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## SPANISH

After the elections within the Spanish Region, the Council for the region has been formed as follows:

President: **Carles Cuadras** ([carlesm@porthos.bio.ub.es](mailto:carlesm@porthos.bio.ub.es))

Vice-President: **Emilio Carbonell** ([ecarbo@ivia.es](mailto:ecarbo@ivia.es))

Secretary: **Fernando Lopez** ([fernando@iata.csic.es](mailto:fernando@iata.csic.es))

Treasurer: **M. Dolores Sanchez**

Other members: **Juan Luis Chorro, Rosa Estarellas, Guadalupe Gomez, Martin Rios**

We are preparing a Web page of the Spanish region. We will keep you informed. It has been a pleasure to be in contact with you as region secretary; from now on **Fernando Lopez** will take my place.

*Emilio Carbonell, Spanish Correspondent*

## EAST

### CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN NETWORK

The Fourth Meeting of the Network took place in Stellenbosch, South Africa from Tuesday December 5 to Thursday 7 1995. On the Tuesday, **Bernard Flury** taught a short course on *Finite Mixture Analysis*. Lectures and posters were presented on the Wednesday and the Thursday morning, with **Rob Kempton** delivering the keynote address, titled: *Analysis of asymmetry in the interactions within communities*. On the Thursday afternoon an aquaculture research unit was visited. On Friday 8, an optional tour of the scenically spectacular Cape Peninsular was offered. Other social events were a cocktail, a picnic at a beach and a traditional barbecue (*braai*), during which it was established, in a **properly biased experiment**, that South African red wine is superior to French red wine. The Meeting was considered a scientific success and the organisers are grateful to all who attended for making it so.

*John Randall, GSAf Correspondent*

## RUWPA

RESEARCH UNIT FOR WILDLIFE POPULATION ASSESSMENT

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

#### Design and Analysis of Distance Sampling Surveys

17-21 June 1996 in St. Andrews, Scotland

The workshop will provide training in the use of distance sampling methods, principally line transect and point transect sampling. It will comprise lectures, computer sessions and special topic discussion groups. Participants are encouraged to bring their own data to the computer sessions. The workshop is intended for statisticians and biologists responsible for carrying out, or advising on, population assessments of wildlife. Presenters include Dr J.L. Laake (Seattle) and Prof S.T. Buckland (University of St Andrews).

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### BIOMATHEMATICS & STATISTICS SCOTLAND

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BioSS is seeking a biometrician with an interest in the environmental sciences for its Unit at the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, Aberdeen, UK. The Unit's work covers a broad range of applications in rural land use, ecology and resource management. Research interests include spatio-temporal modelling of natural fauna and flora, and monitoring stream water quality and other indicators of environmental change. The Institute has excellent computing facilities and strong links with universities and international research organisations. It has a pleasant location on the outskirts of Aberdeen, close to the Scottish Highlands.

The post is initially for five years at a starting salary of up to £20000. Applicants should have a good degree in Statistics (preferably at Masters level) and at least two years postgraduate experience with applications in scientific research. Good communication skills are essential.

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