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Editorial

This issue was prepared as number 57, but has been completed nearly on time and ahead of number 56, so we have swapped numbers. The good news is that the real spring issue will be with you soon, and with issue 58 due in October, we will have caught up with our usual 3 issues each year. Apologies for the delays in publication. We are also bringing subscriptions up-to-date (see page 51).

The international aspect of this issue's title has been based on a mailing to our 40 current and past members outside Britain, requesting news and views, and to some members in Britain who have special a interest in statistical events overseas.

News, notes

New subscription rates

From 1995 the subscriptions will be (previous rates in brackets):

Individuals:

Waged	£12 (£10)
Low waged	£5 (£5)
Unwaged	£3 (£3)

Institutions £20 (£10)

Overseas subscriptions are at the same rate. 'Low waged' is self-defined. The last change of rate was in 1991.

Reminders for 1995 subscriptions at these new rates will be sent with the Autumn newsletter in October, together with standing order amendment forms to those who will need them.

New management for Radical Statistics subscriptions

As agreed at the February annual conference, Radical Statistics now has paid help to keep the subscriptions database in order, and to deal with renewals and new members. We will keep the London address and there is no planned change to systems, so most readers will probably not notice the change-over.

PS Enterprises, of Cullingworth near Bradford, will do the work for one year until Mayday 1995, renewable on an annual basis if a review in January is positive on both sides and the conference in February approves a renewal.

Pete and Sylvia (PS, get it?) have long experience in campaign groups and run a computer training and services home business. Radical Statistics will be invoiced monthly at a concessionary rate of £4 an hour plus expenses. Pete and Sylvia will not divulge details of the database except on request from the Troika.

They will deal with all subscription matters, producing labels for the mailing of *Radical Statistics*, and provide summaries and lists of members in particular geographical or areas or with particular stated interests when required. As last-but-one keeper of the database, I am being the liaison with Pete and Sylvia, and as far as I can see Radical Statistics is getting a very caring service. We can benefit from prompt handling of subscription matters we are lucky to have found two people to do it who are friendly to Radical Statistics. We reckon that the first year will require substantial time, due to the change in subscriptions and due to checking the details of a lot of subscriptions mis-handled in last year's gap in regular administration. In the following year, I expect the costs will be in the order of £500 a year.

Thanks to Paresh Patel and John Bibby for getting up-to-date with a lot of the subscriptions at the beginning of 1994.

Ludi Simpson

Financial report for 1993

It seems that no-one on the Troika of 1993 kept accounts. The accounts below are reconstructed by Pat Dugard of the Troika of 1994 from bank statements and other material.

Balance at start of year: £292.71

Income

Subscriptions	£2,640.50
Conference	£45.00

Expenditure

RadStats 52	£168.87
Radstats 53	£220.00
Bank charges	£4.89
Conference & AGM	£196.45
Mailing	£40.00
Sticky tape	£1.52
Repayment	£40.00

Balance at end of year £2,306.48

In addition, the deposit account contained £3,649.53.

Pat did not provide any commentary, but as an editorial comment I observe that in 1993 there were costs of only two Radical Statistics issues while in 1994 there will be four because the last of 1993 was issued late, this year. There will also be new costs associated with getting the subscriptions management back on an even keel (see above). So we will be in the black but not quite as far in the black as these 1993 accounts would suggest.

Radical Statistics is available by subscription. Current rates are £5 per year for low waged (self defined), £12 for waged, and £20 for institutions. The cost to the unwaged is £3. These rates also apply to overseas subscribers.

Subscriptions are handled by PS Enterprises. Write to the Radical Statistics Group (subs), c/o London Hazards Centre, 3rd Floor, Headland House, 308 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8DS.

Radical Statistics is usually produced three times per year.

All members of the Radical Statistics Group are invited to contribute to the newsletter. Articles may vary from brief notices to detailed articles. Letters and reviews are also welcome.

Articles should be sent to the next editor using the address below.

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In accordance with the Data Protection Act, any member of the Radical Statistics Group is entitled to ask:

- For a printout of his/her personal details and name and address as kept on the Radical Statistics Group computer.
- That his/her personal details do not be so stored. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this right, please contact the Troika (address on inside front cover) with requests in triplicate.

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This issue is to have articles on statistics involving women, so if you have anything in this area it would be much appreciated. If you have any queries, feel free to contact the editor.

For those with access to computers the next editor will take contributions on 5.25" or 3.5" DOS discs, using WORD or ASCII text (both if possible). Please also include a hard copy of the contribution. Indicate in the text where figures should be inserted and have these ready to include without editing. Ideally use 2 cm margins, Bookman 13 pt for text, 18 pt bold for subheadings, 18 pt italics for your name, and 24 pt bold for headings. If you haven't got access to a computer, paper is quite acceptable, but a lot of extra work for the editor.