

Special Notes

Call for Papers

JOS is currently seeking manuscripts for its next special issue that will be on telephone survey methodology. This special issue will be published in cooperation with The International Conference and Edited Monograph on Telephone Survey Methodology, held in Charlotte, NC, U.S.A., November 8–11, 1987.

There have been great advances in telephone survey methodology during the past few years. As of yet, there is no work that deals extensively and exclusively with these recent advances, and it is the goal of the conference, the monograph, and this special issue to fill this gap. Authors of contributed conference papers have received a special invitation to submit their papers to the special issue, and so far 20 of these papers have been submitted. To ensure that this special issue is truly representative of the current scholarship in telephone survey methodology, JOS extends this call for papers to the statistical community at large. Manuscripts on the following topics are sought.

* Coverage of the household population by telephones, e.g., characteristics of nontelephone households, postsurvey adjustment for noncoverage.

* Sample designs for telephone surveys, e.g., alternative clustering or stratification schemes, dual frame designs, variance estimation, random digit dialing.

* Administrative organization of telephone survey data collection, e.g., hiring and training of interviewers, supervisory techniques, administration of centralized telephone facilities.

* Nonresponse in telephone surveys, e.g., characteristics of nonrespondents, efforts to reduce nonresponse rates.

* Measurement error properties of telephone surveys, e.g., comparisons with other modes of data collection, reporting accuracy, interviewer effects, effects of questionnaire design.

* Computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) systems, e.g., designing questionnaires for CATI, systems design, administrative features of CATI systems.

Manuscripts should be sent in five copies to the Chief Editor no later than April 1, 1988.

Call for Papers

First International Conference-Workshop on Optimal Design and Analysis of Experiments

*25–28 July, 1988
 Neuchâtel, Switzerland*

The first international conference on the Optimal Design and Analysis of Experiments will be held July 25–28, 1988 at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. The four days conference will include invited talks and contributed papers. The following sessions are scheduled.

1. Optimization methods for designs and design measures
2. Software and catalogues of design
3. Combinatorial designs, Randomization
4. Linear and nonlinear models
5. Spatial and correlated error models
6. Numerical methods
7. Variance estimation
8. Quality control
9. Clinical trials
10. Other applications

Objectives

Recently many successful workshops have been organized in Eastern Europe and the U.S.A., for example, the Wartburg Conference on Model Oriented Data Analysis and the National Science Foundation's Workshop on Efficient Data Collection at the University of California at Berkeley and Los Angeles. Participants have expressed the need for a truly international conference.

The objectives of the conference and workshop are to bring together scientists working on Optimal Designs and Analysis of Experiments from all corners of the world to discuss the most recent developments, the new ideas and fields of applications, and to show the importance of choosing an optimal experimental design in the various experimental sciences.

Organizers

This conference is organized by:

- *Professor Yadolah Dodge* (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland)
- *Professor Valeri Fedorov* (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria)
- *Professor Henry P. Wynn* (City University of London, England)

The conference will take place in the heart of Europe: Switzerland, and the Groupe d'Informatique et de Statistique of the University of Neuchâtel will act as host.

The Site

The city of Neuchâtel rests on a hill overlooking one of the largest lakes in Switzerland. Neuchâtel dates back to the twelfth century and has all the charm of Old Europe with its yellow stone houses, market place, castle, and collegiate church. The University of Neuchâtel was founded in 1838 and offers instruction in most scientific fields, although it is famous for its French language disciplines.

Contributed Papers

Those wishing to present papers are asked to submit an abstract in English (limited to one typed page) *no later than February 15, 1988* to Yadolah Dodge, (address below). Notification of acceptance of the abstracts will be given by *March 15, 1988*. Contributed papers

may be presented on any topic related to the conference theme.

Conference Fee

The conference fee will be SF 200 – which includes conference proceedings and other related materials.

Registration and Accommodation

All meeting activities will be held at the University Campus where accommodation and meals will be available at reasonable rates in student residences. Accommodations will also be available in the inner harbour area.

The North Holland Publishing Company will publish the conference proceedings. About 30 terminals connected to the System VAX/VMS will be made available, as well as a number of PCs.

Further Information

For all further information, including correspondence, registration material, and program details, please contact:

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Competition for Young Statisticians from Developing Countries

The International Statistical Institute (ISI) announces the Fourth Competition among young statisticians from developing countries who are invited to submit a paper on any topic within the broad field of statistics, for possible presentation at the 47th Session of ISI to be held in Paris, France, in 1989.

Participation in the competition is open to nationals of developing countries who are living in a developing country, who will not be older than 32 years of age in the year during which the Session is to be held.

Papers submitted must be unpublished, original works which may include university theses.

The papers submitted will be examined by an international jury of distinguished statisticians who are to select the three best papers presented in the competition. Their decision will be final.

The authors of the winning papers will be invited to present personally their papers at an appropriate Session with all expenses paid (i.e., round trip airline ticket from his/her residence to Paris plus a lump sum to cover living expenses).

Manuscripts for the competition should be

submitted in time to reach the ISI not later than November 1, 1988.

The rules governing the preparation of papers, application forms and full details are available on request from the ISI Permanent Office to which interested individuals should write for further information. The address is as follows:

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