

SBS-BVS SPONSORING POLICY

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Article 1. The Belgian Statistical Society considers the "sponsoring" of *statistical events* organised by its regular members or by Third parties as a valuable policy to

- improve its reputation
- disseminate its goals
- support its member initiatives
- provide an actual return to individual "membership fees".

Article 2. Any regular member or Third party organizing a statistical meeting, conference, workshop or course can apply for an official sponsoring of the Society. The sponsoring will have to be approved by the Board of the Society. The statistical event can then be termed as being organised "*under the auspices of the Belgian Statistical Society*". No other financial support will be provided, only the name and logo of the Society can be used.

Article 3. Sponsoring can also be requested by any regular member or Third party together with a demand for financial support. The request will then be examined for approval by the Board of the Society, who will consider

- the relevance, duration and location of the event
- the quality of speakers and their financial requirements
- the amount of the financial contribution of the Society
- the actual "return" of the Society's members attending the event (e.g., discount on registration fees, free material, etc.)
- any other organisational or financial modalities that might be appropriate.

In all circumstances, the quality of the sponsored event must be high. It must be acceptable from a professional, statistical and ethical point of view.

Article 4. Financial support of statistical events will be distributed with equity. In case several competing requests are introduced simultaneously, the Board will decide upon which should be retained and which should be rejected or possibly postponed.

Article 5. The yearly financial support should in no way jeopardize the financial situation of the Society. The annual amount invested in sponsoring statistical events will be fixed at 5000 €. This amount can be revised annually at the General Assembly and it will be published in B-Stat News. As a guideline, an amount of 750 € is foreseen for each statistical event.

Article 6. The responsibility of the Society will be limited to transferring the money to the organizer. In no circumstances can the Society be responsible for deficits of such events. Conversely, if a profit is made, in no way can the Society ask for a refund of the money yielded.