



## 2025 Annual Report of the SAA

### 2026 General Assembly

In 2025, the General Assembly (GA) of the Sequence Analysis Association (SAA) will not take place: according to our Statutes that requires the GA to be held at least every second year. The next GA will take place in late 2026.

### 2024 Annual Report

The 2024 General Assembly took place in December 2024. 52 members participated in the organized poll, and 51 approved the 2024 Annual Report.

### 2024 Elections

52 members voted for the 2024 elections. Emanuela Struffolino was elected as President of the Association with 47 votes. - All candidates for the Executive Committee are nominated (votes in favour in parenthesis): Danilo Bolano (40), Kevin Emery (42), Brendan Halpin (44), Satu Helske (46), Tim F. Liao (48), Raffaella Piccarreta (45), Gilbert Ritschard (46), Carla Rowold (43), Dolores Sesma Carlos (35), Matthias Studer (48).

### Scientific Events

*Webinar series:* The successful SAA webinar series was continued and organized in 2025 by Emanuela Struffolino, with the assistance of Carla Rowold. During 2025, 14 individual presentations are featured. Presentations were recorded - except those work-in-progress presentations – and made available on the SAA website for members only. Participation ranged between 10 and 40 participants per session.

*Pre-PAA 1-day workshop:* the event took place on April 9<sup>th</sup>, one the day before the Population Association of America (PAA) conference (using the same facility with PAA's sponsorship). The organizing committee consisted of Tim F. Liao (chair), Ariel Azar, Danilo Bolano, and Carla Rowold. The workshop featured 15 individual presentations and an introduction by Tim F. Liao. Many more participated on-site (approx. 28) as well as on-line (approx. 36). The Association is grateful to Tim F. Liao, who funded rentals and the breaks via his LAS distinguished Professorial Scholarship by University of Illinois, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Future events:

- the EC is in contact with the local organizers of the EPC-European Population Conference for replicating the experience of the Pre-PAA workshop with a 1-day workshop before the EPC conference in Bologna on June 3, 2026 “*Life Course Dynamics: Insights from Sequence Analysis*”. The fee (room and catering for coffee break) is foreseen around 1500 Euros, which is planned



to be generously funded by Zachary Van Winkle (SciencePo), member of the Association, via his *ERC WIDOW: A Social Demography of Widowhood across Ageing Societies* (G.A Project 101117173). The organizing committee consists of Danilo Bolano, Emanuela Struffolino, Carla Rowold, Kevin Emery, Dolores Sesma Carlos.

- On May 6, 2026, 2-6 pm, a PAA-sponsored workshop on sequence analysis will be run by Tim Liao (in collaboration with Ting-Syuan Lin).

## Finance

In accordance with the decision taken at the 2022 General Assembly, the SAA has a zero budget for this period. The Website of the association as well as the domain, web hosting, and software license fees were financed through funding provided by Matthias Studer at the University of Geneva: the Association highly appreciates this support. The website, the list of members, and the newsletter are managed on a voluntary basis by executive committee members. Likewise, the bibliographic database is updated by volunteers.

## Membership

The SAA membership has been on a healthy, moderate increase in the past year. As of today (December 12th, 2025) the SAA has 462 regularly registered members.

## Social Networks and Newsletters

The SAA at the moment has a dedicated account/page on the following social networks: X(Twitter), Bluesky, and LinkedIn. All accounts are managed on a voluntary basis by the members of the EC committee. Further, we communicate with members via our newsletter: in 2025, 2 newsletters were sent to all members: one additional newsletter will be sent by the end of the year to advertise the program of the Webinar Series from January 2026 on and of the upcoming events mentioned above, and to notify the upload of this report on the website.

## Executive Committee

The president and executive committee members were nominated in December 2024 for two years. We will hold an election in December 2026.

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Emanuela Struffolino, President of the SAA