



Speakers at the opening ceremony



Participants of the East Asia Regional Biometric Conference 2007

presentations were given. There were many interesting presentations and lively discussions during the sessions. Participants also enjoyed discussions on various topics and the opportunity to exchange information at coffee breaks and at the conference dinner, which was filled with joyful atmosphere of “MOTI-TUKI” (a rice cake-making show).

We would like to thank all session chairs, speakers and conference attendees especially those who came from outside of Japan. Special thanks go out to Ashwini Mathur (IR), Thomas Louis (ENAR), Ji-Qian Fang (GCh), H. Sridhara (IR) and Tae Rim Lee (Rko).

The 2008 Annual Meeting

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan (BSJ, Japanese Region of the IBS) will be held on 4-6 June at the University of Tsukuba in Tsukuba, Ibaragi at http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/access/map_south.html.

A special session on “New Developments in Multiple Testing: False Discovery Rate and Related Topics.” will be organized on 5 June and a tutorial seminar “Statistical Methods for Drug Research and Development: Dose-response Information, and Design and Analysis of Clinical Trials—From Phase I to Phase III Studies” will be offered on 6 June. The list of papers and contributors will be posted on the Society’s website. The names of this year’s recipients of the BSJ Award for Outstanding Scientific Contribution, the BSJ Honorary Award, and the Young Biostatisticians Award will be announced at the meeting. For the details of the meeting, visit our website at <http://www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jbs/>.

Mihoko Minami

Spanish Region (REsp)

Joint Biometry-Epidemiology Meeting

The 4th Joint Meeting GUDO 4 of the Spanish Region of the IBS and the Spanish Society of Epidemiology will be held in Valencia on 19 and 20 of June. Contributions showing how Biometry and Epidemiology interact are encouraged, with special interest on papers in real applications. A pre-meeting short course will be held in the previous days with the title ‘Hierarchical Modeling and Analysis for Spatial and Spatio-

temporal Data’, by Professor Alan Gelfand (Duke University). For more information see the web site at <http://www.uv.es/gudo/>.

Spanish Regional Council

The Spanish Region of the IBS has elected new members for its Regional Council for the period 2008-2011: Carmen Armero from the Universitat de Valencia (area of Medicine) and Carmen Ruiz from the Universitat de Barcelona (area of Biology). Alex Sánchez Pla will be President for the period 2008-2009, and Juan Luis Chorro Gascó is Vice-president for the year 2008. A complete list of the Regional Council can be found at <http://www.iata.csic.es/ibsresp/cargos.htm>.

Nuria Porta

The Netherlands Region (Aned)

Fall Meeting of BMS/Aned

The meeting, with the intriguing title, “Himmel und Erde werden vergehn (Aber die musici...)” (Translation: Heaven and Earth shall pass away (except music...)), had been organized by Hans van Houwelingen on the occasion of his honorary membership of the Dutch section of the IBS. It took place in the Leiden University Medical Centre on 15 November 2007 and was attended by about 60 statisticians and other interested scientists. Hans van Houwelingen introduced all the speakers extensively; they were a selection of his former PhD students, and his ‘adoptee’ Hein Putter. The topics under discussion all originated from traditional statistics, i.e., no genomics, genetics or high-dimensional data were considered. With his title, he wanted to convey the message that (applied) statistics and statisticians will stay, and that the hype of the day can be overcome.

Theo Stijnen then discussed the potential bias in interim analyses on survival data, Saskia le Cessie spoke about the analysis of longitudinal quality of life data with missing values due to disease progression and death, and Siem Heisterkamp about automatic detection of infectious disease outbreaks. Bas Engel discussed the evaluation of diagnostic tests in the absence of a gold standard, after which the final speaker Hein Putter applied a latent class model on the joint analysis of multiple longitudinal outcomes.

Liesbeth de Wreede

Western North American Region (WNAR)

2007 WNAR Election Results

Congratulations to Dr. Todd Alonzo from the Children’s Oncology Group at Arcadia, CA, WNAR President-Elect; Dr. Antje Hoering from Cancer Research and Biostatistics at Seattle, WA, WNAR Secretary; Dr. Weng Kee Wong, University of California at Los Angeles, WNAR Program Coordinator; and Drs. Loki Natarajan from the University of California (San Diego, CA, USA,) and Roy St. Laurent from Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ, USA), WNAR Regional Committee members. Special thanks go out to Dr. Christine McLaren, WNAR Past-President, and Dr. Barbara Richardson, outgoing Regional Committee member, for their efforts and dedication to the WNAR.

2008 WNAR Spring Meeting

The 2008 spring meeting will be held 22-25 June on the campus of the University of California, Davis. UC Davis is located in the heart of Central Valley, close to the state capital and San Francisco Bay Area. Other popular nearby destinations include Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and Reno. This year’s meeting features invited and contributed

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