

on an introduction to machine learning and a winner of the BSJ Honorary Award will be organized. A tutorial seminar will also be organized jointly with Japanese Society of Applied Statistics.

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Meetings:

15-16 May, 2020

The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan Katsushika Campus of Tokyo University of Science, Tokyo, Japan

Spanish Region (REsp)

<http://www.biometricsociety.net/>

The Spanish Region of the IBS (REsp) and the Biometric Section of the Portuguese Statistical Society (SBioSPE) strengthened their network activities during the past year with a couple of joint sessions at their respective conferences.

In June, Gustavo Souninho and Laetitia Teixeira from the SBioSPE took part in the EMR-Portuguese-Spanish Session at the XVIIth Spanish Biometric Conference and the VIIIth Ibero-American Biometric Meeting held in Valencia (see Biometric Bulletin 36 (3)). Five months later, on November 9, the SBioSPE organized a joint session at the XXIV Conference of the Portuguese Statistical Society in Amarante. The invited societies were the Galician Society for the Promotion of Statistics and Operations Research and the REsp represented by Juan Ramón González. The REsp is very grateful to the SBioSPE for the invitation.

Both the REsp and the SBioSPE have the strong intention to continue collaborating in the near future and consolidating their contacts.



Participants of the joint session at the conference XXIV Conference of the Portuguese Statistical Society. Second from the left: Giovanni Silva (SBioSPE), who organized the joint session; first from the right: Juan Ramón González of the REsp.

Western North American Region (WNAR)

<http://wnar.org/>

2020 WNAR Election Results

Congratulations to WNAR President-Elect Laura Cowen from the University of Victoria, Secretary Megan Othus from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and Regional Committee Representatives Lisa Brown from Seattle Genetics and Karen Messer from the University of California, San Diego.

Special thanks go out to outgoing WNAR Past-President Tomi Mori and outgoing Regional Committee Representatives Marco Carone and Miguel Marino 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.

2020 WNAR/IMS meeting

The 2020 WNAR/IMS meeting will be held at the Hilton Anchorage in downtown Anchorage, Alaska from 14-17 June 2020.

Anchorage is Alaska's largest city, and is picturesquely located on the Cook Inlet. The Chugach mountains, multiple national parks, and 60 glaciers are all a short drive away. The WNAR conference is held in June, when the long summer days can be enjoyed. Jiaqi Huang (Alaska Department of Fish and Game) is the Local Organizer, Yingqi Zhao (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center) is the Program Chair, and Harold Bae (Oregon State University) is the Student Competition Chair. Registration information and other details about the meeting will be posted to the WNAR site www.wnar.org as they become available.

2020 WNAR Student Paper Competition

WNAR sponsors students who enter the student paper competition. All WNAR-region entrants receive their registration fees and banquet dinner ticket for free. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best papers in written and oral competitions. Information on the 2020 WNAR Student Paper Competition, registration information, and program details for the meeting will be posted as they become available: <http://www.wnar.org>. We look forward to seeing you there.

Megan Othus

Upcoming Events

IBS Journal Club

The Journal Club is open to all IBS member free of charge. The primary purpose of the Journal Club, apart from presenting worthy papers in a more public setting, is to widen the scope for understanding these papers and to provide a new networking opportunity for IBS members through a regular internet forum. All sessions are recorded and are available on the IBS website here, <http://www.biometricsociety.org/education/video-sessions/>. To access the recording you must login to your IBS account.

Upcoming Sessions:

16 April 2020 at 15:00 GMT (10:00 AM Eastern Time USA)
[“Longitudinal and time-to-drop-out joint models can lead to seriously biased estimates when the drop-out mechanism is at random”](#)

Speaker: Christos Thomadakis

Discussant: N/A