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Perspectives on Statistical Consulting: Skills, Challenges, and Evolving Roles

Statistical consulting plays a crucial role in bridging theory and practice across industries and research. This session brings together professionals with diverse consulting backgrounds—including a freelance consultant, a consultant from a small firm, a consultant from a large organization, and an internal statistical consultant—to explore what it takes to succeed in the field today and in the near future.

We propose a dynamic round table discussion structured around key themes such as the essential skills required in different consulting roles, strategies for lifelong learning, and the challenges involved in recruiting or mentoring new professionals. Panelists will also share their approaches to managing projects effectively and reflect on how their work has changed in the past years, as well as what trends they anticipate in the next ones.

The session aims to highlight both commonalities and differences across consulting contexts while actively engaging the audience in reflection and dialogue. By sharing practical experiences, challenges, and strategies, both panelists and attendees will contribute to a collective understanding of how statistical consulting is evolving. Ultimately, the goal is to support current practitioners and inspire future consultants by offering valuable insights, encouraging peer exchange, and fostering meaningful connections—whether participants are just starting out or bring years of experience to the table.

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