

During the conference 2 invited lectures, 17 contributed papers and 14 posters were presented. Most of the presented papers had been published on 126 pages of the 42nd volume of the Colloquium Biometricum, the official periodical of the Polish Biometric Society. One conference attraction was a trip to the house in Zelazowa Wola, where Fryderyk Chopin was born. Moreover, we had an opportunity to visit the organizers' impressive experimental fields. During the entire meeting we were served all sorts of fruits, including apples, pears, strawberries, and blueberries. The atmosphere of the conference was very friendly.

The StatSoft of Poland has founded a prize for the best presentation by a young biometrician. The 2012 winner was Adriana Derejko (Warsaw University of Life Sciences). Polish Biometric Society awarded Anna Imiolek (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn) a prize for the most innovative presentation.



Adriana Derejko (left; Warsaw University of Life Sciences), winner of the StatSoft prize, and Anna Imiolek (right; University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn), winner of the Polish Biometric Society prize. The President of Polish Biometric Society, Prof. Stanislaw Mejza, is in the centre.

Upcoming 43rd International Biometrical Colloquium in Siedlce

The next, 43rd International Biometrical Colloquium will be held in Siedlce. We greatly encourage biometricians to take part in this event.

Zofia Hanusz

Spanish Region (REsp)

14th Spanish Conference Biometry in Ciudad Real (Castilla La-Mancha) 22 – 24 May 2013

The 14th Spanish Conference Biometry will be held in Ciudad Real (Castilla La-Mancha) from 22 – 24 May 2013. On this occasion a special issue of the *Biometrical Journal* (edited in cooperation with the German and the Austro-Swiss Regions of the IBS) will include a section containing selected works presented at the conference. For further information visit the web site: <http://areaestadistica.uclm.es/biometria2013/>.

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Western North American Region (WNAR)

2013 WNAR Spring Meeting

The 2013 WNAR spring meeting will be held 16 – 19 June on the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles. Los Angeles is the largest city in California and the second most populous city in the US after New York City. The city is a leader in entertainment, culture, media, fashion, science, and sports. The local organizer is Katie Crespie. Details about the meeting will be posted on the WNAR web page www.wnar.org as they become available.

2013 WNAR Student Paper Competition

As a reminder, WNAR sponsors students who enter the student paper competition. All entrants receive their registration fees and banquet dinner ticket for free. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best papers in written and oral competitions. Information on the 2013 WNAR Student Paper Competition, registration information and program details for the meeting will be posted as they become available: <http://www.wnar.org>. We look forward to seeing you there.

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