

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan (BSJ) will be held on 16-17, May 2019 at Sysmex Hall in the Kobe University School of Medicine, Kobe, Japan. Two invited sessions on statistical analysis using the cancer registry and a winner of the BSJ Honorary Award will be organized. A tutorial seminar will be also organized jointly with Japanese Society of Applied Statistics on functional data analysis.

Ikuko Funatogawa

Meetings

16-17 May 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Biometric Society of Japan Sysmex Hall in the Kobe University School of Medicine, Kobe, Japan

Korean Region (Rko)

<https://www.biometricsociety.org/region/korean/>

In 2018, the IBS Korean section hosted two local successful conferences at Seoul in May 10th and November 16th. In the May conference, there were special talks on artificial intelligences methods for medical data analysis, Bayesian sequential optimization and Imputation methods for outcome dependent sampling, along with a graduate student's paper competition. There, 2020 IBC Seoul was also advertised. The November conference was held as a joint conference of academia, industry, government focusing on clinical trials and related medical research. Dr. Chul Ahn from FDA (USA) and Dr. Leena Choi from Vanderbilt U gave special talks on recent issues on FDA regulation and epidemiologic research. Nearly 400 participants from university, pharmaceutical company and government attended the conference, making it a unique local conference for biometric research in South Korea.



Spring Conference at Seoul



IBS Spring Conference at Seoul. Dr. Taerim Lee describes current progress on 2020 IBC Seoul



IBS Fall Conference at Seoul



IBS Fall Conference at Seoul

The Netherlands Region (BMS-ANed)

<https://www.vvsor.nl/biometrics/>

On May 16 the Dutch Section for Biostatistics – BMS-ANed – and the Dutch Section for Data Science will host a shared meeting in Utrecht. The afternoon will be dedicated to statistics and machine learning, i.e. a topics that nowadays is interesting for all of us. We especially hope to have a lively discussion on similarities and differences between both disciplines.

We expect the following presenters:

- Katrijn van Deun (Tilburg; Machine Learning)
- Sach Mukherjee (Bonn; Biostatistics, but also ML and imaging & omics)
- Jeroen de Ridder (Utrecht; Machine Learning/Computational Biology)
- Ernst Wit (Lugano; Biostatistics)

On behalf of the Dutch Region,
Joanna Int'Hout

Spanish Region (REsp)

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

The young statisticians of the Spanish region of the IBS are organizing the “IV Jornadas de Estudiantes de la SEB”. This national meeting is addressed to young students related to the Biometry research area.

The meeting will be held in the Escuela Politécnica Superior in Albacete, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in 5 -6 September 2019. Virgilio Gomez Rubio will teach a course related to spatial statistics using R.

We invite to all young statisticians to share their work in a friendly environment made up of students where there is no place for shame or panics to questions that are complicated to answer. Also, keep in mind that beyond the days there will be time to dine together, chat in a more relaxed environment and meet Albacete in its greatest splendor.

More information is available on our web page: <http://www.biometricsociety.net/iv-jseb/> and at our e-mail: seb.jce@gmail.com.



Western North American Region (WNAR)

<http://wnar.org/Join-Us>

2019 WNAR Election Results

Congratulations to WNAR President-Elect Ying Lu from Stanford University, Treasurer-Elect Brandie Wagner from University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Treasurer Mary Redman from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Program Coordinator Dongseok Choi from Oregon Health Sciences University, and Regional Committee Representative Katie Kerr from University of Washington.

Special thanks go out to outgoing WNAR Past-President Sarah Emerson and outgoing Regional Committee Representative Xioaming Sheng 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.

2019 WNAR/IMS meeting

The 2019 WNAR/IMS meeting will be in Portland, Oregon from June 23-26 hosted by Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Portland, Oregon's largest city, is known for eco-friendliness with high walkability, parks, bridges and bicycle paths. It sits on the Willamette and Columbia rivers with a view of snow-capped Mount Hood. The local organizer is Byung Park (parkb@ohsu.edu), and the program chair is Meike Niederhausen (niederha@ohsu.edu). Details about the meeting will be posted on the WNAR web page www.wnar.org as they become available. Following the

WNAR/IMS meeting, there will be a satellite conference, Pacific Rim Cancer Biostatistics Conference, from June 27-28. Please contact Tomi Mori (morim@ohsu.edu) for questions relating to the Pacific Rim Cancer Biostatistics Conference.

2019 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 2018 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

Announcements

IBS Journal Club

The Education Committee of the International Biometric Society (IBS) is excited to announce it will continue to offer the Journal Club discussions in 2019.



The Journal Club is open to all IBS members 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 recordings, you must login to your IBS account.

14 February 2019 – Recording available [here](#)

Title: Flexible variable selection for recovering sparsity in nonadditive nonparametric models

Speaker: Inyoung Kim

11 April 2019 – Recording available [here](#).

Title: Sample Size Determination for GEE Analyses of Stepped Wedge Cluster Randomized Trials

Speaker: Frank Li

Discussant: Linda Harrison

13 June 2019 – Click [here](#) to register

Title: Informative group testing for multiplex assays. (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/biom.12988>)

Speaker: Christopher Bilder

15 August 2019 – Click [here](#) to register

Title: Bayesian Analysis of 210pb Dating.

Speaker: Marco Aquino López

10 October 2019 – TBD

12 December 2019 - TBD

To register contact IBS@biometricsociety.org