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 "Biometry, the active pursuit of biological knowledge by quantitative methods." - R.A. Fisher, 1948

## President's Corner



### Greetings

It is with pleasure (and some trepidation) that I write my first President's Corner for the *Biometric Bulletin*. Being elected to serve as President of IBS is a great honour and privilege: we have over 5,300 members from 80 countries. I have big shoes to fill following Andrew Mead, as he more than exceeded his aim of "living up to the expectations" and "matching some of the achievements" of those who preceded him in this prestigious role. I shall aim equally as high. My vision is that the IBS be a vibrant society in which there is much discussion and debate about "the active pursuit of biological knowledge by quantitative methods" and topical issues facing our profession. I intend to promote the IBS as a supportive environment in which interaction, collaboration, and learning opportunities are facilitated and enhanced, so that members (particularly young people and those from special circumstance countries) can broaden their collegiate network for personal and professional development.

### My Background

Most of you will not know me, so I'll give you a brief resume. My initial employment was as a consulting biometrician, an experience that identified true collaboration as an excellent platform for innovative and productive outcomes. After completing my postgraduate training part-time, I was awarded a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship to work with Walt

Federer at Cornell University. In 1988, I subsequently joined academia at the University of Queensland, where my research has focused on developing appropriate multivariate methodology for the analysis and interpretation of genotypic adaptation in large-scale plant breeding experiments. This has resulted in two books, McLachlan and Basford (1988) on the mixture method of clustering and Basford and Tukey (1999) on graphical approaches to analysing multi-response data, the 1998 Australian Medal for Agriculture from the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, and a Fellowship from the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 2006. Overall, my career has been at the interface between statistics and agricultural science, working with colleagues to determine the best way to extract knowledge and gain insight from plant improvement programs. On the personal side, Alan (my husband) and I have two adult children (Lee and Jay) and we all have enjoyed IBCs in various parts of the world.

### Request for Your Input

At the end of last year, I asked for volunteers for the various IBS committees, as the organization, development, and success of IBS relies on such input from members. There was a good response from individuals, with a couple of Regional Presidents putting forward recommendations. I give my sincere thanks to those who responded. However, because it is important to balance on these committees geographically, we shall be request-

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ing more names from Regional/National Group officers. Even though we are working on a change to the IBS governance structure (particularly under Andrew's guidance), these committees will continue to function. Involvement with them is of key importance in helping to take the society forward.

I look forward to your input in IBS and hope to meet with many of you at the IBC in Florianópolis in Brazil in December.

**Kaye Basford**

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## From the Editor

Dear Readers,

I look forward to working with Kaye Basford, the new President of the IBS. In her first President's Corner article for the *Biometric Bulletin*, she stated that "My vision is that the IBS be a vibrant society in which there is much discussion and debate about "the active pursuit of biological knowledge by quantitative methods" and topical issues facing our profession." She also articulated her intention to promote the IBS "as a supportive environment in which interaction, collaboration, and learning opportunities are facilitated and enhanced." I think that the *Bulletin* can play an important role in facilitating communication across the groups and regions, particularly with respect to interaction, learning opportunities, and discussion of topical issues facing our profession. I remain hopeful that we can identify ways to better utilize the *Bulletin* for these purposes, and welcome your suggestions.

In the year of each International Biometric Conference (IBC), Regional Presidents, National Secretaries, and IBS Council members are invited to submit nominations for Honorary Life Members of the IBS. The nomination deadline is 31 July 2010, and the award will be presented to the newly elected Honorary Life Member by the IBS President at the 2010 IBC in Florianópolis, Brazil.

In addition, Regional Presidents, Group Secretaries, and Network Coordinators are asked to submit nominations for the Rob Kempton Award for outstanding contribution to the development of biometry in the developing world, and the award for outstanding contribution to the development of the IBS. The nomination deadline for these awards is 1 July 2010. Further details regarding the nomination process for all of these awards are given in the Announcement section on p. 9.

A new biostatistics journal, *Türkiye Klinikleri Journal of Biostatistics* (TKJB), is being published by the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) twice a year in both Turkish and English. The EMR news also includes a listing of several statistics-related conferences

## SAVE THE DATES

XXVth International  
Biometric Conference

5-10 December 2010  
Florianópolis, Brazil

### Region/National Group Key

#### Regions

RArg - Argentinean Region  
AR - Australasian Region  
ROeS - Austro-Swiss Region  
RBe - Belgian Region  
RBras - Brazilian Region  
BIR - British and Irish Region  
RCAC - Central American-Caribbean Region  
EMR - Eastern Mediterranean Region  
ENAR - Eastern North American Region  
RF - French Region  
DR - German Region  
IR - Indian Region  
RIt - Italian Region  
JR - Japanese Region  
RKO - Korean Region  
ANed - The Netherlands Region  
NR - Nordic Region  
REsp - Spanish Region  
WNAAR - Western North American Region

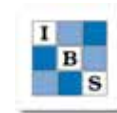
#### National Groups

GBa - Baltic  
GBot - Botswana  
GCam - Cameroon  
GCI - Chile  
GCh - China  
GEth - Ethiopia  
GGha - Ghana  
GHu - Hungary  
GKe - Kenya  
GMex - Mexico  
GNa - Namibia  
GNi - Nigeria  
GPol - Poland  
GRo - Romania  
GSAf - South Africa  
GUgan - Uganda  
GZim - Zimbabwe

#### Networks

CEN - Central European Network  
Channel Network  
SUSAN - Sub-Saharan Network

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## March 2010 Issue Highlights

The March issue features articles from a spectrum of specialties and domain science applications. The Biometric Methodology section includes papers from a number of methodologic areas; highlights are "Score test for conditional independence between longitudinal outcome and time-to-event given the classes in the joint latent class model," by Helene Jacqmin-Gadda, Cecile Proust-Lima, Jeremy M. G. Taylor, and Daniel Commenges; "Semiparametric models of time-dependent predictive values of prognostic biomarkers," by Yingyu Zheng, Tianxi Cai, Janet L. Stanford, and Ziding Feng; "Bayesian inference in semiparametric mixed models for longitudinal data," by Yisheng Li, Xihong Lin, and Peter Mueller; "Variable selection for semiparametric mixed models in longitudinal studies," by Xiao Ni, Daowen Zhang, and Hao Helen Zhang; and "Structural nested mean models for assessing time-varying effect moderation," by Daniel Almirall, Thomas Ten Have, and Susan A. Murphy. Papers in the Biometric Practice section include "Bayesian methods for examining Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium," by Jon Wakefield; "Association models for clustered data with binary and continuous responses," by Lanjia Lin, Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, Stuart R. Lipsitz, and Debajyoti Sinha, and "A model-based approach for making ecological inference from distance sampling data," by Devin S. Johnson, Jeffrey L. Laake, and Jay M. Ver Hoef.

As always, lists of papers to appear can be found at the *Biometrics* website. Papers to appear in future issues also may be found under the "Early View" link at the Wiley-Blackwell website, which may be accessed by IBS members by visiting <http://www.tibs.org/> and selecting "Biometrics Online" from the drop-down menu at the "Members" link at the top of the page.

## Report of the Editors

As is customary, the March issue of *Biometrics* includes the 2009 Report of the Editors, which presents summary statistics on submitted and accepted papers and review times, as well as updates on editorial board transitions and other journal activities. A few highlights from the report are given here.

*Biometrics* received 615 submissions to the Biometric Methodology and Biometric Practice sections in 2009, well exceeding the 591 received in 2008 and the 573 in 2007. The 2009 submissions came from 38 countries/districts, reflecting the international stature of the journal. Review times continued to be among the swiftest in the profession; in 2009, the median time to review for all submissions was 1.8 months, and the 95th percentile of review times for such papers was 3.2 months, both the same as in 2008. No paper experienced a time to review of greater than 5 months. In addition to a Biometric Methodology discussion paper and former IBS President Andrew Mead's Presidential Address given at the 2008 IBS in Dublin, Volume 65 of *Biometrics* (2009) published 103 Biometric Methodology papers, 32 Biometric Practice papers, and one Letter to the Editor.

## Editorial Board News

We welcome new Co-Editor Geert Verbeke (Belgian Region), who began his three-year term on 1 January 2010. His predecessor, Geert Molenberghs (Belgian Region), whose term ended on 31 December 2009, will continue to handle revisions of papers for which he was Co-Editor through the conclusion of the editorial process. We express our sincere gratitude to Geert Molenberghs for his outstanding service to the journal over the past three years, and we wish him all the best in his new role as Co-Editor of *Biostatistics*.

We also welcome Ms. Fran Smith to *Biometrics*. Ms. Smith serves as Editorial Assistant to the journal Editorial Manager, Ms. Hanhart, assisting Ms. Hanhart with day-to-day operations and serving as backup in Ms. Hanhart's absence.

Finally, welcome Guilherme Rosa (Brazilian Region) as Book Review Editor. As we reported previously, Guilherme succeeds Thomas Loughin, who served as Book Review Editor since 1 January 2006.

## Upcoming Events

The *Biometrics* Co-Editors have organized an Invited Biometrics Showcase session to be held at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in August 2010. The session, entitled "Breakthroughs in Bioinformatics and Statistical Genetics," will feature presentations of three papers on this topic appearing in *Biometrics* (the presenting author is indicated by an asterisk): "Nonparametric functional mapping of quantitative trait loci," by Jie Yang\*, Rongling Wu, and George Casella; "Linear mixed model selection for false discovery rate control in microarray data analysis," by Cumhuri Yusuf Demirkale\*, Dan Nettleton, and Tapabrata Maiti; and "Gaussian process based Bayesian semiparametric quantitative trait loci interval mapping," by Hanwen Huang, Haibo Zou, Fuxia Cheng, Iana Hoeschele, and Fei Zou\*. David Dunson of Duke University will serve as Discussant. The session will be held on Tuesday, 3 August 2010, at 2:00 pm.

The Co-Editors also are organizing an Invited Biometrics Showcase session to be held at the IBC in Florianópolis-SC, Brazil, in December 2010. Details will be forthcoming in a future column.



## Region & National Group News

### Australasian Region (AR)

#### 2009 IBS Australasian Region Conference

Australasian Region member Vanessa Cave submitted the following summary of the 2009 regional conference. The 2009 IBS Australasian Region conference was an unqualified success and a real pleasure to attend: the setting spectacular; the scientific programme diverse, the atmosphere friendly, the organisation smooth, and the conference activities a bundle of fun.

Held on the shores of picturesque Lake Taupo (NZ), a caldera lake created following a huge volcanic eruption, and overlooked by three active volcanoes, the beautiful conference setting nicely set the tone for a fun and relaxed conference. The conference kicked off to a great start when delegates were greeted in fine style with a piece of local pumice, a good bar, and many tasty treats at the welcome reception. In the days that followed, the scientific programme, with its rich variety of talks and posters, certainly did not disappoint. A great feature of this conference was the opportunity to attend a diverse range of presentations, with applications in medicine, agriculture, and ecology, and to meet fellow statisticians working in fields, and on problems, perhaps different than our own.

A particularly nice aspect of the conference was that it was not overwhelmingly large, with about 120 delegates. The size of the conference encouraged attendees to meet and mingle with one another and cultivated a very friendly atmosphere. The conference was far from being a strictly Kiwi-Aussie affair, with 13 countries represented. I really enjoyed catching up with old acquaintances, putting faces to names, and meeting new biometrical colleagues.

To "relieve brain strain", a free afternoon was scheduled mid-conference, providing delegates with a chance to relax and/or partake of one of the organised social activities. These activities, which included jet-boating, kayaking, fishing, and exploring the thermal areas, were thoroughly enjoyed by their participants.

On the final night the organisers arranged a brilliant conference dinner, held at the nearby Huka Prawn Farm, an event that scored extremely highly in the novelty and fun stakes. The pre-meal prawn fishing was a scream (literally for several of the delegates!), and many of us enjoyed feasting upon the spoils of the night's catch. I am sure that I speak for all attendees in wholeheartedly thanking the organisers (David, Graham, Hans, Harold, James, Kathy, Melissa and Neil) for arranging such a successful and interesting conference.



*Attendees of the Australasian Regional Conference fishing for their prawns.*

The keynote speakers were Martin Bland (University of York, UK), Thomas Lumley (University of Washington, USA) and Chris Triggs (University of Auckland, NZ). The region elected Mario D'Antuono (Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia) as vice-president, to take over as president for 2011-12. The student prizes, which were sponsored by CSIRO, went to Jonathan Briggs (University of Auckland), Lisa Yelland (University of Adelaide), and Katrina Poppe (University of Auckland), whose three-dimensional ultrasound images of a beating heart impressed everyone.



*Winners of the CSIRO-sponsored student prizes are Lisa Yelland (left), Jonathan Briggs (center), and Katrian Poppe (right).*

**Duncan Hedderly**

### Brazilian Region (RBras)

#### 2010 Joint Meeting of the Brazilian and Argentinean Regions

Planning is underway for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Region (8 December 2010), which will be held jointly with the Argentinean Region in Florianópolis, SC, Brazil. The meeting will be a one-day meeting satellite of the XXVth IBC (5 - 10 December 2010). The Brazilian local committee is chaired by Dalton Francisco de Andrade (dandrade@inf.ufsc.br). The local committee cordially invites you to attend our meetings and to enjoy the beautiful city of Florianópolis. Visit <http://www.rbras.org.br/~ibcfloripa2010/welcome.php> for the warm welcome from all the IBC organizers and information on the interesting program they have prepared. Details of our local meeting will be posted soon on the website, <http://www.rbras.org.br/#eventos>.

**Luzia Aparecida**

### British and Irish Region (BIR)

#### November 2009 Joint Meeting with the Royal Statistical Society

The region has organised a number of successful meetings recently, including a joint one-day meeting with the Royal Statistical Society in London on "Assessing our Biological Capital" in November 2009. This very busy meeting consisted of 6 talks. The morning talks were given by Steve Buckland (University of St Andrews) and Jan Dick (Centre of Ecology and Hydrology), who discussed the issue of biodiversity, and the corresponding measures used to measure biodiversity trends, from statistical and ecological perspectives, respectively. The afternoon talks looked at different aspects of modelling ecological data. The first afternoon presentation was given by Paul Blackwell (University of Sheffield) on the topic of animal movement models using diffusion processes. This was followed by Mark Brewer (BioSS), who dis-

cussed the issue of observer effort for survey methods. The meeting recommenced after the tea break with Chiara Mazzetta (Warwick University), who developed new models for spatio-temporal dynamics of wildlife populations. The meeting concluded with a talk from Jon Barry (CEFAS), who discussed the monitoring of marine animals.

### New Officers

During the lunch break of this meeting, the Annual General Meeting took place, and a number of individuals were elected: John Hinde is the incoming Regional President. Sara Geneletti and Richard Emsley will replace Chris Glasby and Bianca DeStavola on the regional committee. However, Chris will rejoin the regional committee as a newly elected member of the IBS council, along with Sue Welham and Ruth King from the region, who started their terms on the council on 1 January 2010.

### Meetings in 2010

The next regional meeting was held on 4 February at the Food and Environment Research Agency, York. This meeting was organised jointly with the Statistics and Informatics team at the Food and Environment Research Agency. The aim of the meeting was to bring together researchers in cost benefit analysis in health economics and agri-ecological and environmental science, to draw out key methodological themes in cost benefit analysis and to encourage cross fertilisation. Speakers included Graham Smith (Food and Environment Research Agency), Glyn Jones (ADAS Ltd), Andrea Manca (Centre for Health Economics, York University) and Richard Grieve (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). This will be followed by another meeting on 28 April on "Measurement error bias: new developments and future directions" at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Confirmed speakers for this meeting include Laurence Freedman, David Cox and Jouni Kuha. Also, keep your eyes open for further details of the summer meeting to be held at the David Douglas room in the recently opened Gateway centre at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh. Further information on the region and future meetings can be found on the website for the British and Irish region, <<http://www.britishandirish.tibs.org/live/>>.

**Ruth King**

## Central American-Caribbean Region (RCAC)

### 20th Annual Colombian Statistical Symposium 11 - 15 August 2010

Please see the Announcements section for a description of this meeting, which will be held in Santa Marta, Colombia. Full details can be obtained from Paola Rozo Castillo, Department of Statistics, National University of Colombia (email: [simestadi\\_fcbo@unal.edu.co](mailto:simestadi_fcbo@unal.edu.co)).

**Bruce Lauckner**

## Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR)

### Symposium to Honor Professor Stephen Lagakos

It is with great sorrow that we heard the tragic news about the sudden and unexpected death of Steve Lagakos, Professor of Biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health, and an international leader in biostatistics and AIDS research. This news was reported in <<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/2009-releases/professor-lagakos-dies.html>>, and <<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/biostats/lagakos/>>. Professor Lagakos was one of the great supporters of EMR. He participated in almost all of our conferences and was always keen

to help EMR activities. To honor him, EMR will devote to his legacy a one day symposium during our forthcoming EMR conference (see below). The workshop is funded by Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation. More details about the workshop will follow in the next *Bulletin*.

### 6th EMR-IBS Meeting, Hersonissos, Crete, 8 - 13 May 2011

This is the first announcement of the 6th EMR-IBS conference to be held in Hersonissos, Crete, between 8 - 13 May 2011. The conference venue is the Aldemar Knossos Royal Hotel, Hersonissos, Heraklion, Crete. Details about invited speakers, organizing committees, special sessions, etc. will be posted in our website soon <<http://stat-athens.aueb.gr/~emribs/page/emr2011.html>>. Please mark your agenda for this meeting.

### 28th European Meetings of Statisticians (EMS 2010), Piraeus, Greece, 17 - 22 August

The European Meetings of Statisticians already have been established among the major international meetings, covering a broad area of disciplines such as mathematical statistics, biostatistics, computational statistics, financial statistics, applied probability, and reliability. The meetings are held under the auspices of the Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability. The 28th European Meetings of Statisticians (EMS 2010) will be held from 17 - 22 August 2010 at the University of Piraeus in Greece. The purpose of EMS 2010 is to provide a forum where researchers from universities throughout the world, as well as practitioners, can discuss current problems, new approaches, and future directions in the fields of probability and statistics. Young researchers and PhD students especially are invited to contribute papers. For more information please visit <<http://stat.unipi.gr/ems2010>>.

### Other Conferences in the Area

- The Annual Israeli Statistical Association (ISA) meeting is to be held at the Conventions Center in Ramat-Efal, Israel, on 24 May 2010. A guest of honor will be Prof. Raymond J. Carroll from Texas A&M.
- The 23rd Annual Greek Statistical Conference is to be held in Veroia, Greece, 7 - 11 April 2010. Details can be found at <[www.webscience.gr/el/esi2010](http://www.webscience.gr/el/esi2010)>.
- The Stochastic Modeling Techniques and Data Analysis (SMTDA2010) is to be held in Chania, Crete, Greece, 8 - 11 June 2010. For more information please visit <<http://www.smtda.net/>>.
- The XIVth International Summer Conference on Probability and Statistics and Seminar on Statistical Data Analysis will be held in Sozopol, Bulgaria in June 2010. For more information please visit <<http://stochastics.fmi.uni-sofia.bg>>.

### New Journal

*Turkiye Klinikleri Journal of Biostatistics (TKJB)* now is being published twice a year. Topics include new statistical and biostatistical methods and models, advances in biostatistics computing, and original application of statistical methods for important practical problems in the medical sciences. The journal aims to enhance communication between biostatisticians, statisticians, clinicians and medical researchers. *TKJB* is published in both Turkish and English. *TKJB*'s ISSN is 1308-7894. For more detail about the journal please visit <<http://biyoistatistik.turkiyeklinikleri.com/index.php?lang=eng>>.

**Dimitris Karlis**

## Eastern North American Region (ENAR)

### 2010 ENAR Spring Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 21 – 24 March

The 2010 ENAR Spring Meeting 21 – 24 March will be held at Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. New Orleans provides an exciting venue for this meeting, with its rich cultural history and fabulous food. Because of the many options available, the ENAR Executive Committee has developed a list of recommended local hot spots for meeting attendees to explore in lieu of a single "Tuesday night social event". Another new activity this year is the opportunity to help rebuild the city after the devastation by hurricane Katrina, by participating in a Habitat for Humanity volunteer project on 20 March. Please contact local arrangements Co-Chair Brian Marx (e-mail: bmarx@lsu.edu) for further information about this service project.

The ENAR Spring Meeting is joint with the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) and eight sections of the American Statistical Association. The program of 111 scientific sessions covers a broad range of topics, including bioinformatics, Bayesian methodology, biosurveillance, comparative effectiveness, proteomics, brain imaging, and high dimensional inference. The Presidential Invited Speaker is Robert Kass (Carnegie Mellon University); the title of his talk is "Statistics and Machine Learning in Neuroscience: Analysis of Neural Spike Train Data". The IMS Medallion Lecturer is Marie Davidian (North Carolina State University); the title of her talk is "A Statistician's Adventures in Collaboration: Designing Better Treatment Strategies". Full-day short courses will be offered on Bayesian statistics, analysis of high-dimensional data, analysis of survey data, and bioinformatics. Half-day short courses will be offered in metabolomics (i.e., estimates of metabolite abundance) and adaptive randomization. In addition, five tutorials and eleven luncheon roundtables will be offered. Other activities include a pre-conference workshop for junior researchers, a diversity workshop, an extensive poster session at the Sunday night mixer, and the Career Placement Center. The 2010 Program Co-Chairs are Michael Daniels and Jeffrey Morris.

### Pre-meeting Workshop for Junior Researchers, 19 – 20 March

A workshop for junior biostatistics researchers will be held Friday evening, 19 March through Saturday 20 March. This workshop is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The purpose of this workshop is to promote the career development of junior investigators by bringing them together with a prestigious panel of senior investigators (e.g. journal editors, leaders in the field, department chairs) in a highly interactive format. The four session themes are publishing, grant writing, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the promotion process. Registration is limited to 45 participants, and pre-registration is required.

### Workshop on Fostering Diversity in Biostatistics on Sunday, 21 March

The 2010 workshop on fostering diversity in biostatistics will be held on Sunday, 21 March. This workshop targets racial and ethnic groups that traditionally are underrepresented within biostatistics and statistics, and provides information about career and training opportunities. Through panel discussions, current biostatistics graduate students and professionals in academia, government, and industry will share

their experiences and discuss such topics as mentoring, recruitment, and student retention. Workshop organizers are René Moore and Adrianna Pérez.

### Conference Registration

Advanced registration is ongoing. On-site registration is available on 20 – 21 March. Information about the 2010 ENAR Spring Meeting is posted on the ENAR website, <<http://www.enar.org>>.

### 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 31 July – 5 August

The 2010 JSM will be held 31 July – 5 August at the Vancouver Convention Center in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The theme of the meeting is "Statistics: A Key to Innovation in a Data-Centric World". The ENAR representative to the 2010 JSM Program Committee is Yulei He (e-mail: [he@hep.med.harvard.edu](mailto:he@hep.med.harvard.edu)). The conference website is <[www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm.2010](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm.2010)>.

### 2011 ENAR Spring Meeting in Miami, Florida, USA, 20 – 23 March

The 2011 ENAR Spring Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, Florida, USA, from 20- 23 March.

### 2012 ENAR Spring Meeting in Washington, DC, USA, 1 – 4 April

The 2012 ENAR Spring Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, USA from 1 – 4 April.

Roslyn Stone

## Indian Region (IR)

### Two Conferences Celebrating the 90th Birth Year of C. R. Rao

S.B. Rao and T.J. Rao of CRRAO Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science submitted the following report. Two conferences were held to celebrate the 90th birth year of C.R. Rao, Past President of the International Biometric Society. The conference held in Hyderabad 30 December 2009 – 2 January 2010, titled *International Conference on Frontiers of Interface Between Statistics and Sciences*, was organized jointly by C R RAO AIMSCS (a new institute named after C.R. Rao) and the University of Hyderabad. The other, held in Kolkata 10 – 11 January 2010, titled *Advances in Statistical Science 2010*, was organized by the Indian Statistical Institute. The Hyderabad conference was attended by 250 delegates from the USA, Europe, and Japan and a number of C.R. Rao's students working in different parts of the world. The highlights of the conference were plenary talks by Abel Laureate S.R.S. Varadhan, IEEE Medal of Honor Laureate T. Kailath (both Fellows of IMS), and Robert Koch Fellow S.E. Hasnain, who talked on "Genome plasticity in human pathogens: implications in disease management". About 170 research papers were presented by outstanding scholars on frontier areas of bioinformatics, econometrics and socio-economic planning, astrostatistics, machine learning, game theory, data mining, mimo wireless, operations research, cryptology, environmetrics, and multivariate statistical inference. A one day session was organized by K.R. Parthasarathy on Quantum Statistical Inference, highlighting the role of the Quantum Cramer-Rao Bound, which provides a more precise bound than Heisenberg's principle of uncertainty. T.J. Rao and G.M. Naidu organized a session devoted to research contributions made by C.R. Rao, especially in the forties ("The 1940's were unarguably C.R. Rao's" as Terry Speed says in IMS Bulletin-9, Jan/Feb 2010), which generated several technical terms in statistics bearing his name and led to considerable research. References were also made to his contributions to multivariate analysis, diversity measures, and characterizations of probability distributions in sessions organized by J.S. Rao. T.N. Srinivasan



and T.K.Kumar organised sessions on Econometrics. S.Peddada, M.T.Lee, A. Kondapi, and M. Rami Reddy organized sessions on systems biology, bioinformatics, drug discovery, and clinical research, among others.



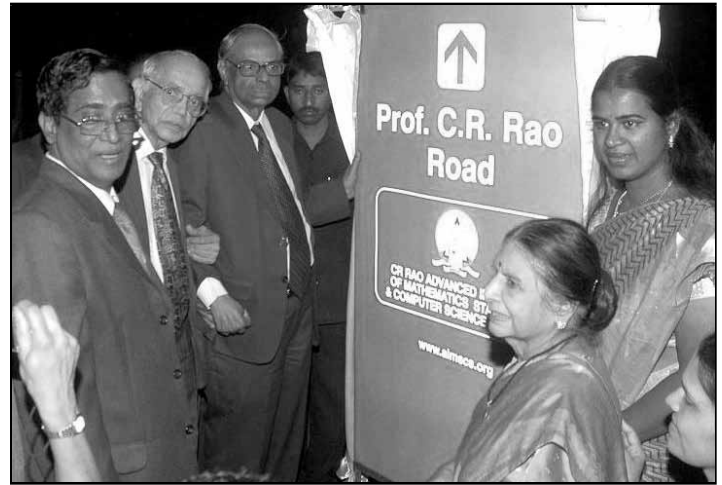
*C.R.Rao with participants of the track on Biotechnology at the conference.*

The Hyderabad conference was inaugurated on 30 December 2009 with a function to felicitate C.R. Rao on his achievements in the field of statistics and services to the country. A highlight of the function was the release of special postal cover bearing a portrait of C. R. Rao and cancellation with the logo of C.R. RAO AIMSCS by the Chief Post Master General of Andhra Pradesh Circle.



*Chief Post Master General of Andhra Pradesh Circle releasing the Special Post Cover in the presence of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Prime Minister's Economy Council and Dr. S.E. Hasnain, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad.*

As a curtain raiser to the great event on the eve of the international conference, a function was held to celebrate the opening of Prof. C.R. Rao Road, a stretch of the road covering the University of Hyderabad and several educational institutions, by the Mayor of Hyderabad. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation resolved to name the stretch of the road as "Prof. C.R. Rao Road, in recognition to the services rendered by the legendary figure of Indian Science, Padma Vibhushan Prof. C.R. Rao, world's renowned statistician".



*Unveiling of Prof. C. R. Rao Road by Mayor B. Karthika Reddy in the presence of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (Mrs. Bhargavi Rao in the front, looking on).*

The conference in Kolkata also was well attended by participants from a number of countries. A highlight of the conference was the presentation of an album containing 168 photos taken of C.R. Rao with others at various functions during his tenure of 40 years of service at the ISI.

At the age of 90, C.R. Rao continues to be active in promoting statistical education and research in statistics in India and in publishing research papers. Since his retirement at the age of 80 years in 2000, he has published about 50 papers (including at least 2 papers in 2009) and edited 14 Handbooks of Statistics in collaboration with others, including Handbooks on Bioenvironmental and Public Health Statistics and Epidemiology and Medical Statistics.

*Sada Nand Dwivedi*

## **Japanese Region (JR)**

### **The First 2010 Special Lecture Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan**

On 19 January 2010, the first 2010 special lecture meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan was held at the Lecture Hall in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tokyo University as a joint seminar with the collaboration of the Department of Drug Policy and Management, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University of Tokyo. Professor Emmanuel Lesaffre (Department of Biometrics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus Medical Center, the Netherlands) gave a special talk entitled "Statistical modeling in oral health research".



*Professor Emmanuel Lesaffre at the first 2010 special lecture meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan.*

### **The 2010 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting in Tokyo, Japan, 5 - 8 September**

The 2010 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting will be held 5 - 8 September at Waseda University Waseda Campus in Tokyo, Japan. The Biometric Society of Japan is one of the six sponsoring organizations of the meeting, and will have several sessions related to biometrics and epidemiology. Lectures also will be presented by winners of the Biometric Society of Japan Award for Outstanding Scientific Contribution and the Young Biostatisticians Award. For further information, contact the conference website: <<http://www.jfssa.jp/taikai/>>.

**Kazue Yamaoka**

### **The Netherlands Region (ANed) 2009 Annual Fall Meeting of BMS-ANed**

On Thursday 22 October 2009, the annual fall meeting of the BMS-ANed took place in the Leiden University Medical Center. The theme of the meeting was "Biostatistics as conscience of the life sciences". Several speakers from both (bio)statistics and life sciences reflected on this theme. Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat (Leiden University Medical Center) delivered a lecture entitled "All beginnings are hard: statistical genetics within the LUMC". Other contributors were René Toes (Leiden University Medical Center), "Biology and statistics: dangerous liaisons or a perfect match?"; Hans van Houwelingen (Leiden University Medical Center), "Statistics in life science: detecting the undetected"; Ida Stamhuis (Free University Amsterdam), "The biologists Tine Tammes and Jan Willem Moll and the astronomer Jacobus Kapteyn tried to apply Pearson's statistics"; and Kit Roes (Utrecht University), "Biostatisticians lead the way".

The lectures reflected a good mixture of ethical, practical, theoretical, and historical considerations, made concrete by clear examples and references to the personal experiences of the speakers. All in all, the speakers argued that good communication between statistician and physician or life scientist, with a clear awareness of the tasks to be accomplished and the limitations of the expertise of each, is crucial.

After the lectures, a lively discussion took place about the challenges and responsibilities of biostatisticians, the sometimes harmonious, sometimes reluctant relations between biostatistics and the life sciences (in academia, hospitals, and industry) and burning questions like "What to do with a client who returns every week asking for

help to prove yet another new 'discovery' on the basis of the same data?" Many participants felt the need for more education for young biostatisticians on these less technical aspects of statistical consulting.

The talks and discussion of the meeting can be found at our website, <[www.bms-aned.nl](http://www.bms-aned.nl)>. The website has been translated into English recently, to make it more accessible.

**Liesbeth de Wreede**

### **Western North American Region (WNAR)**

#### **2009 WNAR Election Results**

Congratulations to Dr. Dan Gillen from the University of California at Irvine, CA, WNAR President-Elect; Dr. Antje Hoering from the Cancer Research and Biostatistics at Seattle, WA, WNAR Secretary; Dr. Weng Kee Wong from the University of California at Los Angeles, CA, WNAR Program Coordinator; and Drs. Andrea Cook from the Group Health Research Institute in Seattle, WA; and John Boscardin from the University of California at San Francisco, CA, WNAR Regional Committee members. Special thanks go out to Dr. John Neuhaus, WNAR Past-President; and Drs. Ying Lu and Kathy Prewitt, outgoing Regional Committee members, for their efforts and dedication to WNAR. We would like to thank all the WNAR members who volunteered to be candidates for these offices. WNAR is fortunate to have so many talented members willing to dedicate their time and energy to WNAR, which makes each election a choice among outstanding individuals.

#### **2010 WNAR Spring Meeting in Seattle, Washington, USA, 10 - 23 June**

The 2010 WNAR spring meeting will be held 20 - 23 June on the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. With its unique combination of culture and nature, Seattle has something to offer for everyone. Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens and the Olympic National Park are just a few of the attractions close by. The program chairs of the meeting are Carolyn Rutter (WNAR) and Brenda Kurland (IMF). The local organizers are Ying Qing and Gary Chan. Information will be posted on the WNAR website <<http://www.wnar.org/>> as it becomes available.

#### **2010 WNAR Student Paper Competition**

As a reminder, WNAR sponsors students who enter the student paper competition with travel assistance and registration. This year's committee chair is Dr. Sandra Catlin and the deadline for abstract submission is 15 April 2010. Information on the 2010 WNAR Student Paper Competition, registration information, and program details for the meeting are posted on the WNAR website <<http://www.wnar.org/>>. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Antje Hoering**



# Announcements and News

## Zelen Leadership Award in Statistical Science

Ingram Olkin to Present Zelen Leadership Award Lecture on 21 May 2010

The Department of Biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health named Dr. Ingram Olkin, Professor of Statistics and of Education, CHP/PCOR Fellow, Department of Statistics, Stanford University, recipient of the 2010 Marvin Zelen Leadership Award in Statistical Science. The award recipient will deliver a public lecture on statistical science at the Harvard School of Public Health and will be presented with a citation and an honorarium. Dr. Olkin will deliver a lecture entitled "Measures of Heterogeneity, Diversity and Inequality" on 21 May 2010 at Harvard University.

This annual award, supported by colleagues, friends and family, was established to honor Dr. Marvin Zelen's long and distinguished career as a statistician and his major role in shaping the field of biostatistics. The award recognizes an individual in government, industry, or academia, who by virtue of his/her outstanding leadership has greatly impacted the theory and practice of statistical science. While individual accomplishments are considered, the most distinguishing criterion is the awardee's contribution to the creation of an environment in which statistical science and its applications have flourished.

### Nominations sought for the 2011 Zelen Leadership Award

Nominations for next year's award should be sent to the Marvin Zelen Leadership Award Committee, Department of Biostatistics, Harvard School of Public Health, 655 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. Nominations should include a letter describing the contributions of the candidate, specifically highlighting the criteria for the award, and a curriculum vita. Supporting letters and materials would be extremely helpful to the committee. All nominations for the 2011 award must be received by 1 November 2010.

## Call for Nominations for Honorary Life Members of the IBS

The International Biometric Society is pleased to announce the call for nominations for IBS Honorary Life Members. The IBS has bestowed this honor since 1964. For a comprehensive listing of IBS Honorary Life Members, please visit <<http://www.tibs.org/interior.aspx?id=306>>. In addition to the honor, recipients receive all the rights and privileges of a Regular Member.

IBS Council members should submit nominations of Regular members to General Secretary Ashwini Mathur by 31 July 2010. IBS Regional Presidents and National Secretaries also are invited to send nominations. Each nomination must be sponsored by five or more members, including at least two from outside the candidate's Region (if the candidate belongs to a Region) or National Group (if the candidate belongs to a National Group). Current Council members are ineligible for nomination. A statement of support of the nomination should be submitted by the sponsors. By mid October, General Secretary Mathur will inform the Council of all valid nominations received. The General Secretary shall be responsible for conducting an election. In this election each member of the Council may support any number of candidates but no candidate shall be elected to Honorary Life Membership without support from at least three

quarters of Council. No more than one Honorary Life Member can be elected in any two year period. The President shall have power to resolve any problem arising from a tie in the number of votes. The announcement of the newly elected Honorary Life Member, if any, shall be made by the President the 2010 International Biometric Conference in Florianópolis, Brazil.

In summary:

- 1) Deadline for nominations is 31 July 2010.
- 2) Please send all nominations to IBS General Secretary Ashwini Mathur [ashwini.mathur@novartis.com](mailto:ashwini.mathur@novartis.com) with a copy to the IBS headquarters office at [ibs@tibs.org](mailto:ibs@tibs.org). You may submit via fax to the IBS office at ++ 202-216-9646. If at all possible, nominations should be sent by email.
- 3) Each nomination must be supported by five or more members. Two of the supporting members must be outside of the candidate's Region or National Group, if the candidate belongs to a Region or National Group.
- 4) A Statement of Support should be submitted by the sponsors.
- 5) Current Council members are ineligible.
- 6) Submissions must be in text that can be edited, so that they can be included in a Council Circular.
- 7) Do not submit nominations until they are complete.
- 8) If you would like a sample submission, please contact the IBS Headquarters at [ibs@tibs.org](mailto:ibs@tibs.org).

## Call for Nominations for the Rob Kempton Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Biometry in the Developing World

Regional Presidents and National Secretaries are asked to submit nominations to honor the contributions of biometricians both to and from the developing world. Nominations may be made by a Regional President, Group Secretary or Network Coordinator, with support from IBS members from at least two other Regions or Groups. In addition to the recognition, the award includes IBS dues for the next calendar year (which may be donated to a member of an economically developing nation). Any IBS member who has made (or is making) a significant contribution to the development of biometry in the developing world is eligible for this award. The nomination deadline is 1 July 2010, and Council will vote by 31 July. Recent winners are Sagary Kaku Nokoe, (2006) and Larry Nelson, (2008).

## Call for Nominations for the Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development of the IBS

Regional Presidents, Group Secretaries or Network Coordinators are asked to submit nominations to honor contributions of IBS members to the development of the society. Nominations must be supported from IBS members from at least two other Regions or Groups. The purpose of this award is to promote the participation of members in the development of the IBS. In addition to recognition, the award includes IBS dues for the next calendar year. Any IBS member who has made (or is making) a significant contribution to the development of the IBS is eligible. The nomination deadline is 1 July 2010, and Council will vote by 31 July. The deadline for nomination submissions is 1 July

2010. Please submit your nominations and required letters of support to the IBS Headquarters at [regions@tibs.org](mailto:regions@tibs.org). Use the subject line: IBS Award Nomination, and submit the information electronically. Recent winners are Andrew Mead, British and Irish Region (2006) and Laurence Freedman, Eastern Mediterranean Region (2008).

## Workshop on Statistical Modelling: Challenges in Health (StaM2010) in Lisbon, Portugal, 9 – 12 May 2010

Lisete Sousa of Lisbon University requests that we publicize an upcoming workshop on "Statistical Modelling: Challenges in Health", to be held 9 - 12 May 2010 at the Vip Executive Arts Hotel, Parque das Nações, Lisbon, Portugal. The workshop is being organized jointly by the Centre of Statistics and Applications, University of Lisbon (CEAUL), and the FCT/MCTES research projects: "Statistical Methods in Genetics and Environment" (PTDC/MAT/64353/2006) and "Latent Class Models in Tropical Health" (PTDC/SAU-ESA/81240/2006). The workshop aims to bring together researchers interested in advanced statistical applications in challenging health problems, to promote the exchange of knowledge and experience and also to encourage cooperation between the participants. A fruitful discussion on the role of statistical modeling in health, with maximum participation in non-parallel sessions, will include the following areas: health spatial problems; survival analysis; genetics; molecular biology; bioinformatics; and latent class models in health. For more information, contact Lisete Sousa ([lmsousa@fc.ul.pt](mailto:lmsousa@fc.ul.pt)) or access the conference website, <http://stam2010.fc.ul.pt>.

## 20th Annual Colombian Statistical Symposium in Santa Marta, Colombia, 11 - 15 August 2010

Colombian members of the Central American-Caribbean Region (RCAC) have requested that we publicize their 20th Annual Colombian Statistical Symposium, to be held 11 - 15 August 2010 in Santa Marta, Colombia. Papers (in Spanish and English) with a biometric focus always are very welcome at this meeting. Abstracts are due on or before 30 April 2010. Registration begins on 1 February 2010 and continues until 16 July 2010; after that date registration is possible at a higher fee. Full details can be obtained from Paola Roza Castillo, Department of Statistics, National University of Colombia (email: [simestadi\\_fcboq@unal.edu.co](mailto:simestadi_fcboq@unal.edu.co)).

## Statistical Science – Making a Difference A Conference to Celebrate the 50th Year of the Department of Statistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 3 – 4 June 2010

This conference celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin. The conference is co-sponsored by the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. The distinguished speakers include Alan Agresti, George Box, Michael Kosorok, Dan Meyer, George Roussas, Steve Stigler, Hansheng Wang, Wing Wong, Bin Yu, Mike Akritas, Ron Brookmeyer, Dennis Lin, Finbarr O'Sullivan, Don Rubin, Butch Tsiatis, L.J. Wei, and Jeff Wu.

There will be a poster session for contributed papers. The deadline

for submission is 7 May 2010. Email your title and abstract to ([50th@stat.wisc.edu](mailto:50th@stat.wisc.edu)). Further updates and information about the conference will be posted on the conference website: [www.stat.wisc.edu/Department/50th\\_Anniversary/50th.html](http://www.stat.wisc.edu/Department/50th_Anniversary/50th.html).

## Royal Statistical Society 2010 International Conference in Brighton, United Kingdom, 13 – 17 September

### Abstract Deadline Extended to Tuesday 6 April 2010

The Royal Statistical Society 2010 International Conference will be held in Brighton, United Kingdom, 13 – 17 September. The plenary speakers for the conference include Peter Donnelly, Nancy Reid, and Bob Stine, among others. Topics to be covered include statistical literacy, climate change modeling, scientific analysis in policy making, genetics, composite likelihood, recent advances in MCMC, new computing technology for statistics, and risk.

Please contact the conference organizer, Paul Gentry ([conferences@rss.org.uk](mailto:conferences@rss.org.uk)) if you are interested in submitting a session, talk, or poster. The abstract deadline has been extended to Tuesday 6 April 2010.

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

### Biostatistics

The University of Alabama invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Associate Professor level in the area of biostatistics.

Qualified candidates must have a doctoral degree in biostatistics/statistics or a related field; an established record of biostatistical research; a strong record of collaboration on extramurally funded research; strong interest in scientific collaborative research and teaching; record of publishing in top tier journals; and excellent written and oral communication skills as he/she must be able and willing to work with a diverse team of scholars.

Only online applications are accepted. Candidates selected for interview will be required to submit a disclosure and consent form authorizing a background investigation. Candidates must apply online at <https://facultyjobs.ua.edu> and include a curriculum vita and a list of three references with addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. Items not attached at time of application will disqualify application.

Applications will be reviewed beginning January 1, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled. The expected starting date of appointment is August 16, 2010. Salary is competitive. The complete advertisement may be viewed online.

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## From the Editor

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in their region that may be of interest to IBS members.

The Indian Region has been busy this year, with two conferences in honor of Professor C.R. Rao's 90th birthday. In addition to his considerable statistical accomplishments, Professor Rao is now one of the few statisticians, if not the only one, to have a special postal cover bearing his portrait and a road named in his honor.

Two newly listed meetings have been highlighted in the announcements section: a Workshop on Statistical Modelling: Challenges in Health (StaM2010) May 2010 in Lisbon, Portugal, and the 20th Annual Colombian Statistical Symposium August 2010 in Santa Marta, Colombia. The announcement section provides a forum for highlighting newly announced meetings and other news. Such information also can be added quickly to the IBS website <[www.tibs.org](http://www.tibs.org)>. Please send newsworthy items to the IBS Deputy Director, Suzanne Egan ([segan@bostrom.com](mailto:segan@bostrom.com)).

I would like to thank Luzia Trinca for her contributions to the Bulletin as correspondent for the Brazilian Region. I look forward to working with the new correspondent, Luzia Aparecida.

Starting with this issue of the *Bulletin*, those of you who opted for electronic access to *Biometrics* and/or *JABES* will have electronic access to the *Bulletin* as well. Paper copies of the *Biometric Bulletin* are bundled with paper copies of *Biometrics* and/or *JABES*, and will not be sent to those who did not opt for paper copies of these journals.

**Sincerely,  
Roslyn Stone**

## IBS Publications online

You will recall that starting in 2010, one of the enhanced member benefits of the Society includes electronic access to all IBS publications, including both journals, *Biometrics* and *JABES*, and this newsletter. Paper subscriptions to either or both journals are available for a modest additional charge through your regular paid membership renewal process.

### Accessing the Online Publications

Visit these URLs to access the respective Journals.

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<http://members.tibs.org/biometrics.aspx>

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The IBS Executive Committee and Council believe that these new options will better serve the IBS membership and will help the Society meet its fiscal goals.



# MEETINGS

## 2010

**21 - 24 March**

**ENAR Spring Meeting**

Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, New Orleans,  
Louisiana, USA

Website: <<http://www.enar.org>>

**9 - 12 May**

**Workshop on Statistical Modelling: Challenges in Health  
(StaM2010)**

Vip Executive Art's Hotel, Parque das Nações, Lisbon,  
Portugal

Website: <<http://stam2010.fc.ul.pt>>

**21 - 22 May**

**The 2010 Annual Meetings of the Biometric Society of  
Japan and Tutorial Seminar**

The Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Tokyo, Japan

Website: <[http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/jbs/index\\_e.html](http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/jbs/index_e.html)>

**23 - 26 May**

**38th Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada**

Québec City, Québec, Canada

Website: <<http://www.ssc.ca>>

**June**

**XIVth International Summer Conference on Probability  
and Statistics and Seminar on Statistical Data Analysis**

Sozopol, Bulgaria

Website: <<http://stochastics.fmi.uni-sofia.bg>>

**20 - 23 June**

**WNAR Spring Meeting**

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA

Website: <<http://www.wnar.org>>

**29 June - 1 July**

**International Conference on Statistical Methodologies  
and Related Topics, in conjunction with NZSA Conference**

Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand

Website: <[http://nzsa\\_cdl\\_2010.massey.ac.nz](http://nzsa_cdl_2010.massey.ac.nz)>

**31 July - 5 August**

**2010 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)**

Vancouver Convention Center, Vancouver, British Columbia,  
Canada

Website: <<http://www.amstat.org>>

**11 - 15 August**

**20th Annual Colombian Statistical Symposium**

Santa Marta, Colombia

Contact: Paola Rozo Castillo

e-mail: [simestadi\\_fcbo@unal.edu.co](mailto:simestadi_fcbo@unal.edu.co)

**17 - 22 August**

**28th European Meetings of Statisticians (EMS 2010)**

University of Piraeus, Greece

Website: <<http://stat.unipi.gr/ems2010>>

**5 - 8 September**

**The 2010 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting**

Waseda University Waseda Campus, Tokyo, Japan

Website: <<http://www.jfssa.jp/taikai/>>

**5 - 10 December**

**XXVth International Biometric Conference**

Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC),  
Florianópolis, Brazil

Website: <<http://www.rbras.org.br/~ibcfloripa2010/>>

**8 December**

**2010 Joint Meeting of the Brazilian and Argentinean  
Regions Satellite to the XXVth International Biometric  
Conference**

Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC),  
Florianópolis, Brazil

Website: <<http://www.rbras.org.br/#eventos>>

**6 - 10 December**

**Australian Statistics Conference 2010**

Freemantle, Western Australia

Website: <<http://www.promaco.com.au/2010/asc>>

## 2011

**20 - 23 March**

**ENAR Spring Meeting**

Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, Florida, USA

Website: <<http://www.enar.org>>

**8 - 13 May**

**6th EMR-IBS Meeting**

Aldemar Knossos Royal Hotel, Hersonissos, Crete

Website: <<http://stat-athens.aueb.gr/~emribs/page/emr2011.html>>

**June**

**Australasian GenStat Conference**

Tropical North Queensland, Australia

Contact: Carole Wright, Conference Secretary

e-mail: [Carole.Wright@deedi.qld.gov.au](mailto:Carole.Wright@deedi.qld.gov.au)

**30 July - 4 August**

**Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)**

South Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida, USA

Website: <<http://www.amstat.org>>

**12 - 15 September**

**2011 ROeS Seminar and 2nd Central European Network  
(CEN) meeting, joint with the German Region and Group  
Poland**

## 2012

**1 - 4 April**

**ENAR Spring Meeting**

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC,  
USA

Website: <<http://www.enar.org>>

**28 July - 2 August**

**Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)**

San Diego Convention Center San Diego, California, USA

Website: <<http://www.amstat.org>>



**Florianópolis, Brazil**



## **XXV<sup>th</sup> International Biometric Conference**

Organised by the Brazilian and Argentinean Regions

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- ✓ Sessions organized by the Brazilian and Argentinean Regions of the IBS
- ✓ Conference excursions

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Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC)

[www.ibc-floripa-2010.org](http://www.ibc-floripa-2010.org)



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- 1) Deadline for nominations is 31 July 2010.
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- 3) Each nomination must be supported by five or more members. Two of the supporting members must be outside of the candidate's Region or National Group, if the candidate belongs to a Region or National Group.
- 4) A Statement of Support should be submitted by the sponsors.
- 5) Current Council Members are ineligible.
- 6) Submissions must be in editable text so that they can be included in a Council Circular.
- 7) Do not submit until the nomination is complete.
- 8) If you would like a sample submission, please contact the IBS Headquarters at [ibs@tibs.org](mailto:ibs@tibs.org).



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## Department of Epidemiology & Population Health

### Chair/Senior appointment in Biostatistics and Epidemiology

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Before applying, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss the post with Professor Mike Kenward (tel: 020 7927 2472, [mike.kenward@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:mike.kenward@lshtm.ac.uk)); Dr Bianca De Stavola (tel: 020 7612 7852, [bianca.destavola@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:bianca.destavola@lshtm.ac.uk)); or Professor Peter Smith (tel: 020 7927 2246, [peter.smith@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:peter.smith@lshtm.ac.uk)).

Applications should be made on-line via our website at <http://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk>. The reference for this post is **PS01**. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to [jobs@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@lshtm.ac.uk). Closing date for the receipt of applications is **16 April 2010**.

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The Department of Statistics at the University of Connecticut invites nominations and applications for one full time position in the Biostatistics core of the Connecticut Institute of Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS). This position is a full-time, tenure track position at any level.

This biostatistician faculty member will have an appointment within the Department of Statistics at the UConn Storrs Campus, but will have major responsibility for the CICATS Biostatistics Core that will facilitate the proposed growth of Clinical and Translational Science across the CICATS Consortium. In addition to his/her own original research and research collaborations, he/she will be responsible for the operations of the Research Design, Epidemiology and Biostatistics core. CICATS investigators will include trainees and both junior and senior faculty members from multiple disciplines. The faculty, in collaboration with a team of epidemiologists and master's level staff, will provide guidance to transdisciplinary teams for the development of research studies. He/she will also be responsible for biostatistical teaching in the new Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Research.

The candidate must hold a doctorate in biostatistics or a closely related discipline and demonstrate past success with self-initiated research, extramural funding and published scholarship, the ability to work in collaboration with clinical and/or basic scientists. The candidate must contribute through research, teaching, and/or public engagement to the diversity and excellence of the learning experience.

Curriculum vitae and a cover letter sent to the Chair search committee, Department of Statistics, University of Connecticut. We request that the application materials in pdf files to be sent through e-mail to [biosearch@stat.uconn.edu](mailto:biosearch@stat.uconn.edu)

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