ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR PAPERS

2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PSYCHOMETRIC SOCIETY

JULY 7–10, 2003

SARDINIA, ITALY

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Psychometric Society will be held in Sardinia, Italy.

Persons wishing to present talks or to organize symposia should send titles and abstracts of no more than 200 words. Submissions will be accepted on the Psychometric Society website at http://www.psychometricsociety.org. An online submission form will be provided, followed by an e-mail link for sending the abstract as a Microsoft Word or WordPerfect file to the Psychometric Society central office. References should not be included with abstracts.

Submissions must include the following information for each author: name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and e-mail address.

Persons organizing symposia are requested to start as soon as possible and to keep the Program Chair informed about the progress. For papers with multiple authors, please indicate who will present the talk.

Each person is permitted to present at most one contributed paper. This restriction does not prevent an invited speaker or a symposium speaker from also presenting one contributed paper, nor does it limit the number of papers on which one can be listed as a co-author.

The on-line submission form will prompt you to classify your talk into one of the following areas: (AAP) Applications, (BSI) Bayesian Statistical Inference, (CDA) Categorical Data Analysis, (CTT) Classical Test Theory, (CCC) Classification/Clustering/Correspondence Analysis, (EDA) Exploratory Data Analysis, (FAC) Factor Analysis, (GRM) Graphical Models, (IRT) Item Response Theory, (GLM) Generalized Linear Models, (LDA) Longitudinal Data Analysis, (MDS) Multidimensional Scaling, (MVA) Multivariate Analysis, (ODS) Optimal/Dual Scaling, (SEM) Structural Equation Modeling, (VCA) Variance Components Analysis, (OTR) Others (please specify).

The time for a contributed paper is 20 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

The deadline for abstract submission is March 1, 2003.

You will be notified by March 31st whether your presentation is accepted.

For questions about submissions, e-mail Wanda Baker: wkbaker@uncg.edu.

For other questions, e-mail the Program Chair, Jacqueline Meulman: meulman@fsw.leidenuniv.nl.

More details about the meeting will be posted on the Society's website: http://www.psychometricsociety.org.

PSYCHOMETRIC SOCIETY DISSERTATION PRIZE

The purpose of this award is to recognize the best Ph.D. thesis that was accepted at a university during the past year, written in any field covered by the journal *Psychometrika*. Submitted theses will be evaluated by a panel of three judges appointed by the President of the Psychometric Society; their decision will be final. Judging will be on the basis of the level of originality in the ideas and techniques, the possible applications and their treatment, and potential impact. The panel may arrive at the conclusion that none of the submitted theses merits the award.

The award consists of a certificate, a monetary prize of $500, and a free one-year membership in the Psychometric Society. The winner will be invited to present a summary of their thesis at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society to be held in Sardinia, Italy, during July 7–10. A stipend of up to $1,000 will be given to defray expenses to attend the meeting and registration fees will be paid. The winner will also be encouraged to submit a paper based on the thesis to *Psychometrika*. If accepted for publication, the paper will be identified as being based on the thesis that won the Psychometric Society Dissertation Prize; the names of the university and the thesis supervisor will also be clearly indicated. The thesis supervisor may be co-author of the paper.

Please send four copies of the thesis with a cover letter from the thesis supervisor indicating why the thesis is suitable as an entry in the competition to:

Dr. Terry Ackerman
University of North Carolina-Greensboro
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Entries must be received by **December 20, 2002**. Official confirmation that the thesis has been accepted in the prior year must be provided. If the original thesis is not in English a summary paper in English must accompany it. Any questions concerning the prize should be directed to Dr. Ackerman (e-mail: taackerm@uncg.edu).

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