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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

A three-day course, organized by the Polish National Group of ISCB and the Department of Epidemiology and Population Studies, Medical College Jagiellonian University, entitled 'Linear mixed effects models and meta-analysis: basic concepts and applications' will be held on 28-30 June 2006 in Cracow. This course led by Tomasz Burzykowski and Andrzej Galecki comprises both theoretical presentations and practical applications in R. During the first two days course will cover basic aspects, concepts and present real data applications of Linear and Nonlinear Mixed Effects Models (MEMs). On the third day issues related to Meta-Analysis (MA) will be addressed.

The course is intended for researchers from ISCB target countries, in particular countries of Central and Eastern Europe as well as Third World Countries. Due to the kind financial support of the ISCB the registration fee is 30 EUROS to cover costs of participation, printed handouts and coffee breaks. The organizers pre-booked 10 guest rooms at the course site (the price is about 20 EUROS per person per night).

Please forward this announcement to colleagues who might be interested in this course. The number of course participants is limited to 20-30 persons, so early booking is recommended. The course will be cancelled (with 1 month notice) in case of insufficient pre-booking.

Please reply before the 15th of March 2006 if you intend to participate or you need more information on registration or accommodation. Further announcements with more details will be sent only to those whose reply is affirmative.

Draft of the preliminary program:

Day 1:

Session 1: Linear mixed effects models (LMM)
Session 2: Applications of LMM
Session 3: Examples using R
Session 4: Discussion

Day 2:

Session 1: Nonlinear mixed effects models (NLMM)
Session 2: Applications of NLMM
Session 3: Examples using R
Session 4: Discussion

Day 3:

Session 1: Meta-analysis (MA): basic concepts, methods and issues (with examples)
Session 2: Statistical methods for MA
Session 3: Examples using R
Session 4: Discussion

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Cracow.

With best regards,

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