

sented comments and reported survey results on actual treatment on missing data issues in drug development responded by statistics departments in Japanese pharmaceutical companies. In the special lecture session, Prof. Uesaka (Osaka University), who is the winner of the Biometric Society of Japan *Award 2012 for Outstanding Scientific Contribution*, made his presentation on the role of biostatisticians in clinical researches. His talk was mainly based on his experiences as a trial statistician in pharmaceutical companies and overviewed substantial change in circumstances of biostatistician in Japan. The Biometric Society of Japan is pleased to announce that the Society conferred the *Young Biostatisticians Award* on Dr. Daimon (Hyogo College of Medicine) for his publication of his survey article on 'Continual Re-assessment Method in Oncology phase I Trials,' published in a recent issue of *Japanese Journal of Biometrics*.



Organizers, speakers and discussants of the special session on missing data in clinical trials.

The 2013 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting

The Biometric Society of Japan is one of the six sponsoring organizations of the meeting and the *2013 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting* held on 8-11 September at Osaka University in Toyonaka, Japan. More than 300 presentations were submitted. The Biometric Society of Japan organized an invited session on statistical education in medical schools. We also had the lecture by Dr. Daimon (Hyogo College of Medicine), who was the winner of the *Young Biostatisticians Award* presented by the Biometric Society of Japan.

Satoshi Hattori

The Netherlands Region (ANed)

New Board

During the *Channel Network Conference* in St Andrews, BMS-ANed (which is the union of the Dutch Region of the IBS and the biometrical section of the Netherlands Society for Statistics and Operations Research) held its annual assembly. During this meeting, Fred van Eeuwijk (President), Maarten Schipper (Secretary) and Liesbeth de Wreede (member) stepped down from the Board, after all having served their maximum number of terms.

The Board proposed Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat (President), Dimitris Rizopoulos (member) and Ernst Wit (member) as candidates for the vacancies. They were elected by unanimous vote. Jos Hageman (Treasurer), Rosa Meijer (member) and Sophie Swinkels, who will become the new secretary, were re-elected, which brings the number of board members of BMS-ANed again to six.

Liesbeth de Wreede

Spanish Region (REsp)

XIV Spanish Biometric Conference

The *XIV Spanish Biometric Conference* has been held at Ciudad Real, Castilla La-Mancha Spain in May 22th-24th, 2013. The Conference was organized by the "Universidad de Castilla La-Mancha".

Information about the Scientific and Organizing Committee can be found at the webpage <http://areaestadistica.uclm.es/biometria2013/index.html>.

The Conference gathered 110 participants, including an international representation of other IBS regions, such as the Italian and EMR. Among them a group of young researchers, some of them granted by the Spanish Biometric Society to attend this meeting.

The papers presented were a good representative selection of the new methodologies and applications in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, including three plenary sessions:

1. "Genomic profiling: modeling disease risk from multiple genotypes", by M. Luz Calle Rosingana (Titular Professor: Biology Systems Department of University of Vic, Spain) and President of the Spanish Region of the International Biometric Society.
2. "Innovative designs for personalized medicine" by Vlad Dragaling (Senior Vice President at Aptiv Solutions, Software Development and Consulting in Innovation Center)
3. "An overview of object oriented data analysis" by J.S. Marron (Amos Hawley Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Also, two young researchers' sessions were held. There were a total of eight talks which showed the really good level of our new researchers. Prizes for the best presentations within these sessions were given to María Oliveira Pérez, Guillermo Vinué and Irantzu Barrio.

To finish the meeting, a debate session was held involving the topic "What do companies look for in Biostatistics?" In this debate some consulting and pharmaceutical companies were invited to give their points of view about this question.

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Group photography taken at the Conference dinner venue.