

Annual report 2013 of BMS and ANed

The board and activities of the Biometrical Section (BMS) of the Netherlands Society for Statistics and Operations Research (VVS-OR) and the Dutch Region (ANed) of the International Biometric Society (IBS) are identical. Therefore, for 2013, only one annual report is written for both scientific professional associations. All information on the activities of BMS and ANed is available through the website www.bms-aned.nl

Members

Number of members in December 2013 was 223.

Board

In 2013 board members Fred van Eeuwijk (president), Maarten Schipper (secretary) and Liesbeth de Wreede (member) stepped down from the board during the annual meeting on July 4, 2013 and were succeeded by Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat (president), Dimitris Rizopoulos and Ernst Wit. The board of BMS-ANed consists as of July 4, 2013 of:

- Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat, PhD (President, LUMC Leiden)
- Ernst Wit, PhD (Vice-President & PR Officer, RUG Groningen)
- Jos Hageman, PhD (Treasurer, Biometris Wageningen),
- Sophie Swinkels, PhD (Secretary & Contact Person PSDM & CRB, representing the industry, Nutricia Research Utrecht)
- Dimitris Rizopoulos, PhD (Member, Erasmus MC)
- Rosa Meijer, MSc (member representing the Young Statisticians, LUMC Leiden)

Working groups

BMS-ANed has working groups to cover specific sub disciplines. On December 2013 the working groups and their presidents are:

- Pharmaceutical Statistics and Data Management (PSDM)
Egbert Biesheuvel, PhD (MSD, Oss)
- Education
Saskia le Cessie (LUMC, Utrecht)

The Board for Registration of Biostatisticians consisted on December 2013 of:

- Paul Koopman, Drs. (President, Abbott Healthcare Products BV)
- Corine Baljé-Volkers, Drs. (Secretary, QPS Netherlands)
- Edwin van den Heuvel, PhD (Member, University Hospital Groningen)

- Koos Zwinderman, PhD (Member, Academic Medical Centre (AMC), University of Amsterdam)

Active Members 2013 and/or 2014

- Hendriek Boshuizen (RIVM, Bilthoven) is on the Executive board of the International Biometric Society (2014)
- Rene Eijkemans, PhD (UMCU, Utrecht) is on the Representative Council and chair of the of the Budget and Finance Committee of the International Biometric Society
- Paul Eilers (Erasmus MC, Rotterdam) is on the Representative Council of the International Biometric Society (2014)
- Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat (LUMC, Leiden) Co-editor of Biometrics (2013-2015) and member of the steering committee of the International Biometric Society's Channel Network Region (2012-2015)
- Ernst Wit (RuG, Groningen) is member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the International Biometrics Society (2014-2017) and associate editor of Biometrics (2014-2017).
- Dimitris Rizopoulos (Erasmus MC, Rotterdam) is an associate editor of Biometrics (2009-2016).
- Mark van der Wiel (VUMC, Amsterdam) is member of the steering committee of the International Biometric Society's Channel Network Region (2014-2017) and member of local organizing committee of Channel Meeting 2015
- Ronald Geskus (AMC, Amsterdam) chair of local organizing committee of Channel Meeting 2015
- Jelle Goeman (RadboudUMC, Nijmegen) member of local organizing committee of Channel Meeting 2015
- Joanna in 't Hout (RadboudUMC, Nijmegen) member of local organizing committee of Channel Meeting 2015
- Fred van Eeuwijk (Biometris, Wageningen) member of program committee International Biometric Conference (2013-2014) and member of JABES Editorial Management Committee (2014-2016)
- Hilde Tobi (Wageningen UR) is editor of the VVS publication STATOR
- Koos Zwinderman (AMC, Amsterdam) is President of the International Society of Clinical Biostatistics (ISCB)
- Saskia Le Cessie is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society of Clinical Biostatistics (ISCB)

For PSDM the following people are active in the EFSPi:

- Egbert Biesheuvel (MSD, Oss), Council member (National contact) of the EFSPi
- Stefan Driessen (Abbott, Weesp), Council member (Second representative) of the EFSPi

Scientific Activities

March 13, 2013 BMS-ANed spring meeting 2013: Biometry Award winners workshop

During the Spring Meeting 2012 of BMS-ANed in Wageningen Dr. Jelle Goeman was awarded by the president of BMS-ANed the Biometry Award 2012 for his paper: *Goeman J.J. and Solari A. (2011). Multiple Testing for Exploratory Research. Statistical Science Volume 26, Number 4, 584-597*

On March 13, 2013 Dr. Jelle Goeman organized the BMS-ANed spring meeting: Biometry Award winner workshop in Leiden.

Theme: Multiple testing for exploratory research

Number of interested participants: around 50

Speakers:

- Jenny Barrett (University of Leeds)
- David Elston (Biomathematics & Statistics Scotland)
- Kristel Van Steen (University of Liège)
- Jelle Goeman (Leiden University Medical Center)
- Aldo Solari (University of Milano-Bicocca)
- Yudi Pawitan (Karolinska Institutet)

September 2, 2013. PSDM event: Risk-based Monitoring: opportunities and challenges in clinical development

Organized by the PSDM working group and hosted by Astellas, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Speakers:

- Andy Lawton (Global Head of Data Management, Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd, United Kingdom)
- Frederic Hlavac (Global Studies Manager, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Switzerland)
- Hein Fennema (Director Late Development Statistics, MSD, The Netherlands)

November 29, 2013 BMS-ANed-PSDM Fall Meeting, Leiden

The annual Fall meeting of biostatisticians, united in BMS-ANed, was dedicated to the Future of Biostatistics. On Friday afternoon 29 November, a large crowd of some 90 biostatisticians came to the LUMC in Leiden to find out what the future had in store for them. President Jeanine Houwing welcomed the participants on behalf of BMS-ANed and the PSDM (Pharmaceutische Statistiek en Data Management) sectie to Leiden.

The two keynote speakers, Egbert Biesheuvel (MSD, Chair PSDM) and Piet Daas (CBS), spoke each about the new challenges and opportunities in pharmaceutical statistics and official statistics, respectively, for instance as a result of ubiquitous data. After the break there was a lively debate on the shared future of statistics and biostatistics between the participants of the meeting and

six representatives of various statistical communities. Fred van Eeuwijk (Wageningen UR) represented Agricultural Statistics, Paul Eijlers (Erasmus MC) the chemometricians, Hendriek Boshuizen (RIVM) shared the point of view of statistics with the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Paul Koopman (Abbott Laboratories) spoke about the quality control represented by the Biostatisticians Registry in the Netherlands, Nynke Krol gave a refreshing view from the Young Statisticians and Ronald Brand (Leiden University Medical Center) made the connection between biostatistics and data management.

Among the many interesting contributions to the day two points stood out: in order for biostatistics to remain relevant in a highly data-driven future, it will need to embrace the methodological changes that are currently driven more by computer science. On the other hand, a successful future will need the informed and model-driven approaches from biostatisticians rooted both in the methodological as well as in the biomedical application field in order to make real use of these methodological changes in a meaningful way.

BMS-ANed participated in the organisation of the 4th Channel Network Conference

The 4th Channel Network Conference was held on Wednesday 3rd July 2013 to Friday 5th July 2013. This conference was hosted at the University of St Andrews. Talk slides are available for British and Irish Region Biometric Society members and for those you attended the conference at <http://bir.biometricsociety.org/events/channelnetworkconference>.

Annual General Meeting 2013

The Annual General Meeting of BMS-ANed took place on July 4, 2013 in St. Andrews (UK). The minutes of the assembly are available on www.bms-aned.nl. The number of interested participants was 15.

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Agenda
3. Minutes previous general meeting dd. December 19, 2012
4. Announcements
5. Annual report 2012 BMS/ANed
6. Financial report 2012 ANed
7. Board replacements.
8. Working Groups, including register of biostatisticians
9. Any other business
10. Closing

During this meeting Fred van Eeuwijk (president), Maarten Schipper (secretary) and Liesbeth de Wreede (member) stepped down from the board. New members

of the board are, as from this data onward, Jeanine Houwing-Duistermaat (president), Dimitris Rizopoulos and Ernst Wit. Also it was decided that the BMS-ANed working groups Medical Statistics and Wagenings Biometry Colloquium were abolished.