

# INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY - NORDIC REGION (IBSNR)

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Dear Colleague,

this bulletin is targeted at (a) all members of IBSNR, who have paid their membership fees of 2008, (b) those members, who did not pay their membership fee in 2008, and other former members, as well as (c) potential new members of IBSNR.

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### **1. Membership and membership fee for 2009**

*Current members* of IBSNR, i.e. those who have paid their membership fee of 2008, are sent a separate email with information about how to pay the 2009 membership dues of International Biometrics Society.

*Previous members*, for whom the bookkeeping of the treasurer indicates that the membership fee of 2008 was not paid, will also be sent this information in the hope that they will renew their membership. For any questions regarding membership, please contact the treasurer Ågot Irgens directly at [Agot.Irgens@Helse-Bergen.No](mailto:Agot.Irgens@Helse-Bergen.No).

Please, pay the fee before 1 April, 2009.

*New members*: Those who are willing to join IBSNR for the 1st time, or again after some break, please also send an email message to the secretary Anne Marie Fenstad at [Anne.Marie.Fenstad@Helse-Bergen.No](mailto:Anne.Marie.Fenstad@Helse-Bergen.No) with sufficient personal details and contact information. More information on the International Biometric Society, its activities and benefits for its members is found on the IBS website <http://www.tibs.org/>

The membership fees for 2009 have not increased from last year and are set to: **400 NOK** for full members (includes subscription of Biometrics), **175 NOK** for

associate members, and **175 NOK** for full time student members (includes subscription of Biometrics).

## **2. Regional biometric conferences**

We will like to remind you that the Second Nordic-Baltic Biometric Conference (NBBC09) will take place in Tartu, Estonia, 10-12 June 2009. The program is very promising and we hope to see you all there. Please consult the web-page for details:

<http://www.ms.ut.ee/NBBC09/> .

Most recent IBSNR conferences:

2005: Oslo, Norway

2007: Ålborg, Denmark

Future IBSNR conferences will be:

2011: Sweden

2013: Finland

2015: Norway

## **3. Some other forthcoming events of interest**

Eastern Mediterranean Region of IBS in Istanbul:

<http://www.ibs-emr2009.com/>

30th Annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics in Prague:

<http://www.iscb2009.info/Text/home>

6th International Meeting on Statistical Methods in Biopharmacy in Paris:

<http://www.biopharma2009-sfds.fr/>

## **4. The new Nordic regional committee of IBS**

The new regional board thanks the previous board of Esa Läärä (Oulu, President), Mikko Virtanen (Helsinki, Secretary) and Esa Kokki (Kuopio, Treasurer), as well as the national representatives in the Regional Committee, for excellent work during the previous 4 years period.

As effective from 1 January 2009 and according to the traditions *the regional board of the Nordic Region* has shifted from Finland to Norway and the following officers were elected in the ballot in 2008:

*President:* Geir Egil Eide, Centre for Clinical Research, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen (elected for 2009-10).

*Secretary:* Anne Marie Fenstad, Norwegian Arthroplasty Register, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen (elected for 2008-09)

*Treasurer:* Ågot Irgens, Department of Occupational Medicine, Haukeland University Hospital, Bergen (elected for 2008-09).

The board constitutes the *IBS Nordic Regional Committee* together with the national representatives:

Denmark: Jens Henrik Badsberg (Copenhagen)

Finland: Hyon-Jung Kim-Ollila (Oulu)

Iceland: Thor Aspelund (Kopavogur)

Norway: Magne Thoresen (Oslo)

Sweden: Lennart Norell (Uppsala)

and, the Nordic representative of the General Council of IBS:

Tom Britton (Sweden).

## **5. Miscellaneous**

The board aims at arranging a meeting of the IBSNR Committee in Tartu and hopes that as many as possible of the committee members will attain the conference. Themes for the committee meeting will be adjustments of the IBSNR By-Laws, the IBSNR Conference in Sweden 2011, and general questions regarding the future of the region. Members are encouraged to contact their national representatives or other members of the IBSNR Committee with topics of interest for the committee meeting in Tartu.

IBSNR board, 2 March 2009