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**Introduction to the first issue
of ISBIS News**

Welcome to the first issue of ISBIS News, a bi-monthly bulletin of the Society's current activities. It has the sorts of usual Newsletter aims: to provide timely information about

- General ISBIS activities
- Upcoming conferences
- What's new in ASMBI?
- y-BIS activities
- ISBIS election infos
- Member news
- Book reviews and alerts
- Software reviews
- Letters to the Editor

and anything else you think might be useful to hear about on a regular basis.

Of course, our website (www.isbis.org) will remain the repository for most information about ISBIS. Indeed, we'll store past issues of ISBIS News there as well. However, you'll receive an email message every two months alerting you to the fact that the latest news is available all in one place: in the latest issue of ISBIS News.

Speaking of the web site, if you have suggestions or enquiries about it, please contact Yves Grize (yves-laurent.grize@baloise.ch), who is the person liaising between ISBIS and the people who host the site.

It will take us a while to have a complete bulletin of news covering all of the topics listed above, every two months. So, we're going to produce two comprehensive issues in the first year. The other four issues will be 'lighter', updating conferences and putting in anything else that has readily come to hand.

We would like two things from you:

1. Please send us your news and views! Are you moving? Do you

know about an interesting conference? Have you seen an interesting new book? Do you want to broadcast your view about something in a Letter to the Editor? Please email us.

2. We need your help! The newsletter sections listed above won't write themselves. If you'd like to coordinate news under one of these headings, please let us know. For example, would you like to edit the Book Reviews section? We can arrange this with publishers.

Please address all responses to the editor of **ISBIS News**, Werner G. Müller (werner.mueller@jku.at), in the first instance.

General ISBIS activities

At the ISBIS-2008 meeting in Prague last July, the ISBIS Executive and Council decided on its priorities for action in the period 2008 – 2009, based on the ISBIS 4-year Strategic Plan. Our focus will be on conferences, publications (ASMBI and this Newsletter), getting the ISBIS website up and running; and setting up y-BIS, our network for Young Statisticians.

As you can see from the conference section, we have a lot of conference activity scheduled over the next 12 months, and then our next international biennial conference (ISBIS 2010) and our participation in the ISI Session in Dublin (2011) in prospect after that.

Nick Fisher,
ISBIS President

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ISBIS Conferences



CAPS-2008:
December 1-3,
2008, Hanoi,
Vietnam

www.action-m.com/CAPS2008/

ISBIS sponsors the **2008 International Conference on Applied Probability and Statistics** (with emphasis in Business and Industrial Statistics). CAPS-2008 will be held at the Press Club in Hanoi, Vietnam on December 1-3, 2008.

The first International Conference on Probability and Statistics and their Applications was held in Hanoi in 1999. Similar to that conference, CAPS 2008 aims to promote practical applications of probability and statistics, particularly in business and industry, and to strengthen international relations among researchers in these areas. Contributed papers to the Conference can be on Applied Probability or any area of Statistics. The Conference is of interest both to researchers and to practitioners from business and industry.

CAPS 2008's confirmed keynote and invited speakers include Nick Fisher (ISBIS President), Vijay Nair (University of Michigan, USA), D.K.J. Lin (Penn State University, USA), and Pham Gia Thu (University of Moncton, Canada).

CAPS 2008 venue is one of the first-class conference facilities in the heart of Hanoi and within walking distance from the magnificent Opera House, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple, St. Joseph Cathedral, Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre, Hoa Lo Prison ("The Hanoi Hilton") and shopping outlets.

Call for papers and other useful information can be downloaded from:

www.action-m.com/CAPS2008

If you are interested in attending the CAPS 2008, please express your interest on-line.

EURISBIS'09: May 30 - June 3, 2009, Cagliari, Italy

European Regional Meeting of the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics with special emphasis on Quantitative Methods for Banking and Finance, Environment, Quality of Services for SMEs, Transport and Tourism. Please visit www.eurisbis09.it

EURISBIS'09 will provide a varied and stimulating scientific program of invited and contributed papers, and excellent opportunities for formal and informal exchanges. Authors will have the opportunity to submit extended versions of their papers for publication in the ISBIS Society's journal, Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry, in the Springer's journal Advances in Data Analysis and Classification (ADAC) and in the Italian Journal of Applied Statistics (Statistica Applicata).

The International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC, a section of ISI) will be a Participating Organisation in this meeting.

Stellenbosch Statistical Symposium: August 24-26, 2009, Stellenbosch, Republic of South Africa.

This is an ISBIS Satellite meeting to the ISI 57th Session in Durban, South Africa, 16-22 August 2009 organized by the University of Stellenbosch. More details to be posted soon on

www.sastat.org.za/sss2009

ISBIS Scientific Sponsorship for PLS'09

PLS'09 is the "6th International Conference on Partial Least Squares: Focus on Research, Management, Industry and Life Sciences", and will take place in Bei-

jing, China, 4-7 September, 2009. Please visit www.pls09.org

Invited papers for the 58th Biennial Session of the ISI to be held in Dublin, Ireland, August 20th-27th 2011.

As usual a competitive procedure for determining the invited session has been started and will be finalized at the upcoming Durban meeting.

The guidelines for these sessions given to the Programme Coordinating Committee (PCC) are the following:

- The diversification of the statistical science makes it natural and necessary to arrange conferences and meetings to discuss a range of topics of a rather specialist nature. However, an ISI Conference is not the appropriate forum for extremely specialized meetings. The unique feature of the ISI Conferences is that a statistician interested in a wide variety of statistical issues, which makes it desirable to ensure that the conference programme covers topics of wide interest, attends them.
- A major objective of the ISI Conference is to promote communication between specialists in different fields, in particular between scholars from the Sections. Since each section holds its own specialized conferences, an ISI Conference offers the ideal and unique place to forge collaboration among the Sections. Topics chosen by more than one section will carry heavier weight and will be favored over topics that are only of interest to a single Section. Topics that link developers and users of statistical subjects will also be encouraged.
- Each session in the programme should be developed with the aim of attracting a diversified group of statisticians. Although it is recognised that not every session needs to be of great interest to the



entire membership of the ISI, some of them can devote at least some of its time to attempts to inform those who are not experts in the field.

- The PCC should attempt to recruit organizers of the IPM from different parts of the world, keeping in mind the need to extend participation from the developing countries.

- The PCC should endeavour to recruit female organizers, in line with the ISI Committee on Women in Statistics objective to promote and strengthen the representation of women statisticians in all ISI activities.

- The visibility of young statisticians (YS) at the congress should be improved. Session chairs can ask senior colleagues to suggest promising YS that are suitable as speakers and/or discussants on the topic. One could envisage that some sessions (invited and/or STCPS) are specifically designed and formatted to attract the participation of YS.

- The Executive Committee (EC), the local organizers and especially the members of the PCC are invited to come up with suggestions for named lectures or even named invited sessions. Suggestions should not be restricted to names and topics from academia.

First Call for Proposals

As the ISBIS-representative in the PCC I would therefore solicit receiving proposals for invited session to be held under the auspices of ISBIS.(or perhaps jointly with another ISI-section).

If you feel your topic meets (at least some of) the guidelines given above, please do not hesitate and contact me with your suggestions as soon and as detailed as possible.

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What's new in ASMBI?

ASMBI (Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry) became the ISBIS official journal on January, 1st



and here we would like to discuss few important items on how ISBIS member and ASMBI can benefit from this new association. ISBIS members have free access to ASMBI.

ASMBI is publishing papers from ISBIS conferences (ISBIS 2007 in Azores and ISBI 2008 in Prague, with October, 31st as deadline for the submission of papers from the latter) and there will be ASMBI invited sessions in some forthcoming ISBIS events, e.g. at the EURISBIS meeting in Sardegna (Italy) next May/June.

These invited sessions will lead to discussion papers on relevant topics in industrial and business statistics, where a leading researcher will illustrate the state of the art and the challenges in a field and few other renowned statisticians will discuss the paper.

We plan to have a discussion paper in almost each issue: sometimes it will come from a paper presented in a conference and sometimes it will be written by people invited to so.

The first discussion paper will appear in the first 2009 issue and it will be by Nick Fisher and Vijay Nair on "Quality Management and Quality Practice: Perspectives on their History and their Future". Other forthcoming ones are on "Statistical issues on service industries" and "Statistical issues on financial time series".

The most important contribution ISBIS members can provide to ASMBI is by submitting their best papers and helping us in our efforts

to make ASMBI an outstanding journal, a reference one in its field. Papers can be submitted at

mc.manuscriptcentral.com/asmb

whereas the journal can be seen at

www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117943444/grouphome/home.html

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