

Equipment Inc and SAS Institute. This Award will be presented every two years for the best biometric publication stimulating members of ANed to publish results. S le Cessie and JC van Houwelingen received their ANed Bioemtry Award for their publication "A goodness-of-fit test for binary regression models, based on smoothing methods" which appeared in Biometrics.

The 1996 IBC will be held at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. The organising committee has started preparation for this XVIIIth IBC.

A new initiative of the Biometric Society, Netherlands Region (ANed) is the ANed newsletter. This Dutch newsletter is used as communication to ANed members. Editor is J. Jansen. CPRO-DLO PO Box 16, 6700 AA Wageningen, the Netherlands.

Recent Theses

CJ Dourleijn got a PhD for writing the thesis "On statistical selection in plant breeding" on 22 March 1993. In this thesis, the use of statistical theory in the selection phase of the plant breeding process is advocated. The selection phase consists of making decisions whether or not to discard particular varieties. The first step is to estimate contrasts between variety values as good as possible. In the second step these best estimates are used in statistical selection procedures (in particular, subset selection procedures). In this thesis it is stated that the use of these procedures give the breeder a new aid for calculating uncertainties in his work. (Johan Dourleijn, Zonnekruisstraat 7, 6666 XK Heteren, the Netherlands.)

J. Jansen got a PhD for writing the thesis "Generalized linear mixed models and their application in plant breeding research" on 27 April 1993. In this thesis, discussion starts by saying that application of generalized linear models in plant breeding research is hampered by the fact that generalized linear models allow only one source of variation. For these applications it is more realistic to introduce variance components into the GLM. A class of models is investigated which is obtained by adding random effects and associated variance components to the linear predictor of a generalized linear model. This leads to generalized linear mixed models. Special attention is focussed on binomial and categorical outcome variables. (J. Jansen, CPRO-DLO, PO Box 16, 6700 AA Wageningen, Netherlands.)

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Spanish

The 4th Spanish Biometric Conference sponsored by the Spanish Region of the Biometric Society will take place at the Maricel Palace, Sitges from 2nd to 4th February 1994. The scientific program will include invited and contributed papers on the topics related to the application of mathematics and statistics to biology, medicine, agriculture and psychology. People interested in submitting papers should send a summary of no more than two pages before October 31, 1993 to the address below. The official languages of the conference will be those of the Biometric Society and also Spanish. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Sitges, host of the conference, is located 36 km from Barcelona. The International airport "El Prat" is only 25 km away. Sitges is small town on the banks of the Mediterranean sea. It is a wonderful site, pioneer of the tourism in the last century, this place was a meeting point of artists and intellectual people related to the cultural movement of the "modernism" at the beginning of this century. Sitges still preserves in the present days many beautiful and noble buildings.

Visitors find here a charming atmosphere and may enjoy walking through narrow streets and its long promenade. Weather is usually fine with a very mild winter. The conference premises, the Maricel Palace, is the most famous monument, a modernist building located at the heart of the historical and monumental center of the

town with an excellent view over the sea.

For more information contact : Dra. M. D. Riba, Dept de Psicologia de la Salud, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, 08193 Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain Fax : +34-35812001, email : ilpm@cc.uab.es. See you there!!!

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Western North American Region (WNAR)

Western North American Region (WNAR) 1993 Meeting

The 1993 meeting of the Western North American Region (WNAR) of the Biometric Society will be held jointly with the American Statistical Association (ASA) and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) in Laramie, Wyoming, June 27-30, 1993. The theme for the meeting is Statistics in the Environment and Public Policy. Deborah Nolan and John Rice, University of California, Berkeley, are the IMS Special Invited Speakers. For more details see the announcement section of the February 1993 issue of the Biometric Bulletin.

For additional information call UW Conferences and Noncredit Programs at 1-800-448-7801. For information concerning program sessions contact Bob Cochran at (307) 766-3341.

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Biometric Society Region & Group Meetings

WNAR 27-30 June 1993, Wyoming, USA

Annual Meeting. Information : Dr. Hari Iyer, Colorado State University, e-mail : HARI@Statsun.stat.colostate.edu

Brazilian, 19-23 July 1993, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande du Sul, Brazil

38th Annual Meeting and 5th Symposium of Statistics Applied to Agricultural Research. Information : Dr. J. Riboldi, Departamento de Estatística-UFRGS, Av. Bento Gonçalves 9500, 91540-00 Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil e-mail : SEAGRO@IFI.UFRGS.BR

ENAR/WNAR, 8-12 August 1993, San Francisco, USA

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

Spanish, 2-4 February 1994, Sitges, Spain

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