
EDITORIAL

I gave up hopes of receiving scripts from some of the 2018 conference papers: it was not to be, but that is one of the issues to be taken up by the Commission. Despite my rather hopeless intervention at the beginning of the 2018 London Conference, which most – including myself – thought unlikely to be successful, it did generate several papers from new authors, but that doesn't appear to have happened after my similar appeal at the 2019 Liverpool Conference; and, with one honourable exception (Ridgeway), I have not received any papers from the presenters at the Liverpool Conference.

Contents of this Issue

The result of course is that the contents of this issue are very limited. We have a critique of proclamations of the End of Leprosy from Houghton, Winterburn, Lama and Cosgrove. It also represents a *de facto* implementation of one of the suggestions at the Conference and being considered by the Commission on the Future of RadStats, both in the Minutes and in the commentaries on the Minutes (see below) that the printed version of the Newsletter should be in Black and White and the in-colour version put on the web. The second article by Jim Ridgeway (based on a presentation at the Conference) is an explanation of the materials supporting the teaching procedures in the School of Education at the University of Durham which involve much more participation by the students in using and interpreting statistical material. This is followed by a comprehensive review by Ludi Simpson of the book by Oliver Esteves of the process of so-called desegregation of English schools through bussing during 1960s and 1970s.

After that, there are four brief pieces, some briefer than others. The first is the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at the 2019 Liverpool Conference. The second is based on the agreement that Radical Statistics was in a dire strait both financially (we are running out of funds) and ideologically – or at least where we are coming from and where we would like to be going. The original brief from the Minutes are included here together with Contributions from Sean Demack, Alison Macfarlane and David Lamb. All responses are welcome either

to Alistair Cairns (admin@radstats.org.uk) or Roy Carr-Hill (roy.carr_hill@yahoo.com). Third, there is the announcement of the RS2020 Conference venue on Friday and the space and time for discussing the Commission Report the following morning. Finally, there is a proposal to revise the process of Reviewing Books for the Newsletter.

Prospects for RSN 124

We had very little material for this issue (RSN 123) and absolutely nothing for the next issue RSN 124, due late October 2019. We would have liked it to be at least partly devoted to the 2019 conference papers, and the Editor has written to each of the speakers asking if they can produce a paper but we think it would also be very useful if any of those who attended (or did not attend) have any ideas or thoughts on the subjects raised could make a contribution, however short. I/we will write to all of the authors individually and circulate all members asking them to submit anything they want to write on one or more of the themes addressed in the conference.

The main theme addressed at the 2019 conference was Inequalities and the Life-course – the Impact of Austerity across Generations. This includes keynote addresses on Longer and Healthier Lives by Alan Marshall and by Yaojun Li on the Dynamics of Ethnic Disadvantage, papers on Inter-Generational Fairness and on Austerity Mortality and Ageing, and an intervention by the Merseyside Pensioners Association..

Please send anything directly to Roy Carr-Hill roy.carr_hill@yahoo.com with **Subject Title**: Contribution on 2019 Liverpool RadStats Conference: theme: Longer and Healthier Lives **OR** Dynamics of Ethnic Disadvantage **OR** Austerity, Mortality and Ageing.

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