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Dear Member ,

Radical Statistics

Liz Atkins asked me to get this letter off while she is gadding it up on the continent. So, since I couldn't join her, I felt I had no alternative but to obey. Basically, the main points are the following:

1. The Radstat subgroups founded in January have been meeting regularly, and a report on their activities and other happenings will be given in the second issue of Radical Statistics Newsletter, which should appear in the next month or so.
2. On July 3rd there is a meeting at the L S E organised by the Research Seminar Group in Quantitative Social Science. This may be of interest to Radstat members, and details are enclosed. Please return the form to Andrew Bebbington if you intend to come.
3. We are planning to have a Radstat meeting in L S E after the above meeting, on July 3rd, rough agenda as follows:

Suggested Agenda for Radstat Meeting on 3rd July

1. Reports from sub-groups.
  2. Formation of an 'advice & help with statistics' group to offer their services to other radical groups.
  3. One day Radical Stats Meeting? September!
  4. Election of people to organise
    - a) Running of the newsletter.
    - b) Contact with other groups e.g. BSSRS, Conference of Socialist Economists, Radical Philosophers, BSA Medical Sociology etc.
    - c) Information Service? - especially for where/who to contact for published statistics.
    - d) Talks to interested people on R S's aims and activities.
    - e) The one-day meeting(if we decide to hold one).
  5. Any other business.
4. Among the correspondence which I am aware of is some from Jack Westoby in Italy, who is interested in developing ideas for school statistics. (The Schools Council is just starting a project on this, by the way). If anyone wants to follow this up further, please contact me.
5. We also have made contact with the Committee on Minorities of the American Statistical Association, with a view to investigating possible common interests.

6. The R S S is planning a meeting on quality control, as applied to British Standard BS6002 which appears to relate to military material. Some information is given below.

Council thanked Mr I. D. Hill, Mr W. D. Pridmore and Professor G. B. Wetherill who had commented on the Society's behalf on the draft British Standard 6002 on sampling inspection. Their report contained many constructive comments on the draft standard. RSS News & Notes, May, 1975

#### THE SOCIETY

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Society in the present session, ~~Wednesday, 25 June~~, 5 pm in the Large Lecture Theatre, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1 (Tea 4.30 pm)

Annual General Meeting followed by:

PROFESSOR G. B. WETHERILL & DR E. E. BASSETT

(University of Kent)

Inspection by Variables

*Synopsis:* The paper gives a brief account of previous work on sampling inspection by variables up to the recent British Standard BS6002. A new approach is presented which has a more sound theoretical basis.

CDR. J. C. GASCOIGNE

(Ministry of Defence)

#### The Development of the Draft BS6002

Sampling Procedures and Charts for Inspection by Variables

*Synopsis:* The paper gives an account of the development of BS6002 from the United States Military Standard 414. A brief explanation is given of the graphical method of sentencing a Lot and the steps taken to bring BS6002 into step with BS6001, Sampling Inspection by Attributes. The Appendix on Test for Normality is considered.

The meeting scheduled for 25th June has been postponed, but I am trying to find out more, both about this meeting and about BS6002. Interested parties please contact me.

7. I am enclosing a copy of various cuttings relating to Radstat. Also a short paper of mine which might provide some ideas for the afternoon of the July 3rd Meeting, or for Radstat Subgroups. (Feedback much appreciated). Also a poem!

Yours sincerely

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