

Sorry we are late but we have good news

“What happened to the December, January and February issues?” some of you may ask.

I am sorry but there were not enough contributions to fill a page. Essential items have been posted on the website but the question remains: Do you really want a newsletter?

If so, I need your contributions. Perhaps there would be more enthusiasm if you received something to hold in your hand instead of a single page of news items.

Here is the good news:

The *ENBIS magazine* will be published as part of *Statistical Computing World* and will carry all our news and case studies.

It will be produced professionally and will cost you nothing. But you must tell us if you want to receive it.

Read more on this page and on our website about this development.

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Copenhagen conference

The fourth annual meeting of ENBIS will be in Copenhagen 20 to 22 September.

Register **now** through our website:

www.enbis.org

Prague workshop

The Interest Group on Statistical Modelling is organising a half-day workshop in Prague, on 11th May 2004, to promote the group and ENBIS in the Czech Republic, with contributions by Czech people and foreigners who are already in Prague for another conference. More details on the page:

http://siprint.utia.cas.cz/public/ENBIS_WG/EWGPPrague04.htm

ENBIS magazine

The council of ENBIS have arranged for the publication of a professionally produced magazine every two months. It will be included as part of *Scientific Computing World*, a magazine that already has circulation throughout Europe of 15 000 and an estimated readership of 80 000. Every member of ENBIS who wishes to receive this will be added to the mailing list of *Scientific Computing World*. There is no charge for this. You will receive *Scientific Computing World*, including the *ENBIS magazine*, every two months, **absolutely free**. But you must confirm that you want to receive it and give your approval to provide your postal address to the publishers.

Scientific Computing World reports on and analyses the application of computing to science, technology and medicine, focusing on research, development, testing, and laboratory analysis (including QA/QC). The magazine carries news, comment, feature articles, product news, and is recognised for its authoritative software reviews, especially in the areas of maths/stats software.

The publishers of *Scientific Computing World* (SCW), Europa Science Ltd, acknowledge that statistical methods are also critical tools in research for science, business and industry so would like to include some extra pages for ENBIS. These pages will be clearly distinguished from the rest of the magazine in design but they will be subject to the same editorial control. The section will bear its own title such as *ENBIS magazine*. The press date, every other month, is the third Friday of the month. Copy date (the day by which all contributions should be submitted) is three weeks before press date. Thus the first issue in which we can be included will go to press on 21st May for which the copy date will be 30th April.

As well as case studies, the *ENBIS magazine* can include: conference reports; workshop reports; local network reports; interest group reports; news of resources; calendar of events; letters; book announcements; news of people.

If you want to receive the magazine, you must look at your membership record on the website, verify and correct your postal address, and change the SCW field to 'Yes'.

We need contributions, especially articles of no more than 800 words on **case studies**.

Prize for Young Statisticians

A special feature of the Fourth Annual Meeting of ENBIS in Copenhagen will be the presentation of the ENBIS prize for young statisticians.

The prize is for an effective application of statistical methods in business and industry, either as a contribution to the success of a company, or as a benefit for an industrial or business sector.

The winner will be invited to attend the Copenhagen meeting and with travel, hotel and registration fee paid.

Any statistician who has not reached the age of 30 years on September 1st 2004 may be nominated whether a student, consultant or employee.

It is expected that colleagues, business associates or supervisors of the young person who has made an significant contribution, will nominate him/her

as an entrant for this award. The contribution could be the result of a student project, research work, consultancy, or of statistical engineering as part of the work in an organisation.

Nominations should not exceed the equivalent of three pages.

A nomination should contain

- ❖ Name, position, birthday, e-mail address of nominee
- ❖ Summary of the value and skills this young person has brought to the organisation/field
- ❖ Description of the awarding contribution to the success of the organisation/field
- ❖ Provide evidence of the impact that the person has made to the organisation/field
- ❖ Name, position, company, e-mail for the nominating person in case further information is needed.

Nominations should be sent by e-mail to the ENBIS secretary enbisawards@ibisuva.nl not later than 1st May.

Award announcements will be made late May, 2004.

An awards committee will be appointed by the executive committee.

The committee will examine all eligible submissions and select the best nominee. The committee decision will be final.

Awards and Honours Committee

A committee is being established to be responsible for the ENBIS awards and honours.

The committee will have at most nine members who will review and assess nominations for awards.

Members of the ENBIS executive committee may choose to sit on the committee. Non-executive members on the committee will initially be appointed by the executive committee and function until the fourth annual meeting of ENBIS in Copenhagen.

So that the committee will reflect the opinions of statistical practitioners from business and industry, ENBIS members are invited to volunteer to join the committee. Please send an e-mail with your name, affiliation, particular interests, and e-mail address to the ENBIS-secretary (enbisawards@ibisuva.nl) not later than 1st April 2004.

If there are more volunteers than required, the ENBIS executive committee will select from the volunteers.

ECMI 2004 conference June 21 to 25, 2004

ENBIS and pro-ENBIS have become official co-organisers of the ECMI 2004 conference

(<http://www.ecmi2004.tue.nl/>).

The conference will be devoted to mathematical and statistical modelling, analysis and simulation of problems arising in a practical context. As mentioned in the May issue of this newsletter, ECMI (www.ecmi.dk) has aims similar to those of ENBIS, but with a broader scope. There is a reduced fee for (pro-)ENBIS members. The conference activities include invited lectures (among which lectures by ENBIS members Soren Bisgaard and Fabrizio Ruggeri), contributed lectures and mini-symposia. ENBIS member Alessandro Di Bucchianico (a.d.bucchianico@tue.nl) serves as ENBIS representative on the ECMI 2004 local organisation committee.