

Sorry we're late

A few problems occurred since the last issue causing this to be so late that I am calling it the June/July issue.

I am looking for a new editor. I made it clear, when I agreed to be editor, that I accepted the task to get the newsletter going. I am willing to spend a full day with my successor, whoever or wherever he or she is, to explain the procedures and help with the new editor's first issue.

Do we have volunteers?

Meanwhile, please send all contributions, (including URL links) to:

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Benefits

The benefits of ENBIS to our members are many. Each month we describe one. This month's benefit is:

The Network

Our website (www.enbis.org) is available at all times to all members. Most of it can be seen by anybody, whether member or not. We hope that casual visitors to the site will be inspired to join. After all, there is currently no membership subscription.

There are general announcements, lists of coming events and reports of past events, news of working groups, links to relevant websites, information about members and links to them. There are facilities for discussion forums, little used yet but that is up to you. And there is *ENBIS News*.

Council elections

The ballot for council members will be presented to members on 15 July. You will have until 15 August to vote. There are seven vacancies. The nominations committee has nominated candidates for all of them but all members can also nominate candidates, provided the nominations are submitted before 15 July.

The procedure and timetable can be found on the election page of the website.

Barcelona

The council of ENBIS has invited George Box to attend the conference in Barcelona in August. The cost of his visit is high and is explained in a letter from the treasurer that you can read on the website.

We are trying to raise fund to pay for his visit and so far 3250 euros has been promised. There is still time for you to register for this conference. The keynote addresses will be by Antje Christensen, Luis Escobar and Enrique Barba.

Credit cards

In recent months our treasurer has been working hard to make it possible to accept payments by credit card. Much later than anticipated, the technical implementation is completed. We are now waiting for approval of the credit card companies. This should be settled by 1 July. Details will be on the website and in the next issue of ENBIS News

DoE is child's play

Newcastle - Gateshead sadly failed in a bid to be "Capital of Culture 2008". Events were to include a demonstration of 10 and 11 year olds solving industrial problems using designed experiments. We hope, despite the disappointment, that the children will work over the internet with Italian children in Pavia, Turin and Sardinia.

Papers published

The August issue of the *Journal for Quality and Reliability Engineering International* (QREI) is very special for ENBIS. It contains nine papers from presentations given at the 2nd ENBIS conference held in Rimini, Italy in September 2002.

Over 100 presentations and posters were given at the conference.

ENBIS conferences specialise in diversity and this is reflected in the wide range of subject matter, depth and approach of the papers in the special issue. Authors of presentations particularly enjoyed by delegates at the conference were invited to submit their papers for QREI. The papers were refereed and amended where necessary to interest an

pro-ENBIS in Cagliari

Cagliari was a good place for a pro-ENBIS workshop in June. There were about 25 participants from the Work Package 1 first workshop on the *Design of Experiments*. There were not enough industrial participants but all present had close links with industry and this was reflected in the talks: fastenings, mixtures, teaching simulators, with lively discussion on technicalities, design, model, measurement, but also on the politics: how to experiment on a real production line without the production manager trying to kill you.

We were lucky to be able to attach the workshop to the well-established DEINDE conference series. This is perhaps the longest standing series in Europe dedicated to industrial and business design of experiments. This was the seventh and it was started by a group in Turin (Professor Giovanni Pistone, Professor Raffaello Levi and several others). This DEINDE was special: the first dedicated to design of experiments in the service sector.

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informed but not necessarily specialist readership. The papers include new research in process and quality improvement, designed experiments, control charts, modelling and reliability as well as practical applications and case studies.

The quality of presentations at the Rimini conference was very high. As well as those published in the special issue of QREI, others were published elsewhere. Your comments on the special issue due out in August will be very welcome, especially as we hope to publish some of the papers from the next ENBIS conference which will be in Barcelona in August.

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Pioneer's ninetieth

One of the pioneers in industrial statistics, Anders Hald, celebrated his 90th birthday on 3rd June.

His textbook *Statistical Theory with Engineering Applications* (1952) has been a standard reference text for statistical practitioners through decades; one of the reasons being that the theory is illustrated by many examples, mainly from Hald's own experience in engineering and industrial practice.

Among Hald's other publications are: *Statistical Theory of Sampling Inspection by Attributes* (1972) and the two volumes on the development of mathematical statistics: *A History of Probability and Statistics and Their Applications before 1750* and *A History of Mathematical Statistics From 1750 to 1930*.

Anders Hald was professor of statistics at the University of Copenhagen from 1948 to 1982. He is an honorary Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, the Danish Statistical Society, and the Danish Society for Quality.