

# INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY - NORDIC REGION (IBSNR)

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Dear Colleague,

Here are the content of the first regional bulletin for 2010

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### **1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> NBBC in Turku 2011: Latest news**

The 3rd Nordic-Baltic Biometric Conference (NBBC11) will take place in Turku, Finland 5-9 June 2011 and the two committees working with the planning have already been formed

Scientific Program Committee (SPC):

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Krista Fischer (chair, Estonia)  
Jukka Corander (LOC, Finland)  
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Jaakko Nevalainen (Finland)

Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

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Jukka Corander (chair)

Pasi Korhonen  
Jaakko Nevalainen  
Riitta Asplund (conference secretary)

The LOC has already done a good job booking the venue (at the University Campus) and locations for social functions, and the SPC is discussing special features of the scientific program. Reserve the dates in your calendar already now!

Most recent IBSNR conferences:

2005: Oslo, Norway  
2007: Foulum, Denmark  
2009: Tartu, Estonia

Future regional conferences will be:

2011: Turku, Finland ( <http://www.nbbc11.utu.fi/> )  
2013: Sweden  
2015: Norway/Iceland

## **2. New membership types and rates**

International Biometric Society are introducing a new membership structure for 2010, including that the basic membership rate will just provide electronic-only access to all IBS Publications (*Biometrics*, *JABES*, and the *Biometric Bulletin*), and the abolition of the Associate Membership category.

This is a response to comments received, from both Council and Regional/ national Group Officers. Relating to these changes in membership structures, a new membership category of Senior Retiree has been introduced. This new category is open to anyone who has been a Regular Member (including current Associate Members) of the IBS for at least 10 years, and who is no longer gainfully employed. The membership rate for this category will be half of the standard membership rate (for Regular) and these members will continue to receive the same benefits, have the same rights as Regular (including electronic access to all IBS publication, and the rights to vote and take elective office within the society).

For those members who wish to retain (gain) access to paper issues of either *Biometrics* or *JABES* (or both), IBS are still able to provide subsidized subscriptions, but there will now be an additional annual charge for each journal for which paper issues are required. Note that an

additional subscription to paper issues of one or both journals also provide access to paper issues of the *Biometric Bulletin*.

As a result of these changes to the membership structure and dues, and to encourage student membership of the society, IBS have also proposed to make Student Membership of the society FREE throughout the world. Student Members will have complimentary electronic access to all IBS publications, but, as previously, will not have rights to vote or hold elective office within the society.

For 2010, IBS-NR membership rates and additional journal subscription costs for access to paper issues, including a paper copy of the *Biometric Bulletin*, are shown in the table below:

	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>	<b>Option C</b>	<b>Option D</b>
<b>Membership type</b>	<b>Base Rate</b>	<b>Biometrics (paper)</b>	<b>JABES (paper)</b>	<b>Both journals (paper)</b>
Regular Membership	450 NOK	50 NOK	50 NOK	100 NOK
Senior Retiree Membership	225 NOK	50 NOK	50 NOK	100 NOK
Student Membership	Free	not available	not available	not available

Note that all rates are listed in Norwegian kroner (NOK).

Reduced rates are given for members from Developing Countries.

### **3. Fusion of the Nordic Region and the Baltic Group of IBS**

Following up the meeting that was held in Tartu in 2009 between the Board of IBSNR and representatives from the Baltic Group a proposition of by-laws for the new Nordic-Baltic Region of IBS have been worked out and approved by the Nordic regional council and the Baltic group. They have been sent to the central office of IBS and a ballot for their approval by the IBS Council will close on 6 April 2010. The new joint region is supposed to be effective as of 1 January 2011. The proposed by-laws can be found on the web at:

[http://www.ibsnr.org/IBSNBR\\_By-Laws.pdf](http://www.ibsnr.org/IBSNBR_By-Laws.pdf)

and is also attached as a separate file to the email including this bulletin.

#### **4. The IBSNR homepage: News**

The IBSNR homepage has been updated slightly. We miss information about earlier activity and history of the region and ask everybody that has contributions that can be put on the web to send it to the regional secretary at: [Anne.Marie.Fenstad@helse-bergen.no](mailto:Anne.Marie.Fenstad@helse-bergen.no)

#### **5. Invitation to host IBC 2014**

We are pleased to announce that invitations are now being solicited from Regions/Groups to host the XXVII International Biometric Conference (IBC) in 2014. The IBC is a primary activity of the Society and is a showcase event for the profession. It is considered an honour to host our premier event, which is also an important revenue source for the IBS and potentially the hosting region.

Extensive information about the IBC and how one goes about submitting a proposal is contained in the Conference Manual which is available on the IBS website in its entirety at <http://www.tibs.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=108>.

Anyone in the Nordic or Baltic countries who may be interested in hosting the International Biometric Conference in 2014 is asked to contact the Nordic regional president ([Geir.Egil.Eide@Haukeland.no](mailto:Geir.Egil.Eide@Haukeland.no)) or chair of the Baltic group ([Krista.Fischer@mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk](mailto:Krista.Fischer@mrc-bsu.cam.ac.uk)) as soon as possible. A preliminary proposal should be sent from our region/group soon and a final proposal before 1 June 2010.

## 6. IBSNR Account 2009

### International Biometric Society Nordic Region

#### Account 2009

##### Income

Membership fees*		23674,12 NOK	
	Honorary (1)		
	Associate (14)		
	Regular (59)		

##### Expenditure

IBS_NR meeting Estonia -secretary and treasurer		16656,01 NOK	
Domain name for IBS_NR's Web page		570,00 NOK	
Transferral of membership fee to IBS Administration		23219,97 NOK	
Interest and Bank fee		1382,95 NOK	
		820,00 NOK	

	23674,12 NOK	42648,93 NOK	
Deficiency 2009	18974,81 NOK		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>42648,93 NOK</b>	<b>42648,93 NOK</b>	

##### Reserves:

Balance - transferral from previous board	194891,85 NOK		
Deficiency 2009	-18974,81 NOK		
<b>Balance 31.12.2009</b>	<b>175917,04 NOK</b>		

\* For some transferrals bank fees were deducted. Total membership fees should have been 26050NOK.

Bergen 1.2.2010

Ågot Irgens (sgn)  
Treasurer IBS\_NR

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

23<sup>rd</sup> Nordic Conference on Mathematical Statistics (NORDSTAT), Voss, Norway, 14 to 17 June 2010:

<http://www.nordstat2010.org/>

Course in STATISTICAL PRACTICE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY USING R  
Tartu, Estonia, 17 to 22 June 2010:

<http://staff.pubhealth.ku.dk/~bxc/SPE/>

25th International Biometric Conference, Florianópolis, Brazil, 5 to 10 December 2010:

<http://www.rbras.org.br/~ibcfloripa2010/>

IBSNR board, March 2010