

REPORT

Summer School of Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian Network on Survey Statistics 2013

The Summer School of Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian Network on Survey Statistics 2013 was organised in Minsk (Belarus) on June 13–19. It was the seventeenth annual event organised by the Baltic-Nordic-Ukrainian Network on Survey Statistics (<https://wiki.helsinki.fi/display/BNU>). The objectives of the summer school were to present recent achievements and results, learn from teachers and colleagues, discuss the future, share opinions and experience, and strengthen contacts between survey statisticians.

There were 32 participants from seven countries – Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, and Ukraine. The audience of the workshop was diverse – consisting of undergraduate students, research students, university teachers and practising statisticians.

There were four main lecturers:

1. Seppo Laaksonen (University of Helsinki, Finland), two lectures entitled “Non-response adjustment in surveys”;
2. Risto Lehtonen (University of Helsinki, Finland), two lectures entitled “Analysis of complex survey data: an overview”;
3. Aleksandras Plikusas (Vilnius University, Lithuania), two lectures entitled “Calibration”;
4. Imbi Traat (University of Tartu, Estonia), two lectures entitled “Main principles of survey sampling”.

There were five special invited lecturers:

1. Natallia Bokun (Belarusian State Economic University, Belarus), the lecture “Multivariate sample: main principles, design, estimation”;
2. Oksana Honchar (National Academy Statistics, Accounting and Audit, Ukraine), the lecture “Sample surveys in Official Statistics: understanding quality”;
3. Danute Krapavickaite (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania), the lecture “Software for survey sampling and analysis”;
4. Gunnar Kulldorff (University of Umeå, Sweden), the lecture “The Statistical Science Is International – And Survey Statistics Is Cool and Hot”;

5. Mārtiņš Liberts (Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia), the lecture “The choice of a sampling design regarding survey cost efficiency”.

The first day of the summer school was devoted to lectures in Russian. The lectures in Russian were given by Danute Krapavickaite, Aleksandras Plikusas, Elena Zapatrina, and Victor Levkevich. There were additionally thirteen participants from Belarus taking part during the first day of the summer school. Nineteen presentations of contributed papers devoted to survey statistics were presented by the summer school participants and discussed by invited discussants. The most of the materials presented during the summer school is available at the summer school website (<http://nir.bseu.by/BalticNordicConference/Main%20Page.html>).

The sponsors of the workshop were the Nordplus Programme of the Nordic Council of Ministers and the International Association of Survey Statisticians. The next annual event organised by the network will be the workshop in Tallinn (Estonia) in August 2014.

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