

16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BELGIAN STATISTICAL SOCIETY

Wépion-Namur, (15) 16-17 October 2008

Wépion Meeting was the 16th BSS Annual Meeting. It was a nice opportunity to meet for the Belgian Statistical Society. More than one hundred people, exactly 120, gathered in the Leonardo Hotel for two or three days.

The first day was dedicated to the Young Statisticians, with a tutorial about “Symbolic Data” by Prof. P. Brito from Portugal, a poster session with an exciting quizz, and a visit to the famous “Moutarderie Bister”. The atmosphere was cool and many young statisticians took the chance to discover new colleagues and discuss about research.

The two following days were more academic with presentations and plenary sessions (more than 40 talks). Biostatistic presentations were the more numerous, but there were many other themes such as methodology, classification, econometry, applied probability and so on.

Seven invited speakers presented their works on “Graph Mining” (P. Kuntz, Nantes), “Computer Experiments” (D. Steinberg, Tel Aviv), “Percolation” (F. den Hollander, Leiden), “Generalization of the law of iterated logarithm” (U. Einmahl, Brussel), “Bayesian methodology for clinical trials” (St. Laurent, Louvain-la-Neuve), “Adaptative local parametric estimation” (Vl. Spokoiny, Berlin) and “Genomes, microarrays and phylogenomics : new challenges for statisticians” (Ph. Baret, Louvain-la-Neuve).

Thanks to the scientific and local committees, this meeting was really a success. See you next time in CenterParcs De Vossemere (Lommel, October 14-16, 2009), for the annual meeting organized by the KULeuven.