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NEWSLETTER - APRIL, 1968

SPURIOUS CORRELATIONS AND THE ANALYSIS OF PROPORTIONS

"Spurious correlations" seem to arise in many problems - but are they spurious? This is a continuing problem well-known to statisticians. The meeting will explore this issue, including models for the analysis of proportions. Illustrations will be drawn mainly from the field of biostatistics.

Chairman: Daniel G. Seigel, National Institute of Child Health & Human Development, NIH

Speakers: James Mosimann, Division of Computer Research & Technology, NIH
Robert Connor, Division of Computer Research & Technology, NIH

Discussant: John Gart, National Cancer Institute, NIH

WHEN AND WHERE: Wednesday, April 3, 8 p.m., Conference Room #3, Building 31, NIH
(Please note location. Bldg. 31 is the large white modern office building on the right as you enter NIH from Wisconsin Avenue from either of the two main entrances. If you get lost, ask anyone.)

NATIONAL STANDARD REFERENCE DATA SYSTEM

The National Standard Reference Data System is a government-wide effort to provide for the technical community of the U. S. optimum access to the quantitative data of physical science. The Office of Standard Reference Data of the National Bureau of Standards has been administering the program since 1963 as a decentralized cooperative effort. The history, status, and impact of the program will be discussed.

Chairman: Fred Frishman

Speaker: Stephen A. Rossmassler, Office of Standard Reference Data,
National Bureau of Standards

WHEN AND WHERE: Tuesday, April 23, 8 p.m., Conference Room B, Interdepartmental Aud., Constitution Avenue between 12th & 14th Sts., N.W.

Maurice Bresnahan, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 2818 GA0 Bldg., D. C. 20212

Please reserve _____ tickets for Nelson luncheon, April 15.

Name _____; Agency _____; phone _____

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LUNCHEON MEETING

A CHEERFUL VIEW OF STATISTICAL RESOURCES FOR TRANSPORTION PROGRAMS

Chairman: Ezra Glaser, National Institutes of Health

Speaker: James R. Nelson, Office of Economics, Office of the Secretary,
Department of Transportation

Discussants: Edward Margolin, Interstate Commerce Commission
C. P. Modlin, Council of Economic Advisors
Robert Barraclough, Office of Transportation Information,
Office of the Secretary DOT

Federal transportation programs - air, long distance land, urban, water, pipeline - make use of interactions among a wide variety of variables. Both people and business must be considered in planning programs, reviewing what is happening, and study socio-economic consequences of existing and proposed programs.

How does DOT have to use statistics to best fulfill its mission? How well does the existing organization of statistical resources serve DOT's needs? How can the organization of Federal agencies and private associations be modified to produce a better statistical information system for DOT?

WHEN AND WHERE? Noon, Monday, April 15, Presidential Arms, 1320 G St., N.W.
\$2.75 (lunch, tax, table tip). Please send check and form above to be received on or before April 12.