Aims

Recent developments on statistical methods in health sciences have become very important and gained a lot of prominence in the scientific community. The primary objective of this conference is to bring together statisticians working in academia as well as research organizations on different aspects and applications of statistics into health sciences and provide a forum to share their ideas, problems and methodology. On this basis, we wish to have several invited sessions on different topics. The aim of this conference is not only to present work carried out, but also for people to bring out problems that exist and are worth considering for further studies. This part of the conference will be particularly useful for graduate students and new researchers.

Topics of interest

- Clinical trials
- Pharmacokinetics
- Survival Analysis
- Clinical Epidemiology
- Statistics in Cancer Research
- AIDS and other epidemic models
- Censored Data Analysis
- Statistics in Genetics
- Microarrays analysis
- Quality of Life
- Statistics in Environmental Health
- Risk Assessment
- Longitudinal data and repeated measures
- Vaccination studies
- Surrogate marker evaluation
- Causality in Health Sciences
- Sequential analysis in clinical trials
- Miscellaneous topics related to Statistics in Health

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Registration fees

Before March 2004, 20
- Regular Fee: 300 €
- Student Fee: 200 €

After March 2004, 20
- Regular Fee: 330 €
- Student Fee: 230 €

Gala Dinner
- Registered participant: 0 €
- Accompanying person: 50 €
Call for papers for Oral Presentation or Poster

Participants wishing to present a contributed paper or a poster are invited to submit an abstract. Abstracts (maximum four (4) pages, in English) have to be written in LaTeX or Word format. The abstract should include the research objectives, proposed methodology, and a discussion of expected outcomes. Each submission should include a title page that should include: title of the submission, topic area of the submission (see above list), 2 or 3 keywords that describe the submission, name(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s), mailing and e-mail addresses, phone and fax numbers, corresponding author if different than lead author.

Submission Guidelines

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Submissions imply that at least one author will register for the conference and be present at the time designated in the conference program.

Organization

The conference will be held at Nantes University of Pharmacy located in the downtown area which is close to historic places including castle, cathedral, old streets and museums. Nantes is the largest city of the North West region historically linked with Britanny region. Nantes is a beautiful city located on the Loire and Erdre rivers, in a region famous for its architectural treasures, its vineyards, its cuisine, and its modern industries. Nantes University is very attractive for many areas in research including Biology, Material Sciences, and Medicine.

The registration fee includes the abstract book, all morning and afternoon coffee breaks, three lunches, the welcome cocktail at the city hall on Wednesday evening (June 2004, 23), and the gala dinner on Thursday evening (June 2004, 24). Nantes University of Pharmacy is located in the centre of Nantes, 15 minutes walk from the TGV Atlantique Train Station (South Exit), 30 minutes by car from the International Airport Nantes-Atlantique. We hope that you will enjoy your stay in Nantes.

Dates and Deadlines

- Deadline for early registration: March 2004, 20
- Deadline for abstract submission: February 2004, 20
- Notification of abstract acceptance: March 2004, 20
- Beginning of the conference: June 2004, 23 at 8 am (registration), 10 am (opening conference)
- End of the conference: June 2004, 25 at 4 pm
- Submission of papers for publication: September 2004, 20
- Hotel reservation: As soon as possible from January 2004, 1 (Visit the website to get a list of Hotel with phone and fax numbers)

Cancellation

Participants cancelling their registration before June 2004, 5 will receive a 50% refund. There will be no refunds after this date.