

## ENBIS-8 in Athens to Start in a Week

The conference is dedicated in memory of Poul Thyregod, former ENBIS President and recipient of the 2007 Box Medal.

The eighth annual conference of ENBIS will be hosted by the Department of Statistics at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) from September 22nd to 24th, 2008.



The conference is dedicated in memory of Poul Thyregod, Professor of Industrial Statistics at the Technical University of Denmark, President of ENBIS in 2003-2004, a keynote speaker at ENBIS-3 in Rimini (Italy), a Conference Chair of ENBIS-4 in Copenhagen (Denmark), and the recipient of the 2007 Box Medal, who passed away in July.



All who knew him will remember Poul as an excellent researcher and mentor, a loyal friend, and a very warm person with a great dedication to his family.

He firmly believed in *»using our statistical tools and insight for solving real life problems. For some of us, it is more than just an interest, it is a dedication. This dedication is nurtured by the feeling of joy and satisfaction we experience when our analysis provides value-adding insight into sources of variation, and the transfer of variation in a real problem«.*

Following in Poul's footsteps we hope that this year's conference programme with its keynote speakers, pre- and post-conference workshops and courses, special topic sessions, and a round table with the eminent ENBIS Academic Publications Panel members, reflects a diversity of tools and problem areas that is characteristic for applied statistics. We are looking forward to a successful conference, with plenty of opportunities to learn from the experience of other practitioners, and to widen conference participants' professional network.

Wouldn't it be great if all of us could one day say what Poul said in his thank you note upon receiving the Box Medal: *»Personally, I find that ENBIS has widened my statistical horizon to applications in industries that I had not been aware of; and to activities of statistical practitioners from other European countries I didn't know about. Also, ENBIS has given me many new friends«.* Please do use the ENBIS conference and other ENBIS-related activities as a platform for achieving just that.

Irena Ograjenšek  
ENBIS News Editor

.....  
For any last-minute conference details  
visit the ENBIS website:

[www.enbis.org](http://www.enbis.org)

.....

## 2008 ENBIS Awards

Douglas C. Montgomery, Thorsten Franz, and Martina Erdbrügge to be honoured at the 2008 ENBIS conference in Athens.

The 2008 ENBIS Awards Committee members were:

- Prof. Dr. Irena Ograjenšek, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (chair),
- Prof. Dr. Peter Goos, University of Antwerp, Belgium,
- Prof. Dr. Sonja Kuhnt, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands,
- Prof. Dr. Henry Wynn, London School of Economics, United Kingdom,
- Dr. Birger Stjernholm Madsen, Coloplast A/S, Denmark.

The Committee is proud to announce that the 2008 Box Medal recipient is Prof. Dr. Douglas C. Montgomery, a Regents' Professor in the Department of Industrial Engineering in the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering at the Arizona State University (USA). Prof. Montgomery was nominated and ultimately chosen as the Box Medal recipient due to his professional and research interests in industrial statistics which include design of experiments, quality control, applications of linear models, as well as time series analysis and forecasting. He has lectured extensively throughout the Americas, Europe and the Far East and written a number of books as well as important journal articles. His industrial experience includes engineering assignments with Union Carbide Corporation and Eli Lilly and Company. He also has extensive consulting experience with many national and international organizations. Last but not least, he is one of the co-editors of the now famous *»pro-ENBIS book«*, recently published by Wiley under the title *Statistical Practice in Business and Industry*.

The winner of the 2008 Best Manager Award is Thorsten Franz of CAP GmbH – „HappyDigits“ (Germany) and the winner of the 2008 Young Statistician Award is Martina Erdbrügge of Vodafone D2 GmbH (Germany).

All three award recipients will address the conference participants in Athens.

## ENBIS Transition Completed

With Alessandro Di Bucchianico as the new Director of ENBIS Permanent Office and Anja Schleppe as the new ENBIS Treasurer we laid the foundations for a safe and sound growth from a society created and managed in a »kitchen« with a few dedicated individuals, to a widely recognized society which is a force to reckon with.

This is another opportunity to thank and recognize Bo Bergman who hosted the 1999 meeting in Linköping (Sweden) where the idea of ENBIS was formed; Soren Bisgaard, the Acting Chair at the EURANDOM meeting in 2000; Henry Wynn, the first ENBIS President, and all those who followed him; Ronald Does, the first Director and Treasurer of ENBIS; and, most importantly, Dave Stewardson who secured a budget for the pro-ENBIS 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Thematic Network project which was critical to launching ENBIS.

## Meet Our New Treasurer

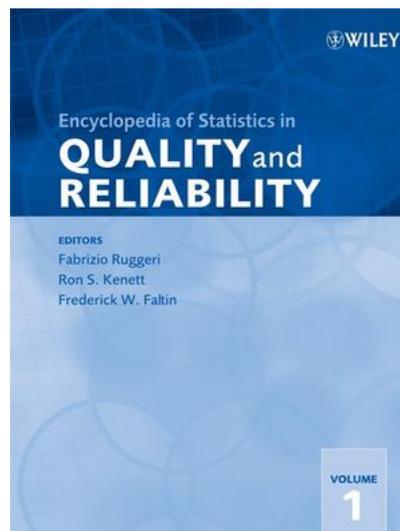
As a Treasurer, Anja Schleppe is in charge of all the ENBIS financials. She reports to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly, prepares (with the Executive Committee) a budget covering all proposed expenditures and showing all estimated income for ENBIS for the coming year, submits to the Executive Committee a detailed report on the closed fiscal year, maintains the accounts, prepares and controls receipts/vouchers/invoices and administers ENBIS taxes together with the Director of the ENBIS Permanent Office. You can e-mail her at [treasurer@enbis.org](mailto:treasurer@enbis.org).



## More on the ESQR Book

Ron S. Kenett shares some important news related to »Encyclopedia of Statistics in Quality and Reliability«, published by Wiley.

You were already informed that in December 2007, Wiley published the printed version of the Encyclopedia of Statistics in Quality and Reliability (<http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470018615.html>). We would now like to inform you that the on line version of the book was launched in April 2008 (<http://mrw.interscience.wiley.com/emrw/9780470061572/home/>).



The encyclopedia has been described by reviewers as "The major reference work for industrial statistics in academia, industry and services in the 21st century." Many ENBIS members can be found among its editors and contributors: Fabrizio Ruggeri and Ron S. Kenett are Editors-in-chief of the encyclopedia. The list of Section Editors includes Jeroen de Mast (Definitions and Basic Statistics), David Steinberg (Design of Experiments and Robust Design), Tony Greenfield ( Health, Safety and Environmental Applications) and Rainer Goeb (Sampling).

Among the contributors to the encyclopedia's 4 volumes, 2173 pages and 434 entries on can find active ENBIS members such as Irad Ben-Gal, Bo Bergman, Alessandro di Bucchianico, Elart von Collani, Shirley Coleman, Oystein Evandt, Peter Goos, Joachim Kunert, Alberto Luceno, Henrik Meelgaard, Irena Ograjenšek, Daniele Romano, Poul Thyregod, Murat Testik, Xavier Tort-Martorell, John Tyssedal, Kerstin Vannman, and Christian Weiss.

The list of topics includes:

- Management of Quality and Business Statistics
- Process Capability and Measurement Systems Analysis
- Design of Experiments and Robust Design
- Sampling
- Process Control
- Reliability: Life Distribution Modeling and Accelerated Testing
- Reliability: Life Cycle and Warranty Cost Prediction
- System Reliability
- Health, Safety and Environmental Applications
- Statistical and Stochastic Modeling
- Computationally Intensive Methods and Simulation
- Basic Statistics for Quality and Reliability

All topics include introductory material, state of the art methodologies, a application examples. Sample articles on *Causality* by Oystein Evandt, *Bayesian Networks* by Irad Ben-Gal and *Sampling in Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industries* by Henrik Melgaard are available for free at <http://mrw.interscience.wiley.com/emrw/0470-06157X/home/SampleContent.html>.

## New Local Networks

We are very happy to announce that ENBIS has a new local network called **tENBIS** (Turkish ENBIS Local Network). tENBIS was founded on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Industrial Engineering Department of the Hacettepe University in Ankara (Turkey). The 29 Founding Members elected Dr. Murat Caner Testik, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering at Hacettepe University, as tENBIS President and ENBIS National Representative.

Also, we look forward to establishment of the Israeli and the UK local networks of ENBIS soon.

## ENBIS Elections

Following the proposal made by Lance Mitchell and co-signed by 20 ENBIS members, in July 2008 ENBIS membership voted on one amendment to the bylaws and one amendment to the statutes. Both were accepted. The implications of the vote are the following:

- Elections will be held every second year rather than every year.
- The terms of office of the elected Executive Committee (President, President-Elect and Vice Presidents) will extend to two years rather than one.
- The elected Council Members will serve four years rather than two.
- The Director, Treasurer and Webmaster will serve four years.

Current Executive Committee Officers originally elected for a one year term thus have their positions extended for another year (until ENBIS-9). Current first year council members, originally elected for 2 years, will stay in office for 2 more years (until ENBIS-10).

The new elections will take place prior to ENBIS-9.

## Upcoming Events

- The **International Winter School** entitled »Six Sigma. Principles, Methodologies and Applications« will take place in Palermo (Italy) from November 10th to 14th, 2008. The school is a result of cooperation among the University of Palermo (Italy), the University of Linköping (Sweden), and the Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden). Visit [www.unipa.it/ws6s](http://www.unipa.it/ws6s) for more details.
- The **2008 International Conference on Applied Probability and Statistics (CAPS 2008)** with emphasis on Business and Industrial Statistics will take place at the Press Club in Hanoi, (Vietnam) from November 30th, 2008 to December 3rd, 2008. The keynote speaker will be Nicholas Fisher (the current President of ISBIS). Several prominent ENBIS members are involved in organization of the Invited Papers Sessions. For more details visit <http://www.action-m.com/CAPS2008/>.
- The **5th Conference of the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the International Biometric Society (EMR-IBS)** will be held at the Military Museum in Istanbul (Turkey) from May 10th to 14th, 2009. For more details visit <http://www.ibs-emr2009.com:80/>.
- The **2009 ENBIS-EMSE Summer Meeting** will take place at Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines at Saint-Etienne (France) from July 1st to 3rd, 2009. It will deal with the topic of *Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments*. For more information contact Olivier Roustant at [roustant@emse.fr](mailto:roustant@emse.fr).
- The **2010 International Conference on Teaching Statistics** organized by International Association for Statistics Education (IASE) will be held in Ljubljana (Slovenia) from July 11th to 16th. An ENBIS-sponsored session is being organized by Ron S. Kenett. See <http://icots8.org> for more details.

## A Note from the Editor

As always, I would like to cordially invite you to join the list of *ENBIS News* contributors, which, in this issue, includes Andrea Ahlemeyer-Stubbe, Murat Caner Testik, Ron S. Kenett, Lance Mitchell, Irena Ograjenšek, and Olivier Roustant.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Irena Ograjenšek  
*ENBIS News* Editor

## Job Offers on [www.enbis.org](http://www.enbis.org)

ENBIS is now offering members the possibility of advertising and/or browsing through job offers at the ENBIS website. The first advertisements have already been received. Login and have a look! For more information on how to advertise contact the ENBIS webmaster at [webmaster@enbis.org](mailto:webmaster@enbis.org).

## ENBIS News Publishing Info

*ENBIS News* (ISSN 1871-8132) is published for the members of ENBIS and available to them for free four times a year, in the winter, spring, summer and autumn, by the European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS), Den Dolch 2, P.O. Box 513, 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands; e-mail [office@enbis.org](mailto:office@enbis.org); web site [www.enbis.org](http://www.enbis.org).

Editor: Irena Ograjenšek, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics, Slovenia ([irena.ograjensek@ef.uni-lj.si](mailto:irena.ograjensek@ef.uni-lj.si)).

Ideas for news items should be sent to the editor per e-mail, preferably as an MS Word document.