

ENAR Continues the WebENAR Series

The ENAR webinar series continues this spring, with the 8 May webinar: "Thoughts on Interpretable Machine Learning", presented by Dr. Cynthia Rudin, Associate Professor of Statistics at MIT CSAIL and Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

More details can be found at: <http://www.enar.org/education/index.cfm>.

Leslie McClure

Japanese Region (JR)

The 2014 Biometric Seminar

The *Biometric Seminar* "Multiplicity Issues in Clinical Trials" was held on 19-20 December 2014 at the Campus Plaza Kyoto. On the first day, introductory lectures on multiplicity issues in clinical trials and statistical methods for multiplicity adjustment for unstructured hypotheses were presented. On the second day, lectures on methods for structured hypotheses, including gatekeeping procedures, were made. Practical issues on these methodologies were also discussed. Totally, 115 people attended the seminar. The Biometric Society of Japan will publish a special issue of *Japanese Journal of Biometrics*, which consists of several papers by the lectures of the seminar.

The 2015 Special Lecture

The *2015 Special Lecture of the Biometric Society of Japan* was held on 9 January 2015 at Kyoto University. Forty-seven people attended the lecture. Prof. Tosiya Sato (Kyoto University) made his talk entitled "The ICH Statistical Guideline: the Origin of the concepts of trial statistician, FAS, and non-inferiority trial". He worked on developing the *ICH E9 Guideline* as an academic representative in Japan. He explained about the organization of ICH, shared his experience in development of the *Guideline* and discussed current issues in clinical trials.

The Biometric Workshop

The Biometric Society of Japan has released a statement on clinical research and an ethical guideline for biostatisticians. The release is partly motivated by recent social problem in Japan concerning inappropriate data handling in several medial researches. For an educational purpose, the Society held the 'Biometric Workshop' on 9 January, 2015 at Kyoto University. In addition to lectures on the statement and the guideline, interactive group work was done to fix and improve understandings of the statement.

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan

The *2015 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan* was held on 12–13 March, 2015 at Inamori Hall in Shirankaikan, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. An invited session on statistical issues in brain researches was presented. Prof. Shigeyuki Matsui (Nagoya University), who is the winner of the *Biometric Society of Japan Award 2014 for Outstanding Scientific Contribution*, gave a lecture on his perspective to further potential of biostatistics. Totally, 20 contributed oral or poster presentations were given. A tutorial seminar was also held on efficient use of medical record data in risk assessment of drugs.

The 2015 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting

The Biometric Society of Japan is one of the six sponsoring organizations of the meeting, and the *2015 Japanese Joint Statistical Meeting* will be held on 6–9 September at Tsushima Campus of Okayama University in Okayama. The Biometric Society of Japan is organizing the *Biometric Symposium* and several invited sessions.

Satoshi Hattori

Spanish Region (REsp)

XVth Spanish Biometric Conference & Vth Ibero-American Biometric Meeting Conference (CEB-EIB2015)

Online abstract submission is now open for *CEB-EIB2015*. Instructions for abstract submission, conference registration and other details (scientific program, scholarships and awards, etc.) are available on the conference website: <http://www.ehu.es/en/web/ceb-eib2015/home>. For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Important Dates:

Online abstract submission deadline: 5 May 2015

Notification of acceptance: 15 June 2015

Registration (Early Bird): 10 July 2015

Anabel Forte

Western North American Region (WNAR)

2015 WNAR Election Results

Congratulations to Susanne May from the University Washington, WNAR President-elect; Mary Redman from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, WNAR Treasurer; Dongseok Choi from Oregon Health Science University, WNAR Program Coordinator; Nichole Carlson from the University of Colorado Denver and Ken Newman from United State Fish and Wildlife Service, WNAR Regional Committee Representatives; and Carl Schwarz from Simon Fraser University, WNAR IBS Council Representative.

Special thanks go out to Brad Biggerstaff, outgoing WNAR Past-president; Dean Billheimer and Sarah Emerson, outgoing Regional Committee Representatives; and Christine McLaren, outgoing IBS Council Representative, for their efforts and dedication to WNAR.

We would like to thank all the WNAR members who volunteered to be candidates for these offices. WNAR is fortunate to have so many talented members willing to dedicate their time and energy to WNAR, which makes each election a choice among outstanding individuals.