

I, Susanna Myrnerts Höök, attended the EEPE 2017 European Educational Program in Epidemiology “30th Residential Summer Course” in Florence, Italy, 19th of June- 7th of July 2017. It consisted in 3 weeks with lessons from 8 am to around 18 pm. On Tuesdays, there were evening lectures also. One part was focused on epidemiology and the other on statistics and use of STATA.

Week 1 covered basic principles of epidemiology and study design and basic principals in STATA and statistics. Week 2 covered case control studies, bias, effect modification etc and more advanced statistical models and data analysis with STATA. Week 3 you could choose your own topics of interests from a big variety. You can find the program on the website eepe.org.

All foods and accommodation where included and great. The first two Wednesdays had Sangria-parties at night. On the last Thursday, there was a goodbye part that looked and felt like a fantastic wedding! We were up until 03 am.

The location is great and walking distance in to beautiful Florence with all culture and shopping.

I gained a lot from this course both in knowledge but also in new friendships. I had taken a course both in epidemiology and basic statistics before this and that was good. To follow the whole course in STATA you did benefit more if you had prior knowledge since it was advanced. The teachers in statistics were amazing though, especially Simon Cousens from England.

The course will be useful for me since I learned much more of STATA and statistics specifically, but also epidemiology over all. For my future data analysis, this will be crucial.

I would definitely recommend this course, especially for researchers within cohort and case-control studies, but everybody gained a lot. They are also planning on adding an extra week of Global Health into the course so please check it out the coming months!

Best regards

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