nal in the biometrical field during the years 2004 and 2005 can be nominated. An international jury of three will choose the winning paper. Nominations -including a PDF of the paper- should be sent to the secretary of ANed, Hein Putter <H.Putter@lumc.nl>.

Pierre Verweij

Spanish Region
MSc Degree in Biostatistics

Due to an increasing demand for well trained biostatisticians, the Department of Statistics and Operations Research of the University of Santiago de Compostela is starting a new **Masters Degree in Biostatistics**. Details are available in the Announcement and News section of the current issue.

The Academic Journal of the Spanish Statistical Society (Jose M. Bernardo)

Test, the academic journal of the Spanish Statistical Society has just made available a new website <http://www.seio.es/test>. It contains current information on the editorial board and on the submission procedure. One may download the PDF of its more recently published papers.

Test, published in English, has come a long way since it was started back in 1992. It now has impact factor 0.581 (41/75) on the Statistics and Probability section of ISI Journal Citation Reports (JCR), just below J. Appl Statist, and over several others.

Test has traditionally been open to Bayesian methodology. Please visit the brand new website, and consider the option of contributing some of your valuable work.

Maria Durban

Western North American Region
WNAR/IMS Spring Meeting

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the WNAR/IMS was held at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, USA from 21-24 June, where approximately 250 meeting participants braved the near 24 hours/ day of daily sunlight and the mild summer climate.

The meeting began with the short courses, "Bayesian Clinical Trials" by Scott Berry of Berry Consultants, and "Active Set Adaptive Sampling" by Steve Thompson of Pennsylvania State University and Simon Fraser University. Donald Rubin of Harvard University gave a stimulating presentation entitled, "The Design (Versus Analysis) of Observational Studies" for the WNAR Presidential Invited Address. Christian Robert of Universite Paris Dauphine gave the IMS Medallion Lecture, "Population Monte Carlo, a New Approach to Adaptive Importance Sampling."

Excellent presentations were given by invited speakers: Aiyi Liu from NICHD/NIH, Yi Li from Harvard University, Dan Gillen from University of California, Irvine in the session "Time-Varying Treatment Effects in Clinical Trials;" Mikyoung Jun from University of Chicago, Maria Giovanna Ranalli from University of Perugia and Colorado State University and Jun Zhu, University of Wisconsin-Madison in the session "Inference for Spatial/Non-stationary Processes;" Andrew Zhou from University of Washington, Shou-En Lu from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Paul Albert from NCI in the session "Recent Advances in Two-Part Models;" Yoonkyung Lee from Ohio State University, Changyi Park from Ohio State University and Tao Shi from University of California, Berkeley in the session "Machine Learning;" Brad Carlin from University of Minnesota, Denis Allard from Biometrie, INRA, France, Dale Zimmerman from University of Iowa and Chris Wikle from University of Missouri-Columbia in the session "Spatial Statistics;" Peter Müeller from University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Jeffrey Morris from University of Texas MD Anderson, Hulin Wu from University of Rochester and Hans-Georg Mueller from University of California, Davis in the session "Functional Data Analysis;" Jim Zidek from University of British Columbia, Roger Peng from John Hopkins University and Paul Switzer from Stanford University in the session "Modeling Air Pollution Exposure and Response;" Donald Rubin from Harvard

A quarter past midnight at the 2005 WNAR/IMS Spring Meeting (Photographs by B. Richardson)

Wildlife near campus of University of Alaska-Fairbanks

WNAR conference participants enjoying the riverboat cruise