

International Biometric Society Channel Network Second conference

Gent, Belgium, 6-8 April 2009

The Belgian Region of the International Biometric Society is hosting the second Channel Network Conference, to take place from April 6-8, 2009, in Gent, at the conference centre Het Pand. The Channel Network Steering Group identified the following three broad themes as the invited programme:

Biological versus Statistical Interactions

Invited speakers: Sir David Cox (Oxford University, U.K.), Anders Skrondal (Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Norway), Tyler VanderWeele (University of Chicago, U.S.A.)

Mixture Models and Growth Curves

Invited speakers: Mario Cortina Borja (University College London, U.K.), Richard Silverwood (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, U.K.), Stef van Buuren (TNO Quality of Life, The Netherlands)

Multivariate Survival Analysis

Invited speakers: Alioum Ahmadou (Université Victor Segalen Bordeaux II, France), Robin Henderson (Newcastle University, U.K.), Hans van Houwelingen (LUMC, The Netherlands)

The conference will start on Monday, April 6 (9h to 12h30) with an optional 'Crash Course on P-splines' given by Paul Eilers (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands) and close with a keynote lecture given by Thomas Schiex, (INRA, France).

You are invited to submit an abstract for a contributed oral/poster presentation. Contributions may cover a wide range of topics, but contributions devoted to one of the topics of the invited sessions are particularly encouraged. Deadline for abstracts is: February 15, 2009. Online registration for this conference is possible before March 15, 2009 through the conference website <http://www.cvstat.ugent.be/ibs>. The

deadline for early bird registration is February 15, 2009. Registration for the short course will be opened from mid January onwards.

Participants should arrange their own accommodation, e.g. through the website: <http://www.visitgent.be/> for hotels or <http://www.bedandbreakfast-gent.be/en/home.php> for bed and breakfast facilities. Because the conference takes place during the mid term holiday, early booking is strongly encouraged. A list of hotels in the city center (i.e. around the shopping street 'Veldstraat', which is 100 meters away from the conference center) and in the neighborhood of the train station 'Gent Sint Pieters' (which has a fast tram connection with the city center) will also soon be provided on the conference website.

I look forward to welcoming you at the next Channel Network Conference!

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