the spread and the practice of statistics in them, goes to **Sophie Carr**.

Dr Sophie Carr is the founder and owner of Bays Consulting whose mission is to build a better future using Maths, Not Magic. Having trained and started her working career as an aeronautical engineer, Sophie became interested in information overload and undertook a PhD in the use of Bayesian Belief Networks. Since founding Bays Consulting, her work has centred at the intersection of statistics and mathematics. She has built Bays to be a company that exports overseas and provides crowd simulations based on statistics, not AI. She currently serves on the council for the Royal Statistical Society, The Institute for Mathematics and its Applications and the Academy for the Mathematical Sciences.

**The awards will be presented at the ENBIS-26 conference, which will take place in Florence, Italy, 6-10 September 2026.**

**Winfried Theis**, President-Elect and Chair of the ENBIS Award Committees