

Wir möchten unsere geschätzten Leser daran erinnern, dass die Region Oesterreich-Schweiz vom Montag, den 25. September bis zum Freitag, den 29. September ihre zweijährliche Tagung in Klagenfurt abhält.

Die Themen:

- Montag, 25. September — Planung, Durchführung und Auswertung klinischer Studien, mit einem Schwergewicht im Bereich der Ueberlebensanalysen.
- Dienstag, 26. September — Modellbildungen in der Biometrie
- Mittwoch, 27. September — Ein Halbtage über Biometrie bei veterinärmedizinischen Fragestellungen
- Donnerstag, 28. September — Ein Halbtage über Anwendung von Bayes-Verfahren. Am Nachmittag 'Das Beispiel', eine Diskussion eines ausgeschriebenen Beispiels (siehe Nummer 5/4 des *Biometric Bulletins*)
- Freitag, 29. September — Ein Halbtage über nicht-parametrische und robuste Verfahren in linearen Modellen, sowie am Nachmittag Statistik-Software und das methodische Umfeld.

Auskünfte erteilen Herr Prof. H. Stettner, Universität Klagenfurt, Universitätsstrasse 67, A-9020 Klagenfurt und Herr Prof. Joseph Gölles, Technische Universität Graz, Steyergasse 25a, A-8010 Graz.

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## Biometric Society Region & Group Meetings

### **Austro-Swiss, 25–29 September 1989, Klagenfurt, Austria**

ROeS Seminar 1989. Information: Haro Stettner, Univ. Klagenfurt, Inst. Math., Universitätsstr. 65–67, A-9010 Klagenfurt, Austria.

### **British, 19 October 1989, London, England**

Annual General Meeting, followed by 159th Ordinary Meeting featuring talks by younger statisticians. Information: Byron J.T. Morgan, Mathematical Institute, Cornwallis Building, University of Kent at Canterbury, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NF, England.

### **British, 14 December 1989, London, England**

160th Ordinary Meeting, concerned with overseas agriculture. Information: as above.

### **British, 13 February 1990, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, England**

161st Ordinary Meeting, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of R.A. Fisher. Information: as above.

### **British, 17 May 1990, London, England**

162nd Ordinary Meeting. Information: as above.

### **ENAR, 1–3 April 1990, Baltimore, Maryland, USA**

Spring Regional Meeting. Information: Barbara C. Tilley, Division of Biostatistics and Research Epidemiology, Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Blvd, CFP 639 Detroit, MI 48202, USA.

### **ENAR/WNAR, 6–10 August 1989, Washington, D.C., USA**

Joint Annual Statistical Meeting with ASA. Information: ASA, 1429 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, USA.

### **ENAR/WNAR, 6–9 August 1990, Anaheim, California, USA**

Joint Annual Statistical Meeting with ASA. Information: as above.

### **ENAR/WNAR, 19–22 August 1991, Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

Joint Annual Statistical Meeting with ASA. Information: as above.

### **ENAR/WNAR, 9–13 August 1992, Boston, Massachusetts, USA**

Joint Annual Statistical Meeting with ASA. Information: as above.

### **French, 7–8 September 1989, Paris, France**

Statistical Methods in Biopharmacy. Information: Joris Cauquil, Centre de Recherche Pierre Fabre, 17 avenue Jean Moulin, F-81106 Castres Cédex, France.

### **Nordic, 21–23 August 1989, Laugarvatn, Iceland**

Information: Holmgeir Björnsson, Agricultural Research Institute, Keldnaholti, IS-112 Reykjavik, Iceland.

### **Spanish, 20–22 September 1989, Segovia, Spain**

Second Spanish Biometric Conference. Information: Emilio A. Carbonell, IVIA, Apartado Oficial, 46113, Moncada, Valencia, Spain.

### **WNAR, 18–20 June 1990, Bozeman, Montana, USA**

1990 Annual Meeting. Information: G. Morris Southward, Secretary/Treasurer WNAR, Dept of Experimental Statistics, Box 3130, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88002, USA. ■

## British

On 21 March, 55 British biometricians met at Warwick University to discuss how journals of applied science should present the results of fitting generalized linear models. The following report has been prepared by Peter W. Lane, of Rothamsted Experimental Station. The workshop was organized for the British Region by Dr Donald Preece and Prof Geoff Freeman, and was prompted by a session at the latest meeting of statisticians working for the Agricultural and Food Research Council. Perhaps this meeting contributed to the entry in 'Lucifer's Lexicon' in the April 1989 issue of the *Royal Statistical Society's News and Notes*: "Generalised linear models: a curious British obsession".

The meeting was informal, though guided by the chairmanship of Dr Preece.

His colleague Martin Ridout, from the Institute of Horticultural Research, East Malling, started the proceedings with an outline of the subject. He suggested several issues to debate: non-orthogonality, tests of significance, overdispersion, analysis of deviance, summary statistics, and standard errors. Most of these were at least touched on during the following discussion, and several were directly addressed by short, prepared presentations. Discussion was lively, with many proposals for dealing with real and apparent problems facing authors, referees, and readers of scientific papers.

The general consensus was that the most important information to present was a statement of what model had been used, preferably citing a reference to a readable account of generalized linear

models. Most people also agreed that the presentation of results should be kept as simple as possible, avoiding the use of unnecessary jargon and explaining carefully the jargon that was necessary. An important problem to tackle is the education of scientists — as readers, writers, or referees. Articles are needed in scientific journals to introduce and explain this important class of models.

The 158th Ordinary Meeting of the British Region was held on 16 May at the Royal Entomological Society, 41 Queen's Gate, London, SW7. Three papers on the topic of clustering of disease were read: Dr J. Cuzick (*Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories, London*) Spatial clustering for inhomogeneous populations; Dr J.F. Bithell (*University of Oxford*) Case-control methods in geographical epidemiology; Prof J. Besag (*University*