

**Report on the 6th Meeting of Colombia Venezuela on Statistics:
Valencia, Venezuela, October 25-29, 2009.**

The theme of the conference was Industry and Environment and ISBIS was one of the sponsors. This year the meeting was at the University of Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela during October 25-29, 2009. The meeting brought together the communities of both countries to find a better approach that encourages the exchange, strengthening and development in the field of research and application of Statistics. This event has been conducted annually since 2004, exchanging locations between Colombia and Venezuela.

The chair of the organizing committee was Teodoro Garcia from the University of Carabobo. The president of the university gave the inaugural speech and the vice-president also was in attendance. This was a very significant event for the University. There were about 130 participants mainly from Venezuela and Colombia and a few from the neighboring countries. ISBIS sponsored six main speakers and three workshops. Abdel El- Shaarawi (Canada), and Bovas Abraham (Canada) gave plenary talks. Alberto Ferrer (Spain), Yulia Gel (Canada), Valderio Reisen (Brazil), and Geoff Vining (USA) also gave main talks on behalf of ISBIS. Bovas Abraham and Yulia Gel gave a workshop on Time Series, and Valderio Reisen and Mercedes Toscano gave a workshop on Long Memory Time Series. There were several sessions on industrial statistics and environmental statistics from speakers from industrial and governmental organizations in Venezuela and Colombia. There was a lot of encouragement and effort to get students to participate in the conference and a sizable number of students were involved. The talks and workshops were well received and it was a pleasure to exchange ideas with Latin American colleagues.

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