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NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1968

The WSS and the American Marketing Association are sponsoring a joint meeting.

Subject: Systems Approach Towards Health Data

Papers:

- William Berry and Paul E. Fox, Health Service and Mental Health Administration, "Integrity of Management Information Data--The Programs and Systems Partnership"
- Phillip Person, National Institute of Mental Health, "A Statistical Information System for Community Health Centers"
- M. Taybeck, Deputy Commissioner for Health, Baltimore City, "Systems Approach in the Management of Health Services"

Discussants:

- Edward C. Bryant, Westat Research
- Ezra Glaser, HEW
- A. M. Lilienfeld, Johns Hopkins University
- Charles A. Smith, Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations

When: Tuesday, November 26, 9:30 - 1:00

Where: Conference Room B, Interdepartmental Auditorium

LUNCHEON MEETING

Speaker: Richard M. Scammon, Director, Governmental Affairs Institute

Subject: 1968 Elections in Retrospect

Mr. Scammon, former Director of the Bureau of Census, is a recognized authority on the voting patterns and proclivities of the American people. He will interpret the election outcomes in the light of his long experience in this area and will offer some speculations as to the future trends in the electoral process.

When and Where: Noon, Thursday, December 5, Presidential Arms
Price of lunch is \$2.75 (includes tax and tip).

Please fill out the reservation below and mail to reach Maurice Bresnahan by noon, December 4.

Maurice Bresnahan, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 2818 GAO Bldg., D.C. 20212
Please reserve _____ tickets for Scammon Luncheon, December 5.
Name _____; Agency _____; Phone _____.
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Please reserve _____ tickets for Chartener Luncheon, December 10.

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LUNCHEON MEETING

Speaker: William H. Chartener, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs

Subject: Balance of Payments. Are Accountants Responsible for our Balance of Payments Deficit?

As Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Dr. Chartener plays an important role in the determination of both domestic and international economic policy. His speeches on economic topics are noted for their lucidity and provocativeness and his comments on the critical balance of payments problem will question whether balance of payments analysis, as typically practiced, really focuses on the right issues.

When and Where: Noon, Tuesday, December 10, Presidential Arms
Price of lunch is \$2.75 (includes tax and tip).

Please fill out the reservation form above and mail to reach Maurice Bresnahan by Noon, December 9.

METHODOLOGY MEETING

Speaker: John L. Overholt, Center for Naval Analyses, University of Rochester

Subject: The Problem of Factor Selection

Discussants: Neeti Bohidar, CEIR, Fort Detrick
Clifford J. Maloney, NIH

The process of factor selection for designed experiments with computer simulation will be described. In addition to the usual advice on knowing why every step is included, and formulating working hypotheses, some useful augmenting steps will be presented.

The similarities and differences from laboratory and field tests will be discussed.

In computer simulations, the omitted but important variables are not disclosed by large variances. Instead, the observed variation is due to the internal behavior of the model and is of little or no use for confidence limits of the process being simulated. Several examples will be given.

When and Where: 8:00 PM, Tuesday, December 3, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 3

Future Meetings

Luncheon Meeting - Wednesday, January 15, Presidential Arms

Speaker: Churchill Eisenhart

Subject: (tentative) Realistic Evaluation and Expression of Accuracy in Final Results

Other Meetings

Catholic University Lecture Series in Mathematical Statistics and Probability Theory.

Speaker: Professor Herbert Robbins, Columbia University

Subject: Distributions Associated with Law of the Iterated Logarithm

When and Where: Friday, December 6, 3:30 PM
Room 153. Caldwell Hall. Catholic University

Resumed for two persons; Kiddle & Bernhard

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

Please reserve _____ tickets for Chiazze Luncheon, December 18.

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LUNCHEON MEETING

Speaker: Leonard Chiazze, Georgetown University

Subject: Menstrual Cycle Variability and Calendar Rhythm

Statistical studies of the human menstrual cycle have not provided consistent results with respect to measures of length and extent of variability. One of the assumptions basic to the success of the calendar rhythm method for fertility control is that potential users will be menstruating at fairly regular intervals. Discussion of results of a perspective study of length and variability of the human menstrual cycle and implications for calendar rhythm will be presented.

When and Where: Noon, Wednesday, December 18, Presidential Arms
Price of lunch is \$2.75 (includes tax and tip).

Please fill out the reservation form above and mail to reach Maurice Bresnahan by noon, December 17.

Attention Members in the Baltimore Area

A meeting will be held on the statistics related to the MEDICARE Program in Baltimore on December 10. Speakers will be Jack Scharff and William Hsiao from the Social Security Administration. Further details will be mailed to you shortly. For those in the Washington area, further details may be obtained by calling Harold Grossman, phone 944-5000 or Code 130-4920.

JOB OPENINGS

The Department of Commerce is recruiting for an economic statistician, grade level GS-9-11, starting salary \$8,462-\$10,203. Duties involve research on U.S. foreign trade indexes. Principal responsibility is to develop monthly measures of export and import price changes by applying regression methods to large masses of data. Applicants should contact Mr. Otto Kiehn, Bureau of International Commerce (894), Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Telephone 967-5451.

National Institute of Mental Health, Biometry Branch has an opening for a supervisory statistician (survey, analytical, or mathematical), grade level GS-11-13, salary range from \$10,203-\$18,729 per year depending on qualifications. This position is in the Survey and Reports Section, which is responsible for conducting several major annual surveys (both census and sample) of mental health facilities and patients and staff in these facilities. Applicant should have a background in large scale data collection, processing, and analysis. Familiarity with computer processing of data and writing and analysis skills are also desirable. Applicant should be prepared to conduct studies independently, or as a team member specialist. Contact Mr. Carl A. Taube, Chief, Survey and Reports Section, BB, OPPE, NIMH, 5154 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20203. Telephone 496-0485 or Code 14-60485.

Notices for inclusion in future issues should be sent to Mrs. Marie D. Eldridge, Office of Statistical Programs and Standards, Bureau of Finance and Administration, Post Office Department, 12th and Pennsylvania, N.W., Room 2407, Washington, D.C. 20260. Forms outlining the items to be included in the notice are available from Mrs. Eldridge. No phone announcements please.