



## IBS On the Web

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### The IBS Web Site now contains several new sections:

**Abstracts:** In keeping with the Society current with the advances in technology, Abstracts can now be found on the Web Site. If you do not have access to the Web Site and would like a copy of the current abstracts mailed to you, please contact the Business Office.

**Recent News:** This new section includes Society news, Announcements, items of topical interest, a calendar of conferences and events and up to date information.

**Fellows of the IBS:** Information on how to submit nominations for Fellows of the IBS. Nominations should be sent to:

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Some thought is currently being given to setting up "mirror sites" for the IBS web pages around the world, to improve access times. As progress is made on this, details will be placed on the main pages and on appropriate regional pages.

## Region and Group News

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Poznan and organized by the President of the Polish Biometric Society, Professor Stanislaw Mejza from the Agricultural University of Poznan. The Session was a joint session of the Polish Biometric Society and the Division of Mathematical and Statistical Methods, Agricultural University of Poznan. A total of 25 papers were presented concerned with block design, applications in sport, medicine and others. A special volume containing the presented papers, some of them in Polish, some in English, is in print.

On 6 February 1998, the 43rd Scientific Session in Biometry was held in Poznan. The session was jointly organized by the Polish Biometric Society and the Agricultural University of Poznan. Professor Mejza (representing these two institutions) led the organising team from Poznan. This session was attended by nearly fifty participants and a total of 11 papers were presented. The abstracts of these papers will be published in the forthcoming issue of "Biometrical Letters".

The scientific session was followed by the election of the new Board and Scientific Council of the Polish Biometric Society (PTB). Professor Stanislaw Mejza was unanimously re-elected as the President of PTB and Professor Wiktor Oktaba (Lublin) was elected as the President of the Scientific Council.

We look forward to the 28th annual Biometrical Colloquium, this year in special honor of Professor Tadeusz Calinski. The Colloquium will be held 14-17 September 1998 in Inowroclaw, a spa place. Foreign participants are

welcome! Detailed information may be found on the home page of the Polish Group of the IBS:  
<http://www.tibs.org/poland.html>.

The Polish Group of the IBS (50 members) is a section of the much larger, PTB (200 members). Professor Anna Bartkowiak was re-elected as the Head of this Group, and Dr. Zofia Hanusz (Lublin) as the Group correspondent. The results of the election may be seen on our home page.

During the session participants could obtain some recently published periodicals of the Polish Biometric Society. A volume entitled "Biometria", 161 pages, containing 26 papers of the previous 42nd Session, held in December 1997 and Nos. 1 and 2 of the Vol.34 (1997) edition of "Biometrical Letters", a journal founded in 1964.

Anna Bartkowiak and Zofia Hanusz

## Spain

The Council for the Spanish Region held two meetings in Valencia in February and March. The President, Dr. Emilio Carbonell, moderated both Council meetings. The new Council, unanimously chosen, is now formed by: Emilio Carbonell (from the Institut Valencia d'Investigacions Agries) as President, Guadalupe Gomez (from the Universitat Politcnica de Catalunya) as Vice-President, Fernando Lopez (from the Instituto de Agroquimica y Tecnologia de Alimentos) as Secretary and Treasurer, Carles Cuadras (from the Universitat de Barcelona) as IBS Council Member and as regional officers: M. Jesus Bayarri (from the Universitat de Valencia), Juan Luis del Chorro (from the Universitat de Valencia), Rosa Esterelles (from the Universitat de Valencia), José Luis Gonzalez (from the Universidad de Cordoba), Martin Rios (from

the Universitat de Barcelona) and Alex Sanchez (from the Universitat de Barcelona).

The "VI Conferencia Espanola de Biometria" took place in Cordoba (Spain) from 21-24 September 1997. Professor M. Talbot (from BIOS, UK) gave the invited conference "Statistical Education and Internet". The conference attracted more than 90 participants from around Spain. In all 46 papers and 13 posters were presented. The "VII Conferencia Espanola de Biometria" will take place 10-12 March 1999 in Palma de Mallorca. Four invited sessions are tentatively organized around the following areas: Environmental Statistics, Spatial Statistics, Nonparametric Statistics and Biostatistics. Provisional deadline for contributed papers is expected to be 30 November 1998. (For more information check the Spain Region's Web page <http://www.iata.csic.es/ibsresp/>). We would like to attract scientists from different areas to our beautiful island to participate in interesting scientific discussions not only during the scheduled sessions but also while enjoying the extremely good island's gastronomic specialities.

The Spanish Region is organizing courses around themes that, we hope, are of interest for our members. The first two, so far, are a "Curso de Regresion Logistica" taught by Gilda Piaggio (from OMS, Ginebra) (20-24 April, 1998) and a "Curso de Analisis de Modelos Mixtos con S-Plus" taught by José Pinheiro (from Bell Laboratories) (15-19 June, 1998). (Further information on: <http://www.iata.csic.es/ibsresp/#convo>). We would like to encourage other members to propose new courses.

It has been a pleasure to be in contact with you as Spanish Correspondent during the last 4 years; from now on Dr. M. Luz Calle from Universitat de Vic ([callel@regal.euv.upc.es](mailto:callel@regal.euv.upc.es)) will take my place.

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