

model of the WUR statistical group Biometris, one of the largest quantitative groups in North Western Europe, with commercial parties and how this could result in new statistical methods. He ended with some Dutch wisdom from our famous football player Johan Crujff. In theory, the theory is complicated and the practice is simple, but in practice the practice is complicated and the theory is simple. This was a good start for the last part of the afternoon: the drinks, with a beautiful view on the skyline of the WUR.



Both the very interesting topics and lively discussions during the scientific part of the meeting, and the drinks afterwards show that the joint meeting of BMS-ANed and the PSDM was very successful!

Polish Region (GPol)

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Year 2018 was extremely important for the group of Polish biometricians. First of all, our famous Professor, Multi Doctor Honoris Causa, Tadeusz Caliński, emeritus professor of Department of Mathematical and Statistical Methods of Poznan University of Life Sciences was celebrating his 90th Birthday. His contribution to the creation and creative activity of the Polish Biometric Society and the International Biometric Society cannot be overestimated. In honor of Professor Tadeusz Caliński, two international conferences were organized, namely, the International Conference on Trends and Perspectives in Linear Statistical Inference LinStat'2018 and 48th International Biometrical Colloquium. The first one was held on 20-24 August in Będlewo near Poznań. Professor Katarzyna Filipiak from Poznan University of Technology was the chairman of the organizing committee. Conference was attended by 102 participants (40 from Poland and 62 from other 21 countries). The invited lectures were excellently presented by professors: Rosemary A. Bailey (UK), Narayanaswamy Balakrishnan (Canada), Thomas Mathew (USA), Friedrich Pukelsheim (Germany), Gavin Ross (UK), Rob Verdooren (The Netherlands) and Tomasz Rychlik (Poland). Moreover, 11 special sessions on broad spectrum of statistical problems were also organized. On the special session titled "T. Caliński's Birthday Session", under the chair of Anthony C. Atkinson (UK), two speakers: L. R. Verdooren and T. Caliński made exiting speeches. After a general discussion, comments and memories were also presented. A huge surprise was the awarding of a diploma for the most frequently quoted article of Professor Caliński: "A dendrite method for cluster analysis" published in Communications in Statistics-Theory and Methods, 3(1), 1-27 (1974). This diploma was given personally by Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Editor-in-Chief of Communications in Statistics.

On 9-13 September, in Honor of the 90th Birthday of Professor Tadeusz Caliński, the 48th International Biometrical Colloquium was organized in Szamotuły. 58 biometricians from 7 countries attended this conference. Professor Maria Kozłowska from Poznań University of Life Sciences was the chairman of the organizing committee. Seven oral sessions with 20 presentations, and one poster session with 18 posters were presented. The main celebration in Honor of Professor Caliński took place at Poznań University of Science. Lecture in honor of Professor Caliński was presented by Prof. Stanisław Mejza. The ceremony was graced by

a performance by Piotr Szychowski, the Polish young pianist, who wonderfully played Chopin's favourite compositions. Prof. Caliński received many warm wishes and congratulations from delegations represented various departments in Poland.



Professor Tadeusz Caliński with his wife Maria

During this conference we had also an opportunity to celebrate the 70th Birthday of Professor Stanisław Mejza, a long-term president of the Polish Biometric Society (since 1989 to present). One session was devoted to his international scientific cooperation and was presented by himself. After this session containing many congratulations, the wonderful dinner with the orchestra held. We had a good occasion to make interpersonal connections, dancing and eating the special cake made on this occasion. I would to express our great thanks to the organizers of the 48th International Biometrical Colloquium for a lot of work and professionalism.

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Spanish Region (REsp)

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In the Spanish region of the IBS we are organizing our XVII Regional Conference, which as every two editions will be held together with the VII Ibero-American biometric meeting. This joint meeting is being organized together with the Argentine, Central-American and Caribbean, Chilean and Equatorial regions.

The conference will be held in the beautiful city of València, in the east coast of Spain from the 19th to the 21st of June 2019. On the 18th, Virgilio Gomez Rubio (University of Castilla-La Mancha) will teach a six-hour course under the title: "Scientific and Reproducible R Programming"

We are planning a great agenda with interesting sessions covering most of the nowadays spotlight topics. We have the confirmed assistance of three great invited speakers: Adrian Bowman (University of Glasgow), Michela Cameletti (Università di Bergamo) and Klaus Langohr (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya).

The spoken language at the conferences will be either English or Spanish (at the authors' will) but the abstracts and slides will always be in English and so we encourage all IBC members to take the opportunity to attend the conference and enjoy the city.

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