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Japan Region

The Japanese Regional Annual Meeting was held jointly with the Japanese Society of Applied Statistics on April 5-6, 2001 at Sohyo Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan. Professor M. Ohtaki (JR) organized a special session. The theme was "Statistical Data Analysis with Missing Observations and Outliers," where the following five papers were presented: "Detection of Outliers based on Bootstrapping" by Professor M. Ohtaki (JR); "Detection of Outliers based on Normal Mixture Models" by Dr. K. Satoh; "Evaluation of Intervention Effects based on Response Profiles with Missing Observations and Observation Time Lags" by Dr T. Tango (JR); "Sensitivity Analysis based on IPCW Method for Non-random Missing Data" by Dr Y. Matsuyama (JR); and "Problems of Missing Observations in QOL Data Analysis" by Professor Y. Ohashi (JR) and Dr. M. Morita.

Moreover, at special sessions of the joint meeting, two invited papers were presented: "Estimation Theory for Neural Networks: Symmetry and Unidentifiability" by Professor K. Fukumizu and "Light and Shade in Exploratory Automatic Stratification and Classification" by Professor H. Tsubaki (JR).

Altogether, 21 contributed papers were presented.

Kazuo Anraku

Korean Region

The Korean Region had the first seminar and the general assembly meeting on May 4, 2001, Myung Jin Kwan, Dongguk University. We had two topics with three speakers in the seminar, and we elected a new president in the general assembly meeting. Dr. Woo Ick Chang, the vice president of Lily Korea, gave a talk on "Guidelines of Bridging Study in Korea and the Related Statistical Issues." Dr. Sun Young Rha from the Cancer Metastasis Research Center, Yonsei Medical School and Prof. Byung Soo Kim (RKO) from the Dept. of Applied Statistics, Yonsei University jointly presented "The Introduction of DNA Microarray Experiment and the Related

Statistical Problems."

We elected Prof. Hyonggi Jung as the new president. His address is:

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In the picture of the seminar speakers and the participants, we have in the front row from the left: Prof. Byung Soo Kim, the outgoing president, Dr. Woo Ick Jang (Lily Korea), Dr. Sun Young Rha (Cancer Metastasis Research Center), and Prof. Hyonggi Jung, the new president.

Byung Soo Kim

Spanish Region

The Eighth Meeting of the Spanish Region was held on March 28-30, 2001 at Pamplona (Navarra). It was very successful thanks to the efforts of Anna F. Militino (REsp), Lola Ugarte, and the rest of the organizing committee from the Department of Statistics and Operational Research at the Universidad Publica de Navarra.

The conference began with an interesting and controversial talk on the use and misinterpretation of p-values by the President of the Spanish Region, M. Jesus Bayarri, entitled "P-values: These Strangers."

There were five invited sessions:

Session 1: "Overdispersion in Biometrical Applications." Organizer: M.D. Ugarte, (REsp, Univ. Publica de Navarra). Speakers: C.B. Dean (WNAR, Simon Fraser Univ., Canada) and C. Fernandez (Univ. of St Andrews, UK).

Session 2: "Special Topics in Survival Analysis." Organizer: G. Gomez (REsp, Univ. Politecnica de Catalunya). Speakers: S. Lagakos (ENAR, Harvard Univ.,

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USA) and M.A.Turkman (AL, Univ. de Lisboa, Portugal).

Session 3: "Recent Advances in Psychometric Research." Organizer: E.G. Cueto (Univ. de Oviedo). Speakers: E.G. Cueto and J. Muñiz (REsp, Univ. de Oviedo).

Session 4: "Statistical Problems in Animal Breeding." Organizer: E. Carbonell (REsp, IVIA). Speakers: J. Altarriba (Univ. de Zaragoza) and A. Blasco (REsp, Univ. Politecnica de Valencia).

Session 5: "Bioinformatics." Organizer: A. Sanchez (REsp, Univ. de Barcelona).

Speakers: X. de la Cruz (Univ. de Barcelona) and R. Guigo (Univ. Pompeu Fabra).

It's also worth mentioning the high level of the contributions to the special student session. The prizes for the best student presentations, sponsored by the "Servei d'Estadística de la Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona," were awarded to Anna L. Ratera (oral presentation) and to Mireia Diaz (poster presentation).

The abstracts of invited and contributed presentations can be found on the IBS Website at <<http://www.tibs.org/meetingabstracts.html>>.

Regarding the Pamplona Spanish Region Meeting, you can see two pictures of the popular excursions, which included a navarra wine testing at a local cellar and a visit to the Olite castle.

M.Luz Calle

WNAR

The 2001 annual meeting of the WNAR Biometric Society was a great success. The meeting was hosted by the Statistical Society of Canada and was held on the campus of Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. Thank you to the SSC for a wonderful experience.

As a reminder, the 2002 meeting of WNAR will be held from July 23-26 at the University of California at Los Angeles, USA. In addition, the 2003 meet-

ing will be held in Colorado, USA, and the 2004 meeting will be held at the University of New Mexico, USA.

WNAR membership services are now being managed by Cancer Research and Biostatistics (CRAB). We think that this will be a very positive move for WNAR. If you are interested in learning more about WNAR, visit the WNAR website at <<http://www.wnar.org/>>.

Marc Evans

Zimbabwe Group

Group Zimbabwe has currently 15 active members. The group has had two meetings this year. In one of the meetings, Susan Kageler gave a presentation on the "Effect of Large Herbivores on Biodiversity," and in another Erica Keogh presented a discussion paper on unemployment and poverty in Zimbabwe. Both meetings were fairly well attended.

Zimbabwe is currently reeling under severe economic hardships to the extent that efforts to get sponsorship for our members to attend SUSAN-Uganda is proving a daunting task. So far funding has been secured for only two of our fifteen group members.

Mr. Pheneas Gapa has taken over as the group correspondent from Sister Jane Canhao who is now (temporarily) in Portugal.

Pheneas Gapa

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In addition, we will have some **Dedicated Contributed Sessions** on special topics of current interest complementing the invited paper sessions. They should be organised by interested colleagues in cooperation with the local organising committee. Concrete proposals for topics including intended speakers (four or five speakers) should be sent by **September 15, 2001** at the latest to Willi Sauerbrei, <wfs@imbi.uni-freiburg.de>. Decisions about selected dedicated contributed sessions will be made by September 30, 2001.

The topics of the invited paper sessions will also be the main topics for the contributed paper and poster sessions, but abstracts on all areas of biometry are welcome. A committee will decide on oral presentations, posters, and

contributed papers. The deadline for abstracts will be **January 15, 2002**. The date of notification about acceptance of contributed papers will be April 01, 2002. Abstract submission will be online via our web site <<http://www.ibc2002.uni-freiburg.de>>, although exceptions are possible. More information will be available on September 01, 2001 at the latest on our web site.

There will be some **short courses** in Freiburg during the weekend before the conference. In addition there will be a **pre-conference workshop** in Basle (Switzerland, about 65 km from Freiburg) organised by the Basle Biometric Section of IBS. For further information see our web site.

Letter from the Executive Director

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is greatly appreciated and aids in better record keeping for us all.

During the dues audit, we were reminded that many members send in a donation to the IBS that helps defray costs and helps to provide valuable benefits such as reduced fees for special circumstance countries. A special heartfelt thanks to those of you making that extra contribution.

Claire Shanley
Executive Director