

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **1991 Joint Meeting of the Psychometric Society and the Classification Society of North America, June 13 - 16, 1991**

The 1991 Annual Meetings of both the Psychometric Society and the Classification Society will be held jointly at the Cook Campus Center of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Information about hotel and dormitory accommodations will be mailed to members of both Societies at a later date. Persons wishing to present talks for either Society should send a title and abstract of no more than 200 words to:

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Graduate School of Management  
Rutgers University  
92 New Street  
Newark NJ 07102-1895  
(office tel.: 201 648 1020)

Proposals for symposia should also be sent to the above address. All submissions must include the name(s), complete mailing address(es), and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s), as well as a statement telling for which Society's meetings the paper is intended.

If there is more than one author, please indicate who will present the talk. (Each person is permitted to present at most one contributed paper. This limitation does not prevent an invited speaker or symposium speaker from also presenting one contributed paper, nor does it limit the number of papers on which one may be listed as a co-author.)

If possible, please classify your talk according to one of the following areas: Applications, Classification, Clustering, Artificial Intelligence, Cognitive Theory, Causal Models, Covariance Structures, Factor Analysis, Correspondence Analysis, Optimal Scaling, Multidimensional Scaling, Bayesian Methods, Categorical Data, Exploratory Data Analysis, Graphics, Linear Models, Survey Methods, Variance Components, Classical Test Theory, Item Response Theory, other (specify). Also, give a few more key words for classification.

Indicate how many minutes of the program time will be needed (15 to 20 minutes is suggested; longer times must be justified and will be granted at the discretion of the Program Chair). To allow maximum time for discussion at least 20 percent of the requested time must be allocated for discussion. An overhead projector will be available, but the use of slides is not recommended; you may also use handouts.

**Deadline for receipt of papers is March 15, 1991.**

### **Third Conference of the International Federation of Classification Societies: Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland, August 6 - 9, 1991; Sponsored by the British Classification Society**

Abstracts of contributed papers should be typed on one sheet, in a form suitable for camera-ready publication if accepted. Abstracts should include title of paper, names of authors, full postal address and relevant references. A book of abstracts of contributed papers will be available at IFCS-91. Please send 3 copies by *January 15, 1991* to:

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**Scientific Program.** Possible topics for IFCS-91 include: Probability and inference in cluster analysis; Pattern recognition and discrimination; Structural models and model building; Algebraic methods; Multidimensional scaling; Sequence analysis; Expert systems; Graphical methods of classification; Exploratory methods; Databases and data retrieval; Applications; Concept forming by clustering; Tree based methods. Parallel sessions are to be organized on the following themes: Tree theory for classification; Distance based methods for cluster analysis; Combinatorial optimization; Diagnostic trees; Classification of living organisms; Clustering multivariate longitudinal data; Sequencing; Phylogeny; Computer software.

**Conference Language.** The official language of the conference is English. All proceedings, abstracts, papers and other communications will be in English.

**Software Demonstrations.** The Computer Centre of Heriot-Watt University has kindly agreed to offer software demonstration facilities on its VAX mainframe, operating under VMS, and on various personal computers.

#### **Conference Address:**

IFCS-91 Conference  
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**Scientific Program.** For submitting abstracts, and general inquiries about the scientific program, please write to

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The Scientific Programme Committee includes representatives of the Classification Societies of Britain, North America, France, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia and Japan.

Delegates registering for IFCS-91 by April 1, 1991, will receive an advance program for the 45th Edinburgh International Festival which is to be held directly after the conference (August 10-31).

**1991 European Meeting of the Psychometric Society, July 28-31, 1991**

The 1991 European Meeting of the Psychometric Society will be held at the University of Trier, Germany, on July 28-31, 1991. Persons wishing to present a paper should send:

1. A title;
2. An abstract of about 150 words for the program book;
3. Name(s) and institutional affiliations of the author(s). If there is more than one author, indicate who will present the paper.
4. Keywords;
5. An indication of how many minutes of the program time will be needed (20 minutes is suggested, discussion included);
6. If available, an electronic mail address.

Submissions should be related to one of the following areas: Test Theory, Data Analysis, Multidimensional Scaling, Statistical Methods, Simultaneous Equation Models, Correspondence Analysis, Measurement Theory, Multivariate Analysis, Mathematical Models, Factor Analysis, Psychophysical Scaling, Classification. An overhead projector and a 35mm slide projector will be available.

**March 1, 1991 is the deadline**

for receipt of paper and symposium proposals. Submissions of paper and symposium proposals as well as requests for information should be sent to:

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