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British Region

The 196th Ordinary Meeting was held on 7th March 2001 at the Royal Statistical Society, London. The meeting consisted of the following four talks:

- 1) Rowland Kao, "Mathematical Models in Epidemiology - Recommendations for a Scrapie Control Programme in the United Kingdom;"
- 2) Christl Donnelly, "BSE - in Britain, in Europe (and Beyond?);"
- 3) Rodney Edmondson, "Trojan and Incomplete Trojan Designs for Crop Research;" and
- 4) Chris Brien, "Design and ANOVA for Experiments Involving a field and Laboratory Analyses." Abstracts have been placed on the IBS web site and the British regional web site <<http://www.maths.qmw.ac.uk/~rab/Biometrics/british.html>>.

Other British Region meetings

The AGM and 198th Ordinary Meeting (full day) will take place on Thursday, November 8, 2001. It is planned that

the meeting should celebrate the Biometrika Centenary.

A meeting jointly with RSS Research Section on "Statistical Modelling and Analysis of Genetic Data" is planned for May 2002. A Summer Meeting in Edinburgh in 2002 is proposed to coincide with the Fisher Memorial Lecture.

A three-day conference in 2003 possibly at Easter is being considered.

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Central American and Caribbean Region

Central America and the Caribbean Region Meeting November 5-10, 2001

Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica

The newly created IBS Central America and The Caribbean Region (RCa) will hold its bi-annual meeting at CATIE, Costa Rica, next November. The meeting is focused on "Models on Agriculture, Biology & Natural Resources", and the main issues are: forest and biodiversity monitoring; models for planning land use; models for vulnerability and risk prevention and mitigation; models for assessment of global warming and related phe-

nomena; models on human and agricultural genetics; econometric models for environmental services; models for pest management; and prediction models for forest and agricultural outputs. For more info please contact Jorge Camacho, <camachoj@sol.racsa.co.cr>.

History behind the Central America & The Caribbean Region

The history behind the new Region began with the first meeting of the IBS Network for Central America and The Caribbean. It was held in the Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in July 1992 thanks to the efforts of Dr. Larry Nelson from the IBS Board and Dr. Bruce Lauckner, an At Large member in Trinidad. Forty-two Caribbean biometricians, many of whom joined the IBS at the time, attended the conference. Dr. C.R. Rao and Williams Richards from Penn State University were invited speakers.

One year later, in July 1993, the second meeting took place in Turrialba, Costa Rica. In contrast to the first meeting, more than a hundred biometricians from Central America, Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad & Tobago, and the Caribbean islands attended. Dr. Oscar Kempthorne opened the meeting, and we began the tradition of short courses with distinguish experts on particular topics.

The third meeting was held in Caracas, Venezuela, in July 1994 and was opened by Dr. Ingram Olkin. 120 participants attended the conference with poster presentations, mini-courses, and oral presentations. At this conference, the Spanish Region of the IBS began its collaboration with us.

In June 1995, the fourth meeting took place in Santa Marta, Colombia. A satellite conference was organized by the Biometric Unit of CIAT (International Center for Tropical Agriculture), Palmira, Colombia. The title of the satellite conference was "Statistics in Agriculture and Environmental Research Environmental."

The fifth meeting of the Caribbean Network took place in Xalapa, Mexico in August 1997, and the sixth meeting occurred in Tobago, Trinidad & Tobago in June 1999. During this latter meeting, Dr. Larry

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