

Within the British and Irish Region we celebrated Rosemary Bailey's 60th birthday with a one-day meeting at Queen Mary, University of London. Rosemary has served on the Council of the IBS and from November 2000 to November 2002 was president of the British Region of the IBS. The meeting was on "Algebra and Design of Experiments" and was introduced by the Principal of Queen Mary, Prof. Adrian Smith, FRS. The opening talk of the meeting was presented by Peter Neumann (Queen's College, Oxford) on "Wreath Products of Various Kinds." Following lunch, Anthony Atkins (London School of Economics) presented a talk on "Randomisation, Replication, Response Surfaces and Rosemary." The meeting was concluded by Herve Monod (INRA, France) with his presentation entitled "On Designs for Fields and Designs for Computers, Addendum," and was followed by a reception.

Future Meetings

Future meetings of the British and Irish Region include a full-day meeting on "Statistics for Genome-Wide Association Studies" at the Wellcome Trust Conference Centre, Hinxton, near Cambridge on 17 July. This will be followed by a meeting at the University of Sussex from 20-21 September on "Mathematical Models in Evolution and Ecology" and aims to encourage and develop new and existing collaborations between mathematicians and biologists. This meeting is sponsored by the London Mathematical Society, the British Ecological Society and the Departments of Mathematics and Biology and Environmental Science of the University of Sussex. For further information, see <http://www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/MMEE2007/>.

There is a joint one-day meeting with the Environmental Statistics Section of the Royal Statistical Society (RSS) on "Modelling Ecological Dynamics" at the RSS Offices in London on 26 September. The speakers for the meeting are Dave Skirvin, Rob Freckleton, Bill Browne, Byron Morgan and Jason Matthiopoulos. The final meeting of the year will be on "Networks" which is a one-day joint meeting with the General Applications Section of the RSS at the RSS Offices in London on 13 November. This meeting will include the British and Irish Region AGM. Further details of all these meetings can be found at <http://www.maths.qmw.ac.uk/~rab/biometrics/british.html>.

Finally, in preparation for the International Biometric Conference 2008 in Dublin from 13-18th July 2008, the Local Organising Committee has been working very hard. Full details of the Invited Scientific Programme and Short Course Programme are expected to be available soon. More details of the IBC2008 can be found in this edition of the *Biometric Bulletin*.

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Central American-Caribbean Region (RCAC)

1st Iberoamerican Biometric Meeting

Eight biometricians from the Central American-Caribbean Region attended the 1st Iberoamerican Biometric Meeting which took place at the University of Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain on June 20 to 22. Seven more biometricians from our region became members of the IBS at the meeting. The Spanish Region of the IBS partially sponsored two persons from RCAC to the meeting. Dr. Raúl Macchiavelli, President of our region gave a short course on "Nonlinear Mixed

Models." A picture of our members mingling with other IBS members from Spain and Argentina can be seen below. Dr. Macchiavelli is second from left. Dr. Laura Pla of our region, who is a representative to the IBS Council for 2002-2009, is the lady in the white coat at the front of the picture.



Members of the Spanish, Argentinean and Central American-Caribbean Regions in Salamanca

4th Meeting of RCAC

Announcing once more the 4th Meeting of the Central American-Caribbean Region of the IBS which is a joint meeting with the 4th Columbia-Venezuela Statistics Conference. It will be held on 2-5 October 2007 at Margarita Island, Venezuela. The meeting is organised by the Department of Statistics, University de Oriente on Margarita Island. Details on www.cac-tibs.org.

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Chile National Group (GCI)

We are pleased to announce the VIII Chilean Biometric Conference and the II Chilean Dental-Statistical Meeting. The lead organizers of the conference are the Department of Public Health, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, the Biometric Section of the Chilean Statistical Society, and the Chilean National Secretary of IBS. The meeting will take place in the city of Santiago (Chile) from 3-5th, January 2008. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Statistics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

The VIII Chilean Biometric Conference aims to bring together theoretical and applied researchers in all areas of biometrics. As for the first edition, the II Chilean Dental-Statistical Meeting aims to bring together oral health researchers and statisticians interested in the analysis of dental data. The ultimate goal is to stimulate collaboration between the two parties eventually leading to the improvement of the methodological quality of oral health papers and the stimulation of new statistical research useful for the analysis of dental data.

The conference website is http://www.saludpublicauc.cl/conferencias/index_eng.html. The website provides further details about the conference and a mechanism for submitting abstracts. We welcome abstracts in all areas of biometrics.