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Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

in diesem eRundschreiben 44 vom 3. Dezember 2007
finden Sie folgende Informationen bzw. Ankündigungen:

- (1) Anmeldefrist Biometrisches Kolloquium 2008 in München
- (2) XXIVth International Biometric Conference, July 13 -18, 2008, in Dublin
- (3) CALL FOR PAPERS Special Issue on
COMPUTATIONAL AND CLINICAL TRIALS in COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS

Mit freundlichen Gruessen

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(1) Anmeldefrist Biometrisches Kolloquium 2008 in München

Zur Erinnerung: am 10.12. 2007 endet die
Anmeldefrist für Vorträge und Poster des
Biometrischen Kolloquium "LifeStat 2008",

siehe

http://lifestat2008.web.med.uni-muenchen.de/web/7_anmeldung_cfP/index.html

(2) XXIVth International Biometric Conference, July 13 -18, 2008, in Dublin

XXIVth International Biometric Conference
July 13 -18, 2008

University College Dublin
Dublin, Ireland

www.cpreregistrations.com/ibc/2008

Welcome

The next IBC is now fast approaching and on
behalf of the Local Organising Committee I am delighted to
invite you to attend this meeting in Dublin. As
always it will be a great opportunity for scientific
and social interchange – a place to present and

see new work in biometry, an occasion to meet old and new friends, and the chance to visit a new country, experiencing traditional Irish hospitality and the wonderful city of Dublin. The current IBS President, Tom Louis, and President-elect, Andrew Mead, also look forward to welcoming you to Dublin and the flagship meeting of our international society.

The International Programme Committee has already put together an excellent programme of 20 Invited Sessions covering many aspects of biometry and on the Sunday there are four pre-conference full-day Short Courses. See the website for further details of the scientific programme, and all other information on the meeting including accommodation and social events.

Abstracts

The Scientific Programme is the cornerstone of the meeting and the success of this depends upon the vitality of the Contributed Programme, both oral and poster presentations. I encourage you to take part in this by submitting an abstract – by presenting your work you will get much more out of the meeting with new ideas for your work and new collaborators. Abstract submission is now open through our online submission system. Abstracts must be prepared using the Word or LaTeX templates provided, but the system is very easy to use. Don't forget that the deadline for abstract submission is 31st January 2008 and this will be strictly adhered to.

Registration

Registration for the meeting is now also open using the on-line system. This system allows you to manage all aspects of your conference participation from submitting abstracts, registration, booking accommodation, through to signing-up for short courses and social events. You can add more options at any point and get a profile of your current status.

So register now and start planning your trip to Dublin. The deadline for "early-bird" registration is 15th April 2008.

Setting

The conference will take place at University College Dublin (UCD). This modern campus is surrounded by attractive landscaped gardens and is about 6km from the city centre with good public transport links. Accommodation will be available on campus and also at hotels, both nearby and nearer to the city centre. Daily transport will be provided between the hotels and the UCD campus

Dublin, the capital of Ireland, is a vibrant city famous for its Georgian buildings and its musical

and literary life. Built on the River Liffey and around Dublin Bay it is both beside the sea, and close to countryside and mountains. The rest of the country is easily accessible by car, train, or bus. Ireland, with its beautiful scenery, offers a range of attractions to the tourist including ancient archaeological sites and monuments, a variety of sporting activities such as fishing, riding and golf, as well as traditional dancing and music.

Social

On Wednesday there is only one scientific session and the rest of the day is set aside for tours – a great chance to form new friendships. Organised tours will include Glendalough Lakes and its monastic settlements, a visit to the Japanese Gardens and the National Stud (Ireland is world-famous for its race horses), a trip around Dublin Bay and its castles, a Dublin city tour, and, of course, for the more energetic the traditional IBC hike walking in the Wicklow mountains. Other social events include an evening of Irish music and dancing.

The Conference Dinner on Thursday evening will be a gala event in the O'Reilly Hall at UCD showing off Irish hospitality and entertainment at its best.

Satellite Meetings

There are several satellite meetings in the lead-up to the conference aimed at more specialist audiences. These are:

- The International Statistical Ecology Conference, 9-11 July 2008 at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (www.creem.st-and.ac.uk/isec2008). This will cover all aspects of statistical ecology from survey design and sampling methods through to population modelling.

- Epidemiology and Biometry 2008: Recent statistical methods in epidemiology, 10-11 July 2008, Paris. This meeting will focus on innovative statistical approaches to the design and analysis of epidemiological surveys. (<http://biomserv.univ-lyon1.fr/SFB/fichiers/epidbiom2008.html>)

- European GenStat Applied Statistics Conference, 21-22 July 2008 at the Agri-food & Biosciences Institute (ABFI) in Belfast. This meeting will focus on recent development in the theory and practice of statistics in the context of the GenStat statistical system, including a workshop on Advanced Linear Models. (<http://www.vsni.co.uk/resources/events/egasc08.php>)

Act now – visit the new website at www.cpreregistrations.com/ibc/2008
Submit your abstract and register for the meeting.

John Hinde
Chair, LOC
IBC Dublin 2008

(3) CALL FOR PAPERS Special Issue on
COMPUTATIONAL AND CLINICAL TRIALS in COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS

Liebe Mitglieder der Deutschen Region der Int. Biometrischen Gesellschaft

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"COMPUTATIONAL AND CLINICAL TRIALS " möchten Sie dazu einladen,
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fertig werdenden wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten, die
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Studien UND mit neuen Verfahren des statistischen Rechnens
(Stat. Computing) bzw der rechnergestützten
Statistik (Comput Statistics) befasst, für diesen Sonderband
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CSDA noch bessere Sichtbarkeit in der klinischen Forschung erfährt.

Wir würden uns freuen Ihr paper in preparation bei uns "begrüssen" zu dürfen.

Mit herzlichen Grüsse an Sie alle

Ihr

LUTZ EDLER

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COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS Special
Issue on COMPUTATIONAL AND CLINICAL TRIALS
<http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/csda>

Guest Editors:

Lutz Edler, Jae Won Lee, Martina Mittlböck, Joyce Niland and
Norbert Victor

We are inviting submissions for the 1st special issue of Computational Statistics and Data Analysis that address statistical methods and computational data analysis approaches in the design and/or analysis of clinical studies, covering both, the pharmaceutical clinical trials for the detection and characterization of better treatments as well as the explorative clinical studies for the understanding of diseases and their treatment.

With the appearance of larger data sets both in terms sample size and in terms of number of patients' characteristics measured the need of new appropriate and efficient computational methods and data analysis approaches has become urgent during the last decade. Whereas extraordinary efforts and large investments were devoted to increase the quality of clinical data much less has been invested in computational statistics methods fit for clinical research purpose.

The special issue will include:

- * design and data analysis for Phase I,II, III trials
- * pharmacokinetics and dose finding studies
- * exploratory analysis and prognostic factors
- * cross-over studies
- * diagnostic studies and biomarker evaluation
- * longitudinal data analyses and safety evaluation
- * pharmacogenetic and pharmacogenomic data
- * predictive factors and medical decision making
- * treatment allocation and adaptive designs
- * meta analyses and interpreting clinical trial results
- * Bayesian methods and population models
- * medical informatics and bioinformatics
- * competing risk and multistate models
- * disease modelling and public health

For this special issue we are now soliciting papers that address statistical and computational aspects of the design or analysis of clinical studies. Theoretical papers or papers with simulation as the main contribution are not suitable for the special issue. However overviews are welcome if they provide new and original work able to promote research.

In addition, the journal offers authors the possibility to enhance their articles by including data sets along

with the online article.

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Submission must contain original unpublished work and both, a computational and a medical or clinical component, possibly combined with a substantive application. This can include comprehensive and intellectually synthetic review papers that is not being submitted for publication elsewhere.

The deadline for submissions is 22 December 2007. Notification of decisions will be given by 15 March, 2008. Authors who are uncertain about the suitability of their papers should contact one of the special issue editors. All submissions must contain original unpublished work not being considered for publication elsewhere.

Papers should be submitted using the Elsevier Electronic Submission tool EES: <http://ees.elsevier.com/csda> In the EES please chose the special issue on "Computation and Clinical Trials".

Submissions will be refereed according to standard procedures for Computational Statistics and Data Analysis (CSDA). Information about the journal can be found at <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/csda>. The CSDA is indexed in Science Citation Index (Web of Science).

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