

Barath, were on fact-finding mission in Kenya early September in connection with the possible hosting of the 1998 IBC in Africa. A meeting was held in Uganda. Lynne Billard gave the key lecture. Rob Kempton also attended. Next meeting is to be hosted by group South Africa in Nov./Dec. 1995.

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The 1993 WNAR annual meeting was held at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, June 28-30. This meeting was cosponsored by the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. 177 registered for the meetings and 29 for the Sunday short course on Spatial Statistics given by Don Myer of the University of Arizona. Many thanks to Hari Iyer, Colorado State, the WNAR program chair, Richard Tweedie, Colorado State, the IMS program chair, and Duane Boes the WNAR Student Paper Competition chair. It was very helpful to have these three important people and positions (1) on the same campus and (2) only an hour away from Laramie. It reported that WNAR paid the 1993 International Biometric Society dues for six members of the Mexico group. At this time the nominees for the 1994 election are : President Elect- Stephanie Green, U. of Washington, Morris Southward, New Mexico State; Treasurer- Gary Zerbe, University of Colorado; Secretary-

Bob Cochran, University of Wyoming; Regional Committee- Jim Murphy, Univ. of Colorado, Marc Evans, Wash. State Univ.; Program Coordinator- Rich Alldredge, Wash. State Univ.

In the Student paper competition the winner in the oral presentation category was Robert Neuman of New Mexico State. In the written category, Mark Ashby of the University of California-San Francisco and Brad Bickerstaff of Colorado State were joint winners.

The student paper oral competition expanded this year to three sessions from two in the past. The 1994 Student paper competition will be chaired by Ian Abramson of the University of California-San Diego. For 1993 the Regional Advisory Board is made up of Peter Bacchetti, Allen Izu, and Hina Malani whose terms end this year; Garnet Anderson, Joan Hilton, and

Motomi Mori whose terms end in 1994; and Willian Navidi, Christine Stedley, and Scott Emerson, whose terms end in 1995.

At its meeting, some items discussed were the possible need for more topical article features in Biometrics as well as a source of published case studies. An emerging topic had to do with establishing a child day-care facility for the WNAR meetings so that dual professional statistician couples can both fully participate in the meetings.

Future Meetings : June 26-29, 1994 WNAR/IMS, UCLA, local arrangements chair-Tom Belin, WNAR program chair-Nat Schenker, IMS program chair-Don Ylvisaker, all three are from UCLA. 1995 WNAR/IMS, Stanford, local arrangements chair- Bill Brown.

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Biometric Society Region & Group Meetings

Spanish, 2-4 February 1994, Sitges, Spain

The 4th Spanish Biometric Conference. Information : Dra.M.D.Riba, Dept.de Psicologia de la Salud, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, 08193 Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain. Fax : 34-35812001; e-mail : ilpm@cc.uab.es

German - Netherland, 15-19 March 1994, Munster, Germany

Interregional Biometric Society Conference. Information : Dr. Wolfgang Kopcke, Universitat Munster, Institut fur Medizinische Informatik and Biomathematik, Domagkstr. 9, 48129 Munster, Germany. Phone ++49 251 83 5261; Fax : ++49 251 83 5277

ENAR, 9-13 April 1994, Cleveland, Ohio USA

Spring Regional Meeting. Information : Jennifer Gassman, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Department of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195-5196, USA.

Brazilian, 23-24 May 1994, Sao Carlos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

The 39th Annual meeting of the Brazilian Region of the Biometric Society. Information : Maria Cecilia M. Barreto, Departamento de Estatistica-CCT/UFSCar, Caixa Postal 13565-905, Sao Carlos, SP, Brazil, Fax : 55 162 712081.

MEMBER NEWS

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From Forest to Fish : The Transference of Statistical Methodology

During the last year or so, I have

sometimes been asked what difficulties I have had in switching from forestry to fisheries applications. I have been known to reply, somewhat facetiously, that data, be they from forestry or fisheries, are just numbers on a sheet of paper. Of course, many basic statistical methods are just as applicable in fisheries as in forestry and, for that matter, any of a number of other areas. Certainly, the numbers on the sheet of paper can be manipulated, but collaboration between the statistician and the biologist, fisheries or otherwise, is necessary if those manipulations are to have any meaning. What on the surface may appear a routine calculation may be inappropriate or irrelevant if carried out in ignorance of the biological or physical