

Christmas Newsletter 2004

A few words from the Chairman

This is just a quick update on Society activities and news. I was honoured to be elected as Chairman and took over from Emmanuel Lesaffre in October. Emmanuel has worked very hard to establish the Society and I would like to thank him for all of his excellent work - I hope that I will be able to consolidate our position over the next two years. I would also like to thank departing Executive Members, Geert Verbeke and Giota Touloumi and welcome our newly elected members Lola Ugarte and Mikis Stasinopoulos.

Society membership is growing and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members and hope that you will take an active role in the Society and its future activities. There is great scope for people to become involved through the existing Working Groups (the Journal *Statistical Modelling*; Workshops; Communications) or by initiating new projects - anyone who is interested should get in touch with the Secretary Vicente Núñez-Antón, email: etpnuanv@bs.ehu.es. Let me also remind you that the journal gives an ideal forum for papers on all aspects of statistical modelling.

The big event in the coming year is the Workshop in Sydney, our first trip to

the southern hemisphere. More details are given below and I hope to see many of you there in July. This is a great opportunity to extend the International profile of the Society and the organisers are putting together an attractive and interesting programme. So put it in your diary now.

Here's to a successful 2005 for the Society and all of our members.

John Hinde

Sydney Meeting

The 20th International Workshop on Statistical Modelling is to be hosted by the University of Western Sydney at the Swiss-Grand Hotel in Bondi Beach Sydney from the 10th-15th July, 2005



The International Workshop on Statistical Modelling is an annual conference organised by the Statistical Modelling Society. The workshop concentrates on the various aspects of statistical modelling, including theoretical developments, applications and computational methods. Papers motivated by real practical problems are encouraged, but theoretical contributions addressing problems of practical importance or related to software developments are also welcome. See <http://www.statmod.org> for more about the history and philosophy of the workshops. The 20th IWSM will be the first to be held in the southern hemisphere.



Invited speakers

[Noel Cressie](#), Ohio State University

[Chris Glasbey](#), Biomathematics & Statistics, Scotland

[Simon Tavaré](#), Cambridge University and University of Southern California

[Matt Wand](#), University of New South Wales

Short Course

A full day course on mixed models and ASReml will be presented by Ari Verbyla, Brian Cullis and Alison Smith. This will be on the Sunday 10th of July 2004

Abstract Submission

The deadline for abstract submission is **Monday 31st January 2005**. Your extended abstracts should be in PDF format and should be emailed to Fiona Mitchell mitchell@wehi.edu.au

Abstracts need to include the title of the paper, name(s) of the author(s) and of the person presenting the work, the full address for correspondence (including e-mail). To ensure proper evaluation, abstracts should be approximately 3, but no more than 4 pages, describing the content. They should focus on motivation, statement of key results and conclusions, and emphasise examples, wherever possible. Indicate underneath your Title whether you wish to give an oral or poster presentation or if you are a student. Students should state Student Oral Presentation or Student Poster below the title of the abstract. You may use, but you are not required to use, the LaTeX template below to generate your abstract.

See the conference website below for further details.

Society:

<http://www.statmod.org>

Conference:

<http://sites.uws.edu.au/uws/conferences/statmodel2005/>