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**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the presidents of statistical societies**  
**from the Central European Region**  
Ljubljana, October 12, 2007

**Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Presentation of the Slovenian Statistical Office (Irena Križman, Director-General)
3. Statistical Days 2007 (Mojca Noč Razingar)
4. Applied Statistics 2007 (Andrej Blejec)
5. Other and future activities of the Statistical Society of Slovenia (Andrej Blejec)
6. Report of the Austrian Statistical Society (Wilfried Grossman)
7. Report of the Czech Statistical Society (Gejza Dohnal)
8. Report of the Hungarian Statistical Society (Eva Laczka, Sandor Herman)
9. Report of the Romanian Statistical Society (Ioan Goreac, Vasile Bită)
10. Report of the Slovak Statistical and Demographical Society (Peter Mach)
11. Other matters (proposal of CSS to have the 2008 meeting in Prague)
12. Summary and the calendar of events

Ad 1)

Mr Andrej Blejec welcomed the participants. The updated list of participants is attached to the minutes.

Ad 2)

Ms Irena Križman made an exhaustive presentation of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia. In her presentation she explained about the register-oriented statistical system in Slovenia. She pointed out that Slovenian official statistics comprises different institutions that make possible such efficient statistical system. At the end of her presentation she informed the participants about the project **Census at Schools**, which began in the United Kingdom in 2000 and now includes participation from schools in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. *Census at School* is an international online project that engages students from grades 4 to 12 in statistical enquiry. Slovenia was invited to join the project, but at the moment schools in Slovenia will evaluate if it is possible for Slovenia to join the project.

Ad 3)

Ms Mojca Noč Razingar informed the participants about the conference **Statistical Days**, which is organised every year by the Statistical Society of Slovenia, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia and the Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Macroeconomic Analysis and Development. This year's title of the conference is **Reducing Administrative Burdens of Data Collection in Statistical Surveys**.

More information about the conference is available on the website <http://www.statistical-days.si/>. She invited all presidents to join the conference, where many highly respected experts will speak.

Ad 4)

Mr Andrej Blejec reported on several activities of the Statistical Society of Slovenia (website: <http://www.stat-d.si/>):

- Firstly he reported about the conference Applied Statistics, which is organised every year by the Slovenian Statistical Society, the Slovenian Statistical Office and the University of Ljubljana. He is actively involved in the organisation of this conference.

Information about the last conference can be found on <http://ablejec.nib.si/AS2007/> as well as the information about the conference next year which will be held from 21 to 24 September, 2008.

He requested the presidents to promote the conference **Applied Statistics** in their countries.

Ad 5)

Other activities of the Statistical Society of Slovenia are:

- Mr Blejec informed the presidents that an article concerning statistical societies was published in AMSTAT newsletter in the section edited by Ms Martha Aliaga (USA)
- In August 2010 the Slovenian Statistical Society will co-organise the conference concerning teaching statistics **ICOTS-8, Slovenia, 2010** (<http://icots8.org>);
- Publication of peer reviewed journal Advances in Methodology and Statistics (Metodološki zvezki). Publication of the papers from the conference Applied Statistics;
- Co-organization of the conference of young statisticians, which will be held from **19 to 21 October** (12th Austrian, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian and Slovenian Young Statisticians Meeting). Information about the conference can be found on <http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/info/ys/2007/>
- Mr Blejec supported the idea of the project Census at School.

Ad 6)

Mr Wilfried Grossman reported about the activities of the Austrian Statistical Society (<http://www.osg.or.at/>):

- Established new website, which will also contain private access for members;
- Invitation will be sent to other statistical societies to become members of the Austrian Statistical Society;
- Co-organisation of the Austrian Statistical Days – mid-September; area: spatial statistics, statistics in marketing;
- He informed us about the problem that registers in Austria could no longer be used for censuses;
- Next year they will co-organise a meeting with the German Statistical Society in Köln;
- Co-organisation of the 3rd Data Mining Conference 2007 (<http://datamining.ec3.at/>);
- Presentation of the project Census at School at the »Day of the Official Statistics« (Tag der Amtlichen Statistik 2007) ([http://www.statistik.at/web\\_de/ueber\\_uns/veranstaltungen/026741.html](http://www.statistik.at/web_de/ueber_uns/veranstaltungen/026741.html)).

Ad 7)

Mr Gejza Dohnal reported about the activities in the Czech Statistical Society (<http://www.statspol.cz/>):

- The Czech Statistical Society is more oriented to mathematical statistics;
- He pointed out that there is lack of personnel to organise events or conferences; A problem of the Czech Statistical Society is that average age of the members is high and that members are not active;
- Publication of bulletin, but only in the Czech language;
- CD ROMs, proceedings of the Statistical Days from the conferences (2 conferences) – with long tradition;
- Next meeting of the presidents of the statistical societies of the Central European Region will be hosted in **Prague**, foreseen in early **September 2008**;

Ad 8)

Ms Eva Laczka reported about the activities in the Hungarian Statistical Society (<http://www.mstnet.hu/>).

The Hungarian Statistical Society has 8 professional sections. One section is dedicated to teaching statistics.

- Ms Laczka organised a special topic meeting at the 56<sup>th</sup> ISI meeting in Lisbon. The title of the special topic meeting was "Regional Cooperation – Professional Ethics-Statistics".
- She proposed a special topic meeting also for the next ISI meeting in Durban (South Africa). She proposes the title "Professional ethics and code of practice".
  - o To present practice of the national statistical societies;

Ad 9)

Mr Ioan Goreac informed us about activities of the Romanian Statistical Society:

- 2 special seminars in this year:
  - o Organization of the Seminar of Population Projections
  - o 70th Anniversary of the Statistical Society in Romania
- Preparation of book "Romania in UE" (2nd edition Cunoaste Romania) and this will be launched on yearly reunion RSS December 2007.
- Preparation of book of History Romanian statistics. The book is expected to be appear in 2009.
- In 2008 monthly statistical seminars "Octav Onicescu" will be extended to Romanian Statistical Society branch Iasi - important university center;
- In 2009 the National Statistical Institute (<http://www.insse.ro/>) will celebrate its 150th anniversary of official statistic in Romania. A meeting for that occasion will be held on the first Friday in July 2009;

Ad 10)

Mr Peter Mach reported about the activities of the Slovak Statistical and Demographical Society (<http://www.ssds.sk>):

- Organisation of a 3-day conference – the main topic is immigration.
- The Slovak Statistical Society will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
  - o ½ day conference to celebrate this anniversary on **27 March 2008**;
  - o All presidents of statistical societies are invited;
- Young statisticians: undergraduate students every year present their diploma theses that are linked to statistics or survey methodology;
- **6 December 2007** invitation to the conference of young statisticians;
  - o 2-3 persons from each country are welcomed to Bratislava;
  - o university students, also PhD students
  - o conference covers different topics
- Publication work:
  - o The contents of the publication in English. If readers are interested in the topic that the author presents, they could contact the author directly;
- Website:
  - o A problem to make it international
  - o Link to AMSTAT news
- ISI meeting
  - o He supports the idea to organise a special topic meeting in South Africa.


Ad 11)

- Mr Grossman pointed out the importance of promoting young statisticians conferences – e.g. for PhD students to present their work;
- Ms Eva Laczka proposed that the special topic meeting in South Africa should be "Professional Ethics in Practice". In one year it should be decided about the special topic subject for the next ISI meeting;
  - o Mr Andrej Blejec commented that in Slovenia we have a code of ethics, but so far there have been no complaints – no intentional mistakes. An intentional mistake

- is the case to be discussed by the board. Slovenia has the board, but has no cases.
- o He pointed out that several statistical analyses in medical research are wrong. He mentioned that a solution could be to introduce a licence to the statistics as in the UK, where persons eligible to do statistical analysis get a licence and the title of a "chartered statistician".
  - Mr Blejec invited Ms Laczka to organise a special topic for the next ISI conference in South Africa. She agreed to do that.
  - The next meeting of the presidents of statistical societies will be held in **Prague in 2008**; Invitations will be sent out; Ms Laczka suggested that invitations should be sent out also to Croatian and Serbian colleagues; Mr Vasile Bitu suggested that the agenda for the meeting should be sent out well before the meeting;
  - The presidents of the national statistical societies should send to Ms **Eva Laczka** brief thoughts concerning ethics in statistics;
  - The next meeting will be connected to the conference of the Czech Statistical Office should be held early September that will be followed by a special meeting of young statisticians;
  - In **July 2009** the National Statistical Institute in Romania will celebrate its **150<sup>th</sup> anniversary**.

Ad 12)

Summary and the calendar of events:

<b>2007</b>	
<b>October 19-21</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Austrian, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian and Slovenian Young Statisticians Meeting</b> <b>Location:</b> Piran, Slovenia <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/info/ys/2007/">http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/info/ys/2007/</a>
<b>November 5-7</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Statistical Days: Reducing Administrative Burdens of Data Collection in Statistical Surveys</b> <b>Location:</b> Radenci, Slovenia <b>Information:</b> Mojca Noč Razinger <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:stat-d.surs@gov.s">stat-d.surs@gov.s</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.statistical-days.si/">http://www.statistical-days.si/</a> Proceedings of the conference on the conference website and on CD
<b>2008</b>	
<b>September 21-24</b>	<b>Applied Statistics 2008 International Conference</b> <b>Information:</b> Andrej Blejec (National Institute of Biology) <b>Location:</b> Ribno pri Bledu, Slovenia <b>tel:</b> +386 1 423-33-88 <b>fax:</b> +386 1 257-33-90 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:info.AS@nib.si">info.AS@nib.si</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://ablejec.nib.si/AS2008/">http://ablejec.nib.si/AS2008/</a> <b>Peer reviewed journal:</b> <a href="#">Advances in Methodology and Statistics</a>
<b>September</b>	<b>Meeting of the presidents of the statistical societies from the Central European Region</b> <b>Location:</b> Prague, Czech Republic
<b>November</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Statistical days, Radenci, Slovenia</b>
	Meeting of Austrian Statistical Society, German Statistical Society <b>Location:</b> Köln, Germany
<b>2009</b>	
<b>July 3</b>	<b>150 Anniversary of the National Statistical Institute in Romania</b> <b>Location:</b> Bucharest, Romania <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.insse.ro/">http://www.insse.ro/</a>
<b>July</b>	<b>Meeting of the presidents of the statistical societies from the Central European Region</b> <b>Location:</b> Bucharest, Romania
<b>August 16–22</b>	 <b>International Statistical Institute, 57<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session:</b> Includes meetings of the Bernoulli Society, the International Association for Statistical Computing, the International Association of Survey Statisticians, the International Association for Official Statistics and the International Association for Statistical Education <b>Location:</b> Durban, South Africa

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<b>2010</b>	
<p><b>July 11-16</b></p> 	<p><b>ICOTS 8</b> - Data and Context in Statistics Education: Towards an Evidence-Based Society; to be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia.  <b>Location:</b> Ljubljana, Slovenia  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://ICOTS8.org">http://ICOTS8.org</a></p>

More events are on ISI website:  
<http://isi.cbs.nl/calendar.htm>

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