



STATISTICAL SUB COMMITTEE

Short report to the Board – June 2006

Survey “What would you need from the statistical sub committee?”

The survey was sent to all EBMT members after the Hamburg meeting.

We have got 155 answers representing 126 teams

Of these 155 participants, 99 were physicians, 35 data-managers, 10 nurses, 8 statisticians and 3 “others”.

139 (90%) indicated that they may need help on statistics when analysing transplant data:

- 72 (52%) when planning a study or clinical trial
- 97 (70%) when planning or carrying out an analysis
- 100 (72%) in dealing with specific problems when analysing or interpreting the data
- 63 (45%) when reviewing of the final draft of a paper with emphasis on methodology and statistics
- 40 (29%) for understanding the methodology used in a scientific paper in general
- 84 (60%) for education on statistical methodology used for analysing transplant data

128 (83%) are interested in educational courses in statistics:

- 62 (48%) during the annual EBMT meeting (or extension)
- 44 (34%) outside the EBMT meeting (1-2 days)
- 18 (14%) in both place

105 (68%) are interested in being informed via newsletters and 33 (22%) would like to participate to a web forum. 16 would like to actively participate to the sub committee.

In conclusion, the response to the survey was high, the majority of answers coming from physicians and data-managers. The need for help and information is very clear.

At this moment:

- The technical infrastructure of the statistical forum is already present and the contents are being organized by Ronald and will see its first version in July.
- According to the statistical forum activity within next months, we will be able to better evaluate the need for courses that will involve a lot of work and need careful planning.
- The next meeting of the statistical subcommittee will be held in November 2006 in Paris

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