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Committee of :

**SPAS**

*Afrika Statistika*

**Support SPAS!  
Support Afrika  
Statistika !  
Send ideas !**

The co-ordinator's letter,

In this second year of the SPAS's initiative, we take both the new years 2009 and 1430 (in Gregorian and Heriga calendars) as an opportunity to wish a happy welcome to all its members and sympathizers. We wish a happy new year to everyone, both personal and family happiness, may 2009 and 1420 both be years of scientific successes, years of health and prosperity.

One may have the feeling that we're trotting along as the great event of this New Year, that is our **General Meeting**, is yet to be achieved. But that's only a matter of facts. Many achievements have been fulfilled, what we should be largely proud of.

Let us list some of our society's achievements. We have created the project's website which is accessible on the two addresses [www.statpas.net](http://www.statpas.net) and [www.statpas.org](http://www.statpas.org). Thanks to the website, nearly a hundred of members were able to subscribe and become founding members. All of the African Universities have already been informed of that initiative, by post mail and by e-mail. Major Statistic Societies have been contacted and collaboration propositions are likely to follow. A statute draft is available in the website. A temporary committee is available, and includes a temporary co-ordinator and other co-ordinators by Country and by Areas (see page 4).

Besides, The *Afrika Statistika* review, which is likely to become the official journal of the society, is about to publish its third volume. That review is already referenced by MathSciNet.

To sum all this up, our society is on the right path. However, things should be done so that the general meeting may be achieved as soon as possible, and set a program at short-term, medium-term and long-term.

This bulletin will be our link, for now. Every member is invited to read it, and also to contribute and participate on the debates and answer the questions

We wish you once more, happy new years 2009 (G) and 1430 (H).

## General Assembly and ASPAD 2009

It was initially decided to have the GM of the members in April 2009 in Senegal. Unfortunately, we lack some more preparations, what makes it be impossible.

**The co-ordination suggests that the GM is postponed until 2010, still in Senegal, the same month. What do you think about it?**

Besides, we suggest that a maximum of members meet up in South Africa, during the 57th session of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) to proceed to introductions and discuss about our society.

May we hope to have the financing so that a representative sample may be there. Thus, we are introducing a slogan : **Everyone to Durban.**

## AFRIQUE HONOURED ! THE 57th ISI SESSION AT A DURBAN

The 57th session of the ISI is scheduled to Durban, in South Africa, in August, 16-22 2009.

That session gathers every two years a great number of probabilists and statisticians. It's being held for the second time in Africa after Cairo in 1991. Let's make sure that our society will be strong enough to ask for the

responsibility of the organisation of the third session in one of our countries.

## ISI 2009 : Submission and Registration.

For inscriptions for ISI 2009, visit

<http://www.statssa.gov.za/isi2009/default.aspx>.

Dead line of Abstracts submission:

April 13, 2009.

## Payment of Registration fees must be completed by 15 June 2009.

Let us visit the website and experiment our commentaries in this bulletin.

## News from members.

The professor Aly Souleymane Dabye, member of the SPAS, statistician, former vice-chancellor of Abeche University, has been appointed minister of water and sea resources of the Tchadian government, in September 2009.

Despite his new charges, he is keeping up with researches and has started a graduate teaching mission at Saint-Louis, in Senegal. Research topics of Prof Dabye:

Statistical Estimations stochastic processes.

Send papers on your universities, departements or colleagues

## HOW TO ORGANIZE THIS BULLETIN

Like the IMS and ISI bulletin, we suggest the following sections to our readers.

### *Letter to the editor*

Any reader may send a public article on the society's themes. That letter will be the editorial

### *News of members*

The good news about our members will be exposed in this section (appointments, promotions etc)

### *Events.*

This section is where is given the calendar of scheduled meetings in Africa, or the reports about scientific meetings in Africa.

### *Reporting*

For mutual acknowledgment, reportings will be provided here about a specific country, a university, a department or simply a project.

As you may have remarked, the English is not the best one. We need an English speaking contributing editor who will manage the English version

## **PROPOSITIONS**

### **Bulletin Editors.**

We need four members at least, two french-speakers et two english-speakers, in order to form the bulletin Editors Board. Send your suggestions to [statpas@statpas.net](mailto:statpas@statpas.net). We thank you in advance for your contribution.

The Editorial Board members's work will mainly be the translation of the articles, because the society is bilingual.

### **Personal Pages of the Spas members**

We have noticed that most of our colleagues have no personal websites. It would be possible to provide personal websites to our members via our your database. Our members will be able to update them at every new publication or pre-publication.

Is there any member who is interested in piloting that initiative?

### **Ideas : Spas Goals.**

While waiting for the General Meeting, here are some program ideas. Each member may intervene, comment and add some items...

**Do Not hesitate, do it !**

1 - Holding a General Meeting once every two years in the same time as a scientific African Meeting on Statistics and Probability.

2 - Editing the review *Afrika Statistika* (theories and applications)

3 - Editing monographs.

4 - Launching an African prize in order to promote Statistics and probabilities

5 - Gathering up all the papers that are published by African probabilists and statisticians.

6 - Organizing regional schools of probability and statistics

7 - Being represented in any worldwide Congress in statistics and probabilities

8 - Having ties with Major societies

9 - Launching African research projects with the international organisms

10 - Obtaining and managing training scholarships

11 - Helping to facilitate intra-African mobility

12 - etc.

### **Afrika Statistika ([www.jafristat.net](http://www.jafristat.net))**

The third volume, 2008, of the review will soon be released with the following articles :

An approximation for the power function of a semi-parametric test of fit,  
*Mohammed Boukili MAHKOUKHI*

On optimality of the empirical distribution function for the Estimation of the invariant distribution function of a diffusion process,

*ILIA NEGRI*

Etude de l'estimateur de la distance minimale pour des modèles de rupture des processus de poisson : cas avec simulations,

*D. B. BA, A. S., DABYE, A. DIAKHABY, G.S. LO*

*We encourage you to publish at least, one of you articles per year in our review. Articles that are published here are accessible thanks to the MathSciNet database of the American mathematical society (AMS) and available on the internet at : [www.jafristat.net](http://www.jafristat.net)*

The Editorial Committee of **Afrika Statistika** Journal is to be reinforced too. Any volunteer may present himself at: [jafristat@jafristat.net](mailto:jafristat@jafristat.net)

**Send your contributions before January 25 2009 for the next issue.**

**Please spread this bulletin to all statisticians and probability specialists.**

## **Calendar of meetings on statistics and/or Probability.**

### **In the world :**

Visit the IMS website.  
[www.imstat.org/meetings/2009.htm](http://www.imstat.org/meetings/2009.htm)

### **In Africa :**

**Aout 2009 , 16-22, 57<sup>ième</sup>** Session de l'ISI  
Site :

<http://www.statssa.gov.za/isi2009/default.aspx>

### **April 2010,**

Colloque Réseau Africain en Statistiques et  
Mathématiques Appliquées (RASMA)

Saint-Louis, Sénégal

Site : [www.rasma-net.org](http://www.rasma-net.org)

(adiop@ufrsta.org)

### **Avril 2010**

Meeting of the SPAS

Saint-Louis, Sénégal

Site : [www.statpas.net](http://www.statpas.net)

**Do not hesitate to inform  
about your scientific  
conferences.**

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