

ENBIS Spring Meeting 2012

The ENBIS Spring Meeting 2012 will take place in the framework of the Third Meeting on Statistics and Data Mining, organised by the Tunisian Association of Statistics and its Applications (TASA), in Hammamet (Tunisia), March 15 - 16, 2012. Information on the meeting can be obtained on the website <http://www.tasa-online.com/?page=msdm12>.

ENBIS members are encouraged to submit papers for this event. Please contact esm2012@enbis.org for further information.



Ist Meeting of y-BIS

The first meeting of y-BIS (Young Business and Industrial Statisticians of the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics - ISBIS) will be held jointly with the first meeting of JSPE (Section of Young Statisticians of the Portuguese Statistical Society) at Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, (Portugal) from July 23 to 26, 2012.

If you wish to organize an Invited Session (60 minutes; either 3 speakers or 2 speakers plus a discussant) please send your proposal to paulocanas@gmail.com by the 31th of January 2012. The Invited Sessions must have a specific topic and/or should be organized by an institution such as a company, a bank, an university, a scientific society, etc. For more information visit <http://ybis-jspe.com/>.



2011 ENBIS JMP Challenge

We are pleased to report that we received several submissions for the 2011 ENBIS JMP Challenge over the past few weeks. If you were planning to submit your solution but had difficulties with the online submission facility, please note that we're currently dealing with this technical problem and are consequently accepting further submissions by the 31st of January 2012. Should the online submission facility still give you trouble, please submit to jmp-challenge@enbis.org.

Meet the 2011-2013 ENBIS Officials: Part II

Following the introduction of our President and Director of Permanent Office in the previous issue of ENBIS News we now introduce the President-Elect and two new Vice Presidents.

Rainer Göb, President-Elect of ENBIS, in his own words

I am Professor of Statistics at the Institute for Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of Würzburg (Germany).



My interests in research and industrial consulting are the following: statistical sampling, statistical quality control, reliability, risk analysis, statistics in accounting and auditing.

If you ask me what is my vision for ENBIS I have to say the following: European economy and politics are experiencing the most serious crisis in the history of the European Union. Over the next years, structures and attitudes in the Union and in the member states will have to change drastically to achieve sustainable development in economy, industry, and finance.

The research and development sector will not remain unaffected by these developments. The aspect of sustainability will also be paramount for ENBIS and the ENBIS community, in two respects:

- 1) Sustainability as a guideline for statistical research and development in academia and industry.
- 2) Sustainability as a guideline for the ENBIS administration, both in structures and in finance.

We will have to find ways of sustaining and developing a society without membership fees, yet guaranteeing to the members stable, reliable, and attractive services and administrative structures. The contribution of all members will be necessary in this process.

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Marco P. Seabra dos Reis, Vice President



Marko worked in the pulp and paper sector as a product development engineer for several years. He is currently Auxiliary Professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering of the University of Coimbra. His interests are centred in the development of data-driven methodologies for process monitoring and improvement. He has been actively involved in the development of new methodologies for the multiscale and multivariate monitoring of processes (continuous and batch), as well as improved methodologies for modelling complex and noisy data. Other interests include: industrial statistics, multivariate image analysis (MIA), chemometrics, six-sigma and quality improvement, and biosystems.

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Antje Christensen, Vice President, says ...



I am a Project Director at the pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk in Denmark, acting as Master Black Belt in our Lean Six Sigma programme. In statistics, I am interested in data based decision making, and effective communication of data. I would like to make ENBIS the preferred network in Europe for practitioners of Six Sigma, while keeping our offerings at least at the current level of quality, and preserving sound financials for the network.

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2012 Special Issue of Quality and Reliability Engineering International: Final Call for Papers

Guest Editors of the 2012 QREI-ENBIS special issue are Henry Wynn and Alessandro Di Bucchianico.

Henry Wynn and Alessandro Di Bucchianico invite members of the European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS) to submit papers for the 2012 special issue of *Quality and Reliability Engineering International (QREI)*.

The special issue will feature papers presented at the 11th Annual ENBIS Conference but is also open to ENBIS members for other contributions on the development and practical aspects of quality, reliability, engineering, and management. Submissions will be refereed and the editors reserve the right to decide on the final acceptance (or not) of submitted papers.

Prospective authors should follow the author instructions available at the journal's homepage (<http://wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/qre>) under the header "For Contributors" and should submit their article via the link for online submission to Wiley (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/qre>). They will need to create a new Account if not yet registered as an author.

Prospective authors are further requested to select the correct Article Type listed in the online selection at the opening screen for new articles submission. It is essential that the submitted papers are clearly marked as "Special Issue Article" at the time of submission or they may not be included in the special issue.

Finally, prospective authors are invited to contact the guest editors ahead of time for communicating their intention to submit a paper and for receiving prompt information of any schedule change. They are also invited to make use of the ENBIS Academic Publications Panel (chaired by Ron Kenett, ron@kpa.co.il) prior to official submission in order to check whether their paper matches the publication standards of an SCI journal.

Please note the change of submission deadline in the previously published tentative schedule:

- Manuscript submission deadline: January 15th, 2012.
- Refereeing will begin immediately after a paper is submitted and all attempts will be made to complete the reviews until February 15th, 2012.
- Revisions and re-submission deadline: April 15th, 2012.
- Final paper acceptance (or not) decision: May 15th, 2012.
- Estimated publication date: July 2012.

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All ENBIS members are invited to send their contributions and news items by e-mail, preferably as an MS Word document to the Editors.