

## **Minutes general assembly BMS-ANed December 19 2012 15h30-16h30**

Venue: Stratenum zaal 7.118, UMC Utrecht, Universiteitsweg 100, 3584 CG Utrecht

### **1. Opening**

The president opens the meeting at 15h.30

### **2. Agenda**

Approved without changes

### **3. Minutes previous general meeting dd. June 24, 2011**

Approved without changes. Special thanks for the secretary.

### **4. Announcements**

- Jelle Goeman and Aldo Solari have been awarded the Biometry Award 2012. They will organize the awards winners workshop on March 13 2013, 13-17h. in Leiden. This will also be the BMS-ANed spring meeting 2013. It will consist of 3 talks by members of the BMS-ANed jury, and 3 talks by invited speakers by the awards winner, based on the the winning paper's theme 'multiple testing'.
- The yearly 'Day for statistics and operations research' will be on thursday March 21 2013 in Utrecht. It will be organized around the theme 'data visualization'
- The 4th Channel Network Meeting will take place on July 3-5 in St. Andrews (UK)
- The 2014 edition of the International Biometric Conference will be held in Florence (It) on 6-11 July.
- The 5th Channel Network Meeting will take place in 2015 will take place in the Netherlands and will be organized by: Ronald Geskus, Mark van der Wiel and Jelle Goeman.

### **5. Annual report 2011 BMS-ANed**

Approved without changes

### **6. Financial report 2011 ANed**

The treasurer presents last year's financial results. The number of society members is increasing, especially the number of students. There are 116 members by the end of 2011. Student members don't have to pay membership dues, but ANed does not have to pay anything on their account to the IBS as well. So these are budget neutral members. ANed has a reserve of 24k euros. The question is how many reserves do we need to be able to compensate for eventual losses on the account of the Channel Network Meeting in the Netherlands?

In the event of surplus reserves how are we going to use it?

The budget shows that the major incomes are from membership dues, interest on deposits and declarations to de VVS-OR. The major outgoing amounts are the membership dues for the IBS. The audit committee approves of the budget. Also the general assembly approves of the budget. and gives a discharge to the treasurer.

### **7. Board replacement**

Siem Heisterkamp has stepped down as a board member. The board proposes Sophie Swinkels as a candidate for this position. The assembly unanimously approves of the proposition by the board and adopts Sophie as a new board member.

In July 2013, during the Channel Network Meeting in St. Andrews, 3 board members, Fred van Eeuwijk (president), Maarten Schipper (secretary) and Liesbeth de Wreede (member) will finish their last term for the board and will step down. The board encourages members to forward themselves for one of the vacancies.

## **8. Registration of biostatisticians**

There is a long going discussion about the use of the registration. What are the specific merits of this register is still unclear. Inventory is needed. Once the merits are clear the must have a more prominent place on the website.

The board of the register has a new secretary: Corine Baljé-Volkers.

As representant of the board, Sophie Swinkels wants to give more fleshing to the register. Also Egbert Biesheuvel is contacted to assist in this. In Europe, there are some more systems for registration. Also there is a European initiative to come to one registration. Do we want to join? Fred Van Eeuwijk will put this item on the agenda of the VVS-OR.

George Borm has stepped down as a member of the board of the register. We need a replacement for him in the board. The idea is to ask Theo Stijnen to join the board.

The question arises why the the costs for registration is as much as 120 euros. This seems a lot of money and might raise a threshold on the register. The board will call the registration board to account on this.

## **9. Working Groups**

Except for the PSDM there seems to be little activity by the working groups. The question is whether we need to continue with all the working groups.

- PSDM is active, but has little overlap with BMS-ANed. There is need for improvement on this.
- Education. Cas Kruitwagen has notified he doesn't have enough time to be president of this working group. Saskia le Sessie is willing to become president of this working group. Fred van Eeuwijk will introduce Saskia to the ongoing discussions in the VVS-OR on this subject. Den Haag is asking for input for the curriculum 2016-2018. What do we want to be the role of (bio)statistics in this future curriculum?
- Medical Statistics. Nothing seems to be organized by this group. Maarten Schipper will check with the president about the future.
- Wagenings Biometry Colloquium. Nothing seems to be organized by this group either. Fred van Eeuwijk will check with the president about the future of this group.

## **10. Young Statisticians**

Clearly the young statisticians meet a need. Their gatherings draw many participants. Also the PR of this group is outstanding. Something we can learn from. We could promote our activities through more channels. Maybe we should promote more aggressively? Ideas are to promote also via LinkedIn and maybe Facebook.

It seems that BMS-ANed doesn't have to give more input on this account.

**11. Questions at the end of the meeting**

none

**12. Closure**

The president closes the meeting at 16h.23