

the Third World countries.

Several studies have been conducted on the standards of diagnosis and on the survival for different types of cancer and varying forms of treatment. Medical as well as statistical aspects have been considered.

A large number of publications has emerged from the Registry since it was founded, more than 100 papers during the years 1980-84. Many of these have appeared in international, scientific journals. Often the research work has been done also by people from other institutions who have received data and assistance from the Registry.

As the Registry is run mainly by financial support from the Cancer Society of Finland, the scientific staff is also responsible for publishing their results in a way that is accessible to the general public. Many publications of this type appear each year. One of these is the record of annual figures of cancer incidence in Finland, published in English.

Statisticians and epidemiologists have been attached to the Registry almost from its start. They have participated in a major part of the studies in which the Registry has been involved. Theoretical research in biometry has been directed mainly towards the following fields: epidemiology, methods of evaluating preventive programmes, and methods to measure the effects of cancer treatment. The Registry has achieved an important position as a consulting body in matters related to the planning and analysis of epidemiological and clinical studies, also in other areas than cancer research.

At present the scientific staff consists of two statisticians, one actuary, one consulting epidemiologist, two computer scientists and two medical doctors. Chief statistician is Dr. Timo Hakulinen.

The address of the Registry is Finnish Cancer Registry, Liisankatu 21B, SF-00170 Helsinki, Finland.

The Nordic Region will arrange a conference on "Statistical Methods in Medicine and Pharmacology" in Køge, Denmark on 6-8 October 1986. Participants from other regions are welcome. For further information please contact Dr. Philip Hougaard, Biostatistical Dept., Novo Research Institute, DK-2880 Bagsværd, Denmark, (t. +45 2 98 23 33, ext. 3595).

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### Spanish

The "I Conferencia Española De Biometría" will be held 21 to 24 May 1986 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Granada, Spain. The conference is being organized by the Spanish Group of the Biometric Society.

The Conference is open to contributions in mathematical methods and statistical ap-

plications in the area of biometrics, including biostatistics, biomathematics, genetics, public health and behavioral sciences.

A full text of the presentation is due by 10 March 1986. The rules for presentation and titles of communications will be sent to presenters in a second Information Bulletin along with a registration form.

The official language of the conference is Spanish although papers of particular interest may be given in French or English.

The registration fees are 3,500 pesetas for Biometric Society members, 6,500 pesetas for non-members and 2,000 pesetas for accompanying persons. Registration fees after 10 March are an additional 2,000 pesetas.

The registration fees include attendance at the scientific sessions, social activities and a book of abstracts distributed at the beginning of the conference.

Housing and other information may be obtained by contacting, Dra. C. Santisteban, Cátedra de Psicología Matemática II, Universidad Complutense, Campus de Somosaguas, 28011, Madrid, Spain.

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### Western North American

The topics and organizers for the invited

paper sessions at the 1986 WNAR Regional Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Institute of Mathematical Statistics Regional Meeting and with the International Biometric Conference 28 July-1 Aug. in Seattle, Washington, are as follows:

- Longitudinal Analysis, GARY ZERBE, Univ. of Colorado Medical Center.
- Interim Analysis of Clinical Trials, GORDON SCHOOLEY, Allergan Pharmaceuticals.
- Computationally Intensive Statistical Methods, MAX LAYARD, Information Analysis Corp.
- Spatial Methods (Agriculture Statisticians' Session), BOB KUEHL, Univ. of Arizona.
- Combining Information from Several Studies, JUDITH GOLDBERG, American Cyanamid Co.
- Aerial Surveys of Animal Populations, LYMAN McDONALD, Univ. of Wyoming.
- Statistics in the Neurosciences, DON GUTHRIE, Univ. of California at Los Angeles.
- Presidential Invited Papers, JESSICA UTTS, Univ. of California at Davis.

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