

Minutes of decisions

General Assembly 2008

Place, date	Bern, Universität of Bern, Institut für Exakte Wissenschaften, 24 th October 2008
Chairman	Diego Kuonen (Ku)
Present members	Mathias Ambühl (Am), Marcel Baumgartner (Ba), Bernhard Brabec (Br), Yves L. Grize (Gr), Thomas Gsponer (Gs), Fränzi Korner (Ko), Christof Luchsinger (Lu), Jacques Zuber (Zu)
Absent members	Ahmed Bousbaine (Bo)



Nr.	Subject	Who	When
1.	Opening, approval of agenda - The agenda is unanimously approved.	All	
2.	Report last SSS-BI General Assembly 2007 - The report is unanimously approved.	All	
3.	Annual report 2007–2008 - During the past year the committee tried to do his best to fulfill the section's ambitious goals. - Swiss Statistics Meeting (SST): organization and construction of the scientific programme. Zu is the representative of SSS-BI. - The SSS-BI is actively promoting the contact with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ROeS and the BBS: ongoing discussions to organize a joint meeting in the future; • the ISBIS: Gr will be ISBIS President from August 2009 to August 2011. Possible organization of a joint meeting maybe during the SSM 2013 – 2013 marks the 25th anniversary of the SSS; • the ENBIS. The ENBIS President Andrea Ahlemeyer-Stubbe was invited to the Swiss Statistics Meeting 2007 in Lucerne. Possible next steps include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ exchange links; ➤ Ku (in the name of the SSS-BI) has been appointed National ENBIS Representative for Switzerland; ➤ check possibility of the SSS-BI becoming the "Swiss Local Network" of ENBIS (<i>pending</i>); ➤ SSS-BI involvement to organize a workshop and/or a session within ENBIS' annual meeting (<i>pending -> any volunteers?</i>); ➤ exchange information among members. - Organization of a three-day training course on Bayesian statistics – to be given by Anthony O'Hagan on June 22–24, 2009, in Kandersteg. - Reflexion on the 25th year anniversary meeting of the SSS – 2013 on "Statistics in Switzerland" (<i>working title</i>). Idea include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during the year 2013 actions should be organised (newspaper articles, activities in schools/universities, public events); • a platform regrouping all professional societies and all consulting firms should be organised; • topics for sessions: "What have we done, where do we want to go?", "How did statistics in industry establish itself in Switzerland?". The complete list of ideas was sent to the SSS committee with a demand for decision and elaboration of possible next steps.	Ku Zu Ku, Bo, Gr Ku Gs All	

4.	<p>Activities 2008-2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of the scientific programme and the organization of the "Swiss Statistics Meeting 2009". - Follow-up meeting with the ROeS board to evaluate the possibility to organize a joint meeting in the future. - Follow-up meetings with the ENBIS board to evaluate and organize possible collaborations and joint activities (e.g. conferences, projects, courses). - Follow-up discussions with ISBIS to evaluate and organize possible collaborations and joint activities, e.g. organize a joint meeting during the "Swiss Statistics Meeting 2013" – 2013 marks the 25th anniversary of the SSS. - Recruitment of new members for the SSS-BI. 	Zu	
5.	<p>Financial statement & Budget 2008–2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial statement: the SSS-BI receives CHF 1'000 per year (not cumulative) from the SSS, and has the possibility to ask (if needed) additional funding, e.g. for seminars and international collaborations. - Budget 2008–2009: CHF 1'000 including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses SSS-BI committee CHF 300.– • Expenses Swiss Statistics 2009 CHF 200.– • Expenses for seminars CHF 500.– - Budget was presented to and accepted from the SSS committee. Official decision was made in general assembly of the SSS on 9.9.2008 in Davos. 	Ku	
6.	<p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed committee for 2008–2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>President</u>: Dr. Diego Kuonen, Statoo Consulting, Bern; • <u>Member</u>: Dr. Ahmed Bousbaine, Nestlé Research Center, Lausanne; • <u>Member</u>: Dr. Yves L. Grize, The Baloise Insurance, Basel; • <u>Member</u>: Dr. Bernhard Brabec, D1 Solutions AG, Zürich; • <u>Member</u>: Dr. Thomas Gsponer, Statoo Consulting, Bern; • <u>Member</u>: Dr. Jacques Zuber, University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland, Yverdon-les-Bains & Statoo Consulting, Bern. - The proposed committee is unanimously elected. 	All	
7.	<p>Varia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Bayesian Statistics" training given by Anthony O'Hagan on June 22–24, 2009, in Kandersteg. - "Swiss Statistics Meeting 2009": October 28–30, 2009, in Geneva; next SSS-BI general assembly. 	Gs All	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion material for the SSS-BI is available in English, French, German and Italian on the SSS-BI homepage. Feel free to use the SSS-BI presentation and/or the SSS-BI flyer to pass the word about the SSS-BI to your friends and colleagues. 	All	
8.	<p>Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14. January 2009 in Bern at 17.00, Committee Meeting; - 30. June 2009 in Bern at 17.00, Committed Meeting; - 28–30. October 2009, Geneva, Swiss Statistics Meetings 2009; - 28. October 2009, Geneva, SSS-BI General Assembly; - 20. November 2009, Committee Meeting prior to the common meeting between the SSS committee and the three sections. 		

Bern and Yverdon-les-Bains, June 29th, 2009

D. Kuonen and J. Zuber (secretary)