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Did you see it?

We have had some debate since the first issue of *ENBIS News* about its availability to members and others.

One view is that it should be accessible only to members. This forces you to dig up your username and password and visit the members only pages. Since membership of ENBIS is free, this may encourage people to join.

Another view is that *ENBIS News* should be a public page since news items are kept very short and more detailed information, for members, is accessed through links.

If you want to discuss this, consider the data that can be found at www.enbis.org/stats

This month *ENBIS News* is sent to every member as a PDF email attachment.

What do you think?

Please send all contributions, (including URL links) to:

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Recent events (meetings, workshops, works or business visits, seminars, courses, publications).

Coming events (ditto).

Personal movements (travel, appointments, courses, business activities relevant to ENBIS, involvement in other institutions).

Materials of use to members (library of sources, case studies, presentations, workshop exercises).

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Comment (achievements, expectations, difficulties, new ideas, membership extension, subscriptions, logo, promotion of ENBIS, co-operation with other institutions)

Barcelona

The final date for receipt of abstracts for the conference in Barcelona, 21/22 August, is 15 May.

Copenhagen

Next year's conference will be in Copenhagen 20/22 September. There will be a post conference workshop on six-sigma, 22/24 September, presented by Soren Bisgaard and Ronald Does.

Logo

An informal council meeting (Eindhoven, 26 April) discussed the logo. It is important to approve a design quickly because several publications are being prepared and, especially, a mould must be cast to make medals that will be awarded over many years. New designs by a professional artist were tabled. The designer will be asked to consider the contexts in which the logo will be used such as: letter headings, newsletter, leaflets, slides, power-point presentations, and medals. Some people would like italics to give the logo a sense of movement; others prefer it to be staid. Decision must be by mid-May.

Meanwhile, the following brief letter represents the view expressed by several members after the note in the April issue of *ENBIS News*:

Is it really necessary to expend further time, effort and funds on engaging a professional artist to produce new designs for our logos? The designs you proposed identify us perfectly.

Lance Mitchell

ESREL

ESREL is the annual conference of the European Safety and Reliability Association. This year it will be in Maastricht from 15 to 18 June with the theme: *Improvement of risk-based methods and their application in a wide range of industrial and government sectors.*

Before the conference starts, on Sunday 15 June, there will be a workshop partly sponsored by proENBIS on *Stochastics and the quality movement.* Tutorials will target novices and specialists about topical subjects including statistical methods. Round table discussions will be about challenges and risks facing risk and reliability assessment.

www.esrahomepage.org/site/esra/conf.htm

The ESREL 2004 conference will be in Berlin, 14 to 18 June. Abstracts must be received this month: by 15 May 2003.

B-ENBIS

The Belgian branch of ENBIS formed in 2000. Past events included workshops on *Six-Sigma* and *Optimal design.* More meetings are planned including a discussion of case studies.

www.stat.ucl.ac.be/B-ENBIS

Statistical modelling

The call for the special edition of *SMIJ* (Statistical Modelling: an International Journal) is now on the web page of the working group on general statistical modelling:

www.nr.no/enbis/

ECMI

The European Consortium for Mathematics in Industry (www.ecmi.dk) has aims similar to those of ENBIS but with a broader scope. Mathematics is interpreted broadly but without statistics. ECMI members would like to include statistics in their June 2004 bi-annual conference and have invited two ENBIS members as plenary speakers. ENBIS will also run mini-symposia and help with sessions in which industrial problems are discussed. Springer will publish refereed proceedings. ENBIS representative is Alessandro di Bucchianico (A.d.Bucchianico@TUE.nl)

Multivariate responses

MATFORSK (a corporate member of ENBIS) is running a course on *analysis of designed experiments with multivariate responses.* The course will be in Ås, Norway 1 to 3 September 2003 and will be in Norwegian. It will also be offered in English if there is sufficient interest. Participants will learn how to design and analyse their own experiments, applying methods from MATFORSK's recent research and experience.

www.matforsk.no/ola/kur.htm

Management statistics

Work package 7 of proENBIS focuses on *management statistics.* The central question is: "What are the contributions of statistics to management processes from the viewpoints of quality management, economics, empiricism, history and statistical programmes?" The research strategy is to study the central question from these perspectives.

The programme can be downloaded from: www.enbis.org/pro-enbis > work packages > WP7