

INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY - NORDIC REGION (IBSNR)

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Dear Colleagues,

here are some updates on the activity in our region according to the following:

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1. The new Nordic-Baltic Region of IBS (IBS-NBR)

The proposal and by-laws of the new merged region with the countries of the Nordic Region and the Baltic Group were approved by the General Council of IBS on 6 April 2010. The Nordic-Baltic Region of IBS (IBS-NBR) will be effective from 1 January 2011. The regional by-laws can be found on the regional website at: http://www.ibsnr.org/IBSNBR_By-Laws.pdf . According to the by-laws each of the three Baltic countries shall have a representative in the regional council (RC) and the Regional Council (RC) is the nomination committee.

At the moment the RC consists of the Regional Executive Committee (REC) from Norway (Geir Egil Eide (president), Anne Marie Fenstad (secretary) and Ågot Irgens (treasurer)) together with the national representatives of respectively Denmark: Jens Henrik Badsberg (Copenhagen), Finland: Hyon-Jung Kim-Ollila (Oulu), Iceland: Thor Aspelund (Kopavogur), Norway: Magne Thoresen (Oslo) and Sweden: Lennart Norell (Uppsala) and, the Nordic representatives in the General Council of IBS: Tom Britton (Sweden) and Esa Läärä (Finland).

As there are no Baltic members of the present RC the REC will appreciate proposals or volunteers from the Baltic countries before 15 November 2010 so that a separate ballot can be arranged for the three new members if necessary. Thus this number of the bulletin is also distributed to all Baltic members of IBS.

2. The 3rd NBBC in Turku 2011: Latest news

The 3rd Nordic-Baltic Biometric Conference (NBBC11) will take place in Turku, Finland 5-9 June 2011. The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) chaired by Krista Fischer and Local Organizing Committee (LOC) chaired by Jukka Corander have already found a great number of scientific and cultural treats for those who will attend the conference. Details can be found on the conference website

<http://www.nbbc11.utu.fi/>.

Note that there will be a pre-conference course on spatial statistics, key note lectures by Odd O. Aalen (Oslo) and David Balding (London) and special sessions on meta-analysis, models and surveillance of infectious disease, spatial extremes/extremes in weather and climate, bioinformatics and study designs in epidemiology. Topped by a steamboat-trip on Monday and conference dinner at the Turku Castle on Wednesday this is an event you should not miss!

And, as an IBS member you get a reduced participation fee!

3. Forthcoming events of interest

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- 25th International Biometric Conference, Florianópolis, Brazil:

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

20110605-09

- 3rd Nordic-Baltic Biometric Conference, Turku, Finland:

<http://www.nbbc11.utu.fi/>

20110615-16

- NordicEpi Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland

20110821-25

- 32nd Annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics, Ottawa, Canada:

http://www.iscb2011.info/00-welcome_e.shtml

20120819-23 ISCB33 Bergen, Norway

20120826-31 26th International Biometric Conference, Kobe, Japan

4. Contributions to the Bulletin

We will encourage IBS members in the Nordic and Baltic countries to submit news, comments or other relevant stuff for the bulletin to the secretary

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