

ENBIS-16: First Conference Announcement

ENBIS – the European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics – is a platform where statistical practitioners and academic statisticians from Europe and beyond meet, exchange ideas and design new projects. Individual membership of ENBIS is free.

Many ENBIS network activities are web-based, but some take place face-to-face. **Spring meetings** are always dedicated to a special topic (e.g. data mining, reliability, DOE, etc.), whereas the **annual conference** (which traditionally takes place every September) hosts presentations from a wide variety of sectors, ranging from manufacturing to service, from private to public sector. Conference contributions can consist of introductions and overviews (presenting an area of expertise to the uninitiated), reviews (presenting state of the art advances in scientific research), and best practice communications (sharing experiences of practitioners). In short: the annual conference features both theoretical and practical papers. In addition, people from industry and business are invited to present their problems and current solutions and pick the brains of other conference participants to find better solutions than their current ones.



The annual conference session topics include, but are not limited to, the special areas of interest that exist within ENBIS (formalized in the so-called Special Interest Groups). The non-exhaustive list includes:

- Design of Experiments.
- Measurement Uncertainty.
- Process Modelling and Control.
- Reliability and Safety.
- Statistics in the Pharmaceutical Industry.
- Statistical Computing.
- Operational Risk Management.
- Statistics in Practice.
- Stochastic Modelling.
- Quality Improvement and Six Sigma.
- Data Mining and Warehousing.
- Machine Learning.
- Predictive Analytics.

Additionally, the annual ENBIS conference also features distinguished keynote speakers (George Box, Blanton Godfrey, Stu Hunter and Doug Montgomery are just a few well-known names from a long list of recent speakers), invited and contributed sessions, workshops and panel discussions, as well as pre- and post-conference courses.

The 16th Annual Conference of the European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS: www.enbis.org) will take place at the University of Sheffield in Sheffield (United Kingdom), from 11th to 15th September, 2016.

On top of the sessions topics mentioned above, in 2016 special attention will be given to the discussion of *Statistics in Manufacturing* and challenges that are to be faced when *Applied Statistics Meets Practical Statistics*. The conference will also be an opportunity to celebrate the round birthday of our ever-young Tony Greenfield.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Sheffield,

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