

The 2016 Biometric Seminar

The *Biometric Seminar* entitled "New statistical challenges on ICH E17 guideline" was held in the afternoon, December 7, 2016 at Life Science Building in Tokyo. The scientific program has been opened. Historical overviews of the multi-regional clinical trials (MRCT) were given from the viewpoints of pharmaceutical companies and regulatory. Methodological developments for the analyses of MRCTs were also reviewed, and the coming *ICH E17 Guideline* was introduced.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan

The *2017 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan* will be held on 16-17 March 2017 at Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan. An invited session will be organized discussing how biostatisticians and epidemiologists efficiently collaborate. A tutorial seminar will be also held on causal inference in observational studies.

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Group of Poland (GPol)

The *46th International Biometrical Colloquium* was held during 5-7 September 2016 in Lublin. This year, the *Colloquium* was organized by the Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science at University of Life Sciences in Lublin, with the support of Polish Biometric Society and the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. The chairwoman of the organizing committee was Dr. Agnieszka Kubik-Komar. More than 30 biometricians from Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia attended this conference.



46th International Biometrical Colloquium attendees.

During the conference, one invited lecture on "Nature inspiring inventors and designers" was presented by Prof. Andrzej Stepniewski from the Department of Physics at University of Life Sciences in Lublin; moreover, 16 contributed papers and six posters were also presented.

Some of the presented papers are published in the 46th volume of the *Colloquium Biometricum* (online), the official periodical of the Polish Biometric Society (<http://collbiom.up.lublin.pl/en/>). The conference Gala Dinner included a nice visit at Village Museum of Lublin with the wonderful dinner adorned with a common singing.

The *47th International Biometrical Colloquium* will be held in Kiry near Zakopane on 10–14 September 2017 by the Department of Experimental Design and Bioinformatics at Warsaw University of

Life Sciences. We strongly encourage you to participate in this event (conference fee approx. 210 Euro) and also to publish scientific papers in *Biometrical Colloquium* (online).

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Spanish Region (REsp)

2nd Students' Scientific Workshop from the Spanish Region

On 8-9 September 2016 the Spanish Region of the IBS held the *II Students' Scientific Workshop* in Barcelona. The Barcelona Biomedical Research Park (PRBB) hosted this event with more than 50 participants (students) and about 20 contributed presentations and 10 contributed posters.

The Organizing Committee, completely composed of students from the Spanish Region, together with the support of the Spanish Region Society, The Barcelona Institute of Global Health (ISGlobal) and the Applied Statistic Service of the Autonomous University of Barcelona are to be congratulated on the success of the conference.



Organizing Committee of the II Students' Scientific Workshop composed of students from the Spanish Region.

The Scientific Programme also included an introductory course of Shiny Software by Dr. Isaac Subirana from Municipal Institute for Medical Research (IMIM) and a roundtable in which different concerns of young statisticians were discussed by Dr. David Conesa (University of Valencia), the Senior Research Consultant Núria Pérez (Fight AIDS foundation) and the PhD student Natàlia Vilor-Tejedor (Barcelona Institute for Global Health – Pompeu Fabra University).



II Students' Scientific Workshop at the PRBB in Barcelona (Assistants' group photo).

Website: <http://www.biometricsociety.net/ii-jornadas-cientificas-de-estudiantes-de-la-seb/>.

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