

# Calendar of meetings - new entries only

## Africa & Near East:

**5.12.95:** *"Biometry - making Science work for Food and Health in Africa". -4th Meeting of the East, Central and Southern African Network Stellenbosch, South Africa (until 7.12.95)*

Emphasis of methodology and applications including at least one workshop on the use of statistical packages for data analysis.

Call for papers and date for applying support: 30 June 1995

Date for registration and lecture abstracts: 30 September 1995

Information: Dr. John H. Randall, Biometry Department, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch 7600, South Africa. Fax: +27.21.808-4336; E-mail: jhr@maties.sun.ac.za

## Asian & Pacific Region:

**28.6.95:** *IEEE Annual Engineering Management Conference an annual conference of the Engineering Management Society. Singapore (until 30.6.95)*

Information: Prof. Foo Say Wie, Chairman, Technical Program Committee, c/o CTMA Pte Ltd., 425A Race Course Road, Singapore 0821. Fax +65.299-8983, E-mail elefoosw@nusvm.nus.sg

## European Region:

**11.6.95:** *FRANCORO - Rencontres francophones de recherche opérationnelle. Mons, Belgium (until 14.6.95)*

Objectif: Fournir aux chercheurs opérationnels francophones, l'opportunité de se rencontrer et de s'informer mutuellement de leurs recherches récentes. Il ne s'agit pas de remettre en cause le statut - incontesté et incontestable - de l'anglais comme "langue internationale scientifique principale"; ni non plus de créer une nouvelle association. L'objectif est donc bien de fournir périodiquement un forum spécifiquement francophone de diffusion de notre domaine scientifique, afin d'y maintenir une tradition d'utilisation de la langue française (à l'instar de ce qui se fait dans d'autres langues). Un effort particulier d'ouverture sera fait vers les chercheurs francophones des pays en voie de développement, notamment d'Afrique.

Information: FRANCORO/Faculté Polytechnique de Mons 9, rue de Houdain, 7000 Mons, Belgique. Phone. +32.65.37.46.89 E-mail: Francoro@mathro.fpms.ac.be

**13.6.95:** *ITI'95 - Meeting of Researchers in Computer Science, Information Systems, Operations Research and Statistics organized by the University Computing Centre under the auspices of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ministry of Science and Technology, Republic of Croatia University of Zagreb. Zagreb, Croatia. Pula, Croatia, (until 16.6.95)*

Topics: Application of Information Technology; Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems; Biometrics; Computer Systems and Networks; Data Analysis, Statistics and Statistical Software; Geographical Information Systems; Information Systems and Databases; Mathematics and Computation; Modelling, Simulation and Optimization; Multimedia; Public Sector Information Systems; Software Engineering and Programming Languages.

Call for Papers and Tutorials: March 15, 1995

Information: University Computing Centre, Conference Secretariat ITI '95, J. Marohnica bb, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia. Fax: +385.1.518 451

**13.6.95:** *B I O S T A T - '95 2nd Meeting of Researchers in Biometrics within ITI'95 organized by the Croatian Society for Biometrics. Pula, Croatia (until 16.6.95)*

Topics: Problems in Bio-Information Analysis; Pattern Recognition; Space Reduction Methods; Changes in Time; Prediction and Classification; Free Text Analysis; Other.

Call for Papers: March 15, 1995

Information: University Computing Centre, Conference Secretariat ITI '95, J. Marohnica bb, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia. Fax: +385.1.518 451

**12.7.95:** *"Communicating Statistics" - Royal Statistical Society 1995 International Theme Conference organised by the RSS Education Committee. Telford, Shropshire, UK (until 14.7.95)*

Topics: Teaching statistics to non-specialists; Statistics in society and the media; Reporting on schools and league tables; Statistics across the curriculum; Software and computer based learning; The employer/educator interface; Communicating with the specialist; Consultancy Examination issues; National Curriculum.

Closing date for conference registration: 1 June 1995

Information: David Goda, Local Organizing Committee, RSS95, School of Computing and IT, University of Wolverhampton, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1SB UK Phone: +44.1902.322209, Fax: +44.1902.322680, E-mail: rss@scitsc.wlv.ac.uk

**3.8.1995:** *Chemometrics 95 Conference - 4th International Chemometrics Conference of the Czech Chemical Society. Pardubice, Czech Republic (until 7.8.95)*

Topics: Univariate data analysis. Statistical inference; Multivariate data analysis. Classification and pattern recognition; Quality and process control, reference material testing, GLP, accreditation; Calibration (linear and nonlinear) in quality testing; Statistical models in chemical laboratory. Smoothing operations; Regression model building and testing; Sampling and experimental design. Time series; Optimization in chemometrics; Computer intensive methods in chemometrics; New original software for chemometrics; Education of chemometrics: tutorials, intensive courses, summer schools; Miscellaneous topics related to chemometrics; Computational statistics in analytical chemistry. young participants' competition for the best contribution.

Information: CHEMOMETRICS' 95 Secretariat, Assoc. Prof. RNDr. Milan Meloun, DrSc., Department of Analytical Chemistry, University of Pardubice, nam. Cs. legii 565, CZ-532 10 Pardubice, Czech Republic, Phone: +42.40.582288, Fax: +42.40.514530, E-mail: meloun@hlb.upce.cz

**17.8.95:** *International Symposium on Intelligent Data Analysis (IDA-95) sponsored by the International Institute for Advanced Studies in System Research and Cybernetics as part of their annual conference on "Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics". Baden-Baden, Germany (until 19.8.95)*

Topics: How important is it to understand the data characteristics and to pre-process data accordingly before using the data for tasks such as classification and forecasting? (Exploratory data analysis, incompleteness and uncertainty, noise filters, outliers); With so many modern techniques, which technique should I use for my application? (Bayesian networks, fuzzy logic, decision trees, genetic algorithms, neural nets, statistical pattern recognition); What is the impact of modern visualisation techniques on data analysis? (Computer graphics, computational geometry, image processing, user interface); What is the role of domain knowledge in data analysis? Does it help analyse data more effectively or simply introduce "biases" into the analysis procedure?; How do we evaluate the performance of intelligent data analysis systems? What should we do when "golden standards" do not exist?;

How can one integrate a variety of related techniques to develop the most effective system for a given application?

Information: Professor G E Lasker, School of Computer Science, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4, Canada. Fax: +1.519.974 8191

**11.12.95:** *JADT 1995 - 3rd International Conference on statistical Analysis of Textual Data. Rome, Italy (until 13.12.95)*

Topics: Exploratory Textual Analysis (Correspondence Analysis, Clustering), Analysis of „Open Response“ Surveys; Discourse Analysis, Analysis of Sequences, Probabilistic Models; Documentary and Bibliometric Statistical Analysis, Textual Discrimination; Syntactic Analysis, Lemmatization, Frequency Dictionaries, Computational Linguistics, Hypertext; Software for Textual and Lexical Analysis.

Call for Abstracts: April 30, 1995

Information: M. Gabriella Ottaviani, JADT 1995, Dipartimento di Statistica, Probabilità e Statistiche Applicate, Università degli Studi di Roma „La Sapienza“, P.le Aldo Moro 5, I-00185 Roma, Italy. Fax: +39.6.4959241, E-mail: 3JADT@irmecosa.bitnet

**1.7.96:** *"Social Science Applications of New Approaches to Statistical Inference" - 4th International Social Science Methodology Conference. Essex, Colchester, UK (until 4.7.96)*

Topics: Statistical inference (bootstrap, Monte Carlo simulation, advances in Bayesian inference); Social scientists are beginning to take advantage of these techniques, which allow more flexible and realistic Modelling of social phenomena. These sessions will explore what has been done in this area in the social sciences, and what can and will be done in the near future. The papers to be presented should explore applications and/or evaluations of these new inferential techniques in the social sciences. Theoretical and practical papers will both be considered, but the emphasis should be placed on specific data analytic situations for which these techniques could prove an advance over previously used approaches to inference.

Call for abstracts: April 2, 1995

Information: Christopher Z. Mooney, Department of Government, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ, United Kingdom, e-mail: CMOONEY@ESSEX.AC.UK

### North American Region:

**12.4.95:** *31st Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. Arlington, VA, USA (until 13.4.95)*

Information: National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20814-3095, USA

**22.4.95:** *9th New England Statistics Symp., Storrs, CT, USA*

Information: Alan Gelfand, e-mail: gelfand@uconnvm.uconn.edu, Fax: +1.203.486-4113, Phone: +1.203.486-3416

**20.5.95:** *1st Conference on Applied Statistical Science. Lawrenceville/Camden, NJ, USA (until 21.5.95)*

Topics: Multivariate analysis; order statistics, record values, time series, bootstrapping, linear-models; computational statistics; nonparametric methods; quality control.

Information: Mohammad Ahsanullah, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences, Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3099, USA. Phone: +1.609.895-5530, Fax: +1.609.896-5304, E-mail: ahsan@enigma.rider.edu

**1.6.95:** *13th International Conference on the New Quality Philosophy in Statistical Research and Statistical Education sponsored by the International Society of Statistical Science in Economics. New Jersey, USA (until 3.6.95)*

Information: Prof. R. Brown, 417 Cherryville Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822, USA. Phone: +1.908.782-3369, Fax: +1.215.282-2254

**21.6.95:** *Interface '95: 27th Symposium on the Interface, Computing Science and Statistics, Convention Center and Vista Hotel-Pittsburgh PA., USA (until 24.6.95)*

For more details see IASC section of this issue.

### South American Region:

**11.6.95:** *Statistics in Agriculture and the Environment. Santa Maria, Columbia (until 15.6.95)*

Call for Papers: March 30, 1995

Information: Dr. Jorge Martinez, Departamento de Matematicas y Estadística, Universidad Nacional de Columbia. Fax: +51.1.2212204, E-mail: simest@unacol.bitnet

## Courses, workshops & summer schools

### European Region:

**23.3.95:** *Workshop on Design and Implementation of Data Analysis Systems. Heidelberg, Germany (until 26.3.95)*

Topics: Human interface, high interaction graphics, and data analysis tools; Analysis and visualization of higher dimensional data structures; Data set features: attribute data, spatial data, time series; large and huge data sets; data streams; Object structures and graphical models for interactive data analysis; Extensibility, portability, and work flow integration; Distributed systems and networks.

Information: G. Sawitzki, StatLab, Im Neuenheimer Feld 294, D-69120 Heidelberg, Germany. Fax: +49.6221.56-5331. E-mail: gs@statlab.uni-heidelberg.de

**2.4.95:** *Workshop on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Forecasting: Model Complexity and Forecast Accuracy sponsored by the ESRC. Lancaster, UK (until 4.4.95)*

Information: Professor Peter Young, Lancaster Centre for Forecasting, Lancaster University, LA1 4YX, UK. Phone: +44.524.65201, Fax: +44.524.8844885, E-mail: p.young@lancaster.ac.uk

**6.4.95:** *Advance data analysis course on "Core disciplines (NIHES): epidemiology, clinical epidemiology, health services research and medical informatics". Rotterdam, The Netherlands (until 14.4.95)*

Information: Erasmus University Medical School, Netherlands Institute for Health Sciences, Mrs. Mariska Drinkwaard, Hoboken -Ee 2185, P.O. Box 1738, 3000DR Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Phone: +31.10.408-8288, Fax: +31.10.436-5933

**28.5.95:** *ICOE Intensive course in occupational epidemiology. Wermelskirchen, Germany (until 2.6.95)*

Information: Walter Dieckmann, ICOE Manager, Akademie für Öffentliche Gesundheit, D-44780 Bochum, Germany. Phone: +49.234.7005162, Fax: +49.234.7094-325

**29.5.95:** *2nd Advanced course in nutritional and lifestyle epidemiology. Ede, The Netherlands (until 3.6.95)*

Information: Esther G.M. Pallast, Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health, Wageningen Agricultural University, P.O. Box 238, 6700 AE Wageningen, The Netherlands. Phone: +31.8370.84124, Fax: +31.8370.82782