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Spanish Region

On 28-30 May 2003 the Spanish Region of the IBS held its IX Conference in A Coruña (Galicia). The meeting, with more than 120 participants and about 80 contributed presentations, was very successful. The conference began with the opening talk "Interesting Features of Bayesian Analysis in Practice" addressed by Dr. M. Jesús Bayarri, President of the Spanish Region. In her talk she highlighted the advantages of Bayesian methods in the context of applied statistics.

Five invited sessions were organized in the following areas:

- Medicine: A. Carracedo (Univ. Santiago de Compostela) "The Value of the DNA Evidence in Forensic Science."
- Agriculture and fishery: J. Perry (Rothamsted Research) "Some Recent Work in Spatial Analysis for Ecological Data" and G. Stefansson (University of Iceland) "Complex Statistical Models of Fish Population Dynamics and Fisheries."
- Environment: X. Tomás Morer (Univ. Ramon Llull) "La quimiometria en el análisis de datos medioambientales."
- Psychology: M.A. García-Pérez and R. Alcalá-Quintana (Univ. Complutense de Madrid) "The Dirty Little Secrets of Adaptive Bayesian Estimation."
- Biology: T. Speed (Univ. of California, Berkeley) "Probability Models for Short DNA Motifs" and J.R. Fernández Bernárdez (Univ. de Vigo) "Procedimientos ritmométricos como técnicas de análisis en cronobiología."

We want to thank Ricardo Cao and the

other members of the organizing committee from the Mathematical Department of A Coruña University for their effort in the organization of the Conference. A special cultural event was the nice trip we had around the city and surroundings. The picture below was taken in front of the city hall.

The abstracts of most of the invited and contributed presentations will be available soon on the IBS Web site <www.tibs.org>.

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SUSAN Network

Conference Report of the Eighth Biannual IBS SUSAN (Sub-Saharan African Network of the International Biometric Society) Conference, 7-11 July 2003

Conference topic: Biometry in Poverty Alleviation Programmes

Keynote speakers:

Jonathan Levin, Medical Research Council, South Africa
"Statistical Challenges in Medical Research on TB and HIV"

Sagary Nokoe, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria
"Biometry in Participatory Agricultural/Forestry Research"

Jane Hutton, Department of Statistics, Warwick University, UK.
"Statistical Professional Ethics and Poverty Alleviation"

Selected talks:

Fabian M Mwanyumba
"Male Partner Involvement and Infant Feeding Choices in HIV Infected Women"

Felista Kahora
"Statistical Assessment of Health and Sustainability Indicators of an Agro

ecosystem"

Ntonghanwah Forcheh
"Monitoring Malnutrition in Under-Fives: A New Statistic"

Tevian Chauraya
"Forecasting Clinical Malaria Cases and Malaria Epidemics in Zimbabwe using a Regression Statistical Model and Determining its Potential use in Malaria Control"

Henry G Mwambi
"Modelling Vector-Borne Diseases in both Humans and Animal Hosts"

MO Labeodan
"Poverty Alleviation in South Africa: a Look at the Lower Class Populace"

Agnes A Ankomah
"Evaluation of Statistical Methods used in Characterization of Legume and Vegetable Genetic Resources in Ghana"

Rosemary Nguti
"Survival of Red Maasai, Dorper and Crossbred Lambs in the Sub-Humid Tropics"

Peter Njuho
"Statistical Approach to a Fertility Experiment on Frequently Harvested Swiss-Chard"

Barasa F Lukibisi
"Joint Influence of Sire, Parity, Sex, Month and Year of Birth on Weaning Weight, Growth Rate, and Weight Gain of Sahiwal Calves at Naivasha, Kenya"

Wepukhulu S Buyayi
"Modelling of the Incidence of Disease-Pests on Mango Varieties (*Mangifera Indica* L.) In Kenya Using Logistic Regression"

Daisy Salifu
"An Investigation of Quasi Likelihood Methods and Response Variable Transformation of Aggregated Insect Data"

Philip E. Ragama
"Effect of Crop Sanitation on Banana Weevil *Cosmopolites sordidus*, (Germar) (Coleoptera Curculionida) Populations and Crop Damage in Uganda"



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