



International collaboration at the conference dinner of the EAR-BC 2015.



A group photo of representatives from each EAR region and Prof. Hinde, the President of IBS.

After the *EAR-BC*, as a satellite meeting, the *Biometric Seminar* entitled "Missing data and estimand in clinical trials" was held. This seminar provided several tutorials in missing data methodologies to more than 100 participants.

### The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan

The *2016 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan* will be held on 18-19 March, 2016 at Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan. In an invited session, recent development in statistical methods for pharmaceutical research will be discussed. The topics include multiplicity issues in confirmatory clinical trials, statistical methods in multi-regional clinical trials and use of network meta-analyses in drug development. Recent several inappropriate handlings of data have been a serious social problem in Japan, and biostatisticians are expected to contribute in promoting sound medical researches. The Biometric Society of Japan is discussing the possibility to establish a certificate system for biostatisticians working in clinical trials. The Society is organizing an invited session to discuss the certificate system. A tutorial seminar will be also held on the generalized linear models and their applications.

**Satoshi Hattori**

## Spanish Region (REsp)

Welcome to our new president! After three years as part of the council and one as Vice-president Inmaculada Arostegui has assumed,

with great pleasure, the challenge of being our new President. The REsp wants to thank the Deputy President (now Vice-president) David Conesa for his effort to make us grow as a scientific society and for his enormous support for young people. We would like to welcome Inmaculada and wish her a successful presidency. We would also like to take this chance to inform you that the composition of the REsp's council has also change. Its new composition can be looked up in our web page: <http://www.biometricsociety.net/presentacion/consejo-directivo-y-otros-cargos/>.

### 2nd Workshop for Young Statisticians of the Spanish Biometric Society

We would like to announce, with great pleasure, the celebration of the *2nd Workshop for Young Statisticians of the Spanish Biometric Society*.

The first edition of this workshop appeared as a way to promote the participation of young people within the Spanish Biometric Society activities. It was organized in an as-cheap-as-possible basis trying to welcome as many young statisticians as possible. The scientific and organizing committee was composed by young statisticians of the Society and counted with the inestimable help of David Conesa (our Deputy President). The meeting took place in Valencia at the Faculty of Mathematics of the Universitat de València, from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2015. More than 35 students participated at this workshop including three oral and a poster sessions. Additionally, Anabel Forte, professor at the Universitat de València and board member of the Society, gave a free two hours course entitled *Introduction to Bayesian Inference*. The workshop ended up with a roundtable where we discussed the convenience of being part of the Spanish Biometric Society and what young researchers can bring in to it.

After the great success of this first meeting we are now organizing the second edition of this workshop. This time, the workshop will take place in Barcelona from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. We will like to continue with this great experience and let new students organize further workshops. Our idea is to keep with this initiative and celebrate a workshop each one or two years and welcome new students presenting their bachelor, master or PhD work. Of course, students from everywhere in Europe are welcome to this conference. So, if you are a student of the Biometric Society, maybe we can get to know each other at the workshop in Barcelona. For more details, please visit this [link](#). (only in Spanish) or contact the organizers at [sebjce@gmail.com](mailto:sebjce@gmail.com).



The Organizing Committee. From left to right, David Conesa, Irantzu Barrio, Manuel Higuera and Natalia Vilor.

**Anabel Forte**