



Welcome to

EFSPi's

4th Statistical Leaders Meeting

June 18, 2013
Novo Nordisk facilities
Copenhagen, Denmark



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Novo Nordisk at a glance

Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with 90 years of innovation and leadership within:

- diabetes care
- insulin
- injection devices

Thanks to dedicated research into proteins, Novo Nordisk also holds leading positions within:

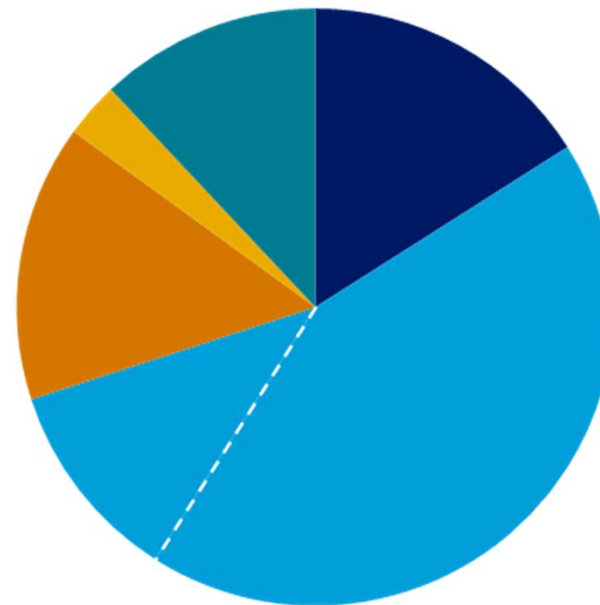
- haemostasis management
- growth hormone therapy
- hormone replacement therapy



More than 35,000 employees around the world

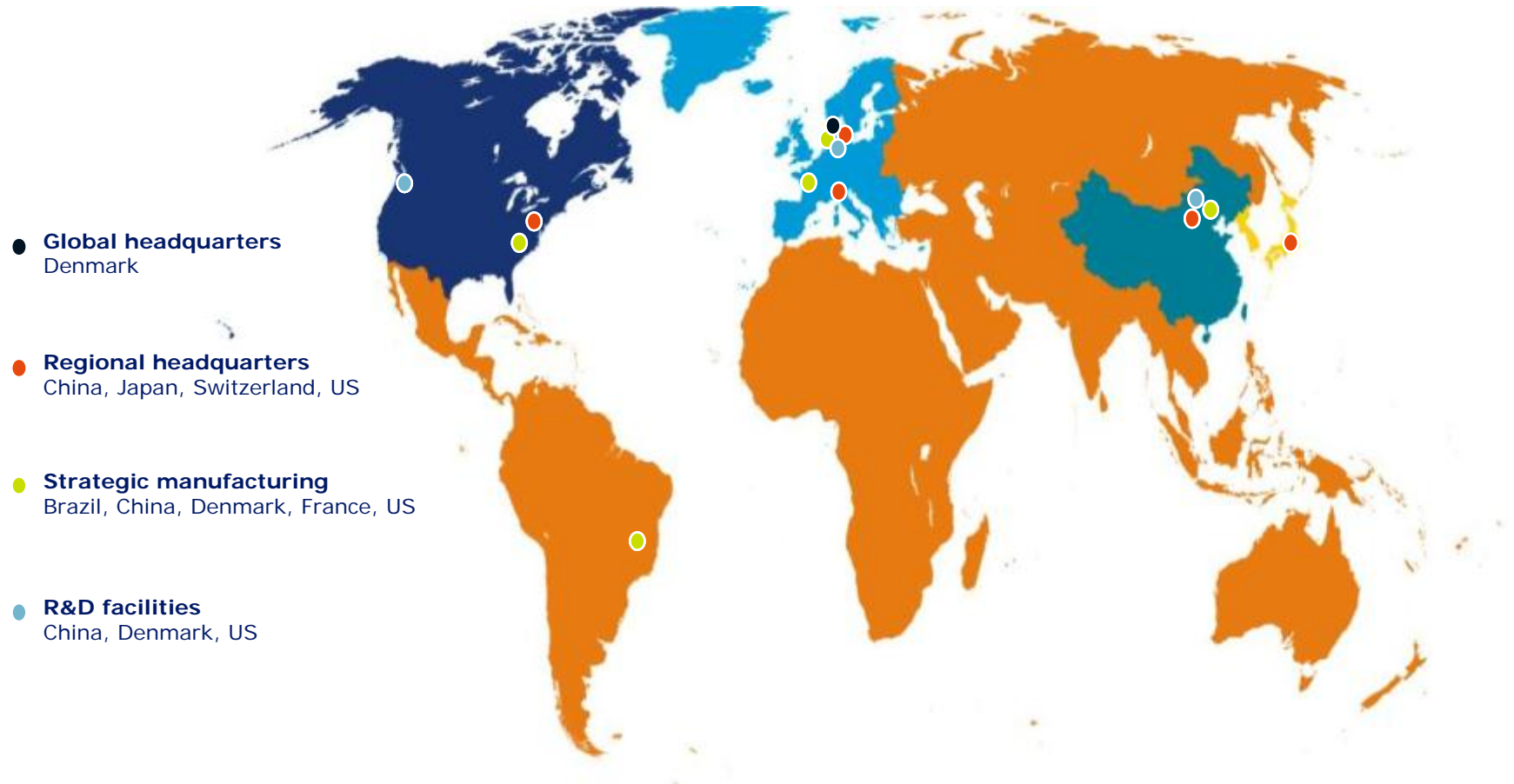
Employees by region

- **North America 16%**
- **Europe 54%**
of which 43% are employed in Denmark¹
- **International Operations 15%**
- **Japan & Korea 3%**
- **Region China 12%**



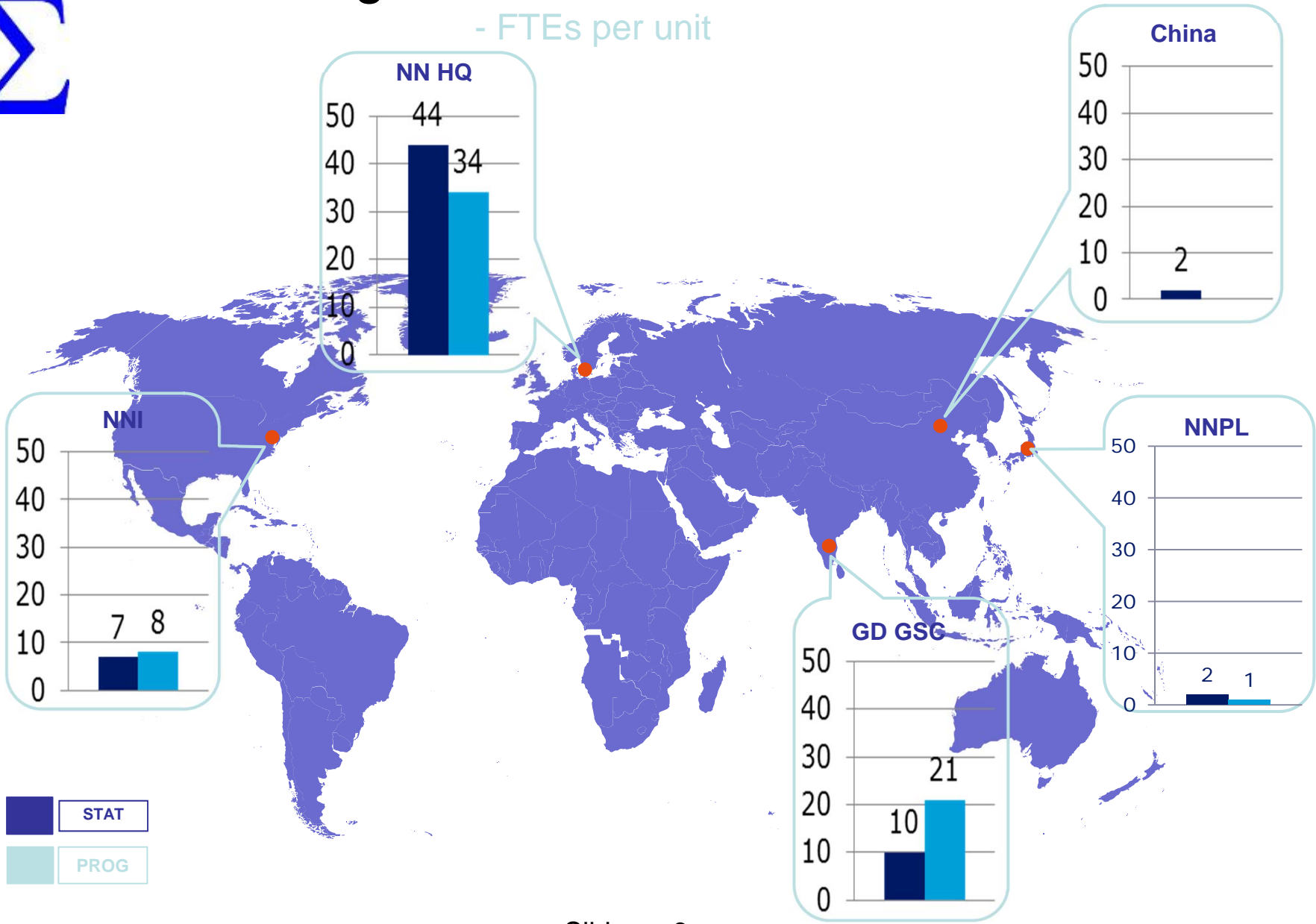


Our global presence



Global organisation Biostatistics 2013

- FTEs per unit





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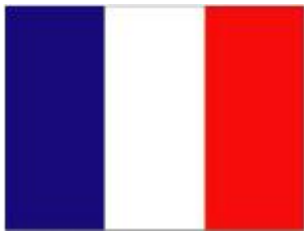
- Initiative from EFSPI
- Develop a forum for Statistical Leaders to
 - Network and share ideas
 - Shape and influence our environment
 - Education & Continuing Professional Development
 - Methodology Development & Identification of Best Practice
 - Regulatory and Industry policies
 - Effective working with differing resourcing models
 - Help to shape the strategy for EFSPI



What is EFSPI?

- EFSPI = European Federation of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry
- Founded in 1992
- EFSPI is an “umbrella”, non-profit making organisation
- A federation of National European Groups
- Now have 10 national groups
- No individual members
- Our national organisations collectively represent ~ 2800 members

EFSPI - Our members



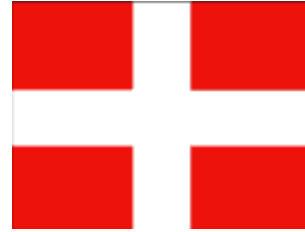
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DSBS



PSDM



BIAS



PSI



SBS/BVS



BBS



FMS



EFSPI Objectives

- To promote professional standards of statistics and the standing of the statistical profession in the pharmaceutical industry
- To offer a collective expert input on statistical matters to national and international authorities and organisations
- To exchange information on and harmonise attitudes to the practise of statistics in the European Pharma Industry and within member groups



EFSPI Strategic Objectives 2013-2015

1. Represent the association members of EFSPI and provide a united and respected voice on key scientific, regulatory and statistical issues in drug development

- Develop program of scientific meetings and partner with association members to provide opportunities to discuss, debate and align on key scientific, regulatory and statistical issues (responsible: Scientific Chair)
- Utilise EFSPI Statistics Leaders forum to discuss and align on emerging statistical areas and identify priorities and opportunities for EFSPI to lead/promote these areas to wider Industry bodies (responsible: Statistics Leader Chair)



EFSPI Strategic Objectives 2013-2015

2. Enhance the profile of EFSPI in Europe and strengthen alliances and collaborations with other professional bodies within Europe

Opportunities to engage with:

- the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry Associations (EFPIA) (responsible: President, Scientific Chair)
- the EMA Biostatistics Working Group and regulatory statisticians (responsible: Regulatory Chair)
- Associations important to the Special Interest Groups (SIGs), e.g. the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) and the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) SIG (responsible: SIG Chair)

On the following key activities:

- ❖ Methodology/research and good research practice papers/reports
- ❖ Training opportunities
- ❖ Scientific meetings and discussing mutual areas of interest
- ❖ Development and review of regulatory and payer guidelines



EFSPi Strategic Objectives 2013-2015

3. Set and promote professional standards in Europe for the application, understanding and communication of statistics in drug development

- Write 1-2 professional position papers / best practice papers per year in collaboration with representatives from association members (responsible: Council representatives)
- Utilise SIGs to write best practice papers and/or manuscripts in their key topic areas (responsible: SIG Chair)



Key Goals for 2013

Strategic Objective 1 Represent the association members of EFSPi and provide a united and respected voice on key scientific, regulatory and statistical issues in drug development

- Scientific meetings – HTA, benefit-risk, survival + webinar
- EFSPi Statistics Leaders meeting
- EMA transparency – advisory groups, review draft policy, discussion forum(s)
- Communications – newsletters, website
- Develop website strategy

Key Goals for 2013

Strategic Objective 2 Enhance the profile of EFSPI in Europe and strengthen alliances and collaborations with other professional bodies within Europe

- EFPIA – Clinical Development Committee
- EMA Biostatistics Working Group – engage in development of regulatory guidance
- SIGs – support and develop partnerships, e.g. HTA and ISPOR

Strategic Objective 3 Set and promote professional standards in Europe for the application, understanding and communication of statistics in drug development

- Position papers – e.g. career development, EMA transparency
- SIGs – support new areas, e.g. meta-analysis, promote SIG publications

What we can achieve?

- Successfully supported PSI in lobbying EU Regulators to increase number of statisticians employed by the EU Regulatory Agencies
- Heads of Agencies listened and then commissioned a Strategy Paper to investigate the matter further

OPEN LETTER

European regulatory agencies should employ full time statisticians

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Statistical resource needs to be increased in the European regulatory agencies

Oliver N. Keene,^a Sara H. Hughes,^{a*} Nigel Howitt,^b on behalf of the PSI and EFSPi Boards of Directors

The following viewpoint from PSI and EFSPi regarding the current level of statistical resource in the European regulatory agencies was first presented as a position paper to a meeting of the EU Heads of Agencies in July 2009, and was endorsed by EFPIA. Copyright © 2010 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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Statisticians in European regulatory agencies

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What we can achieve?

Main Paper

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The draft FDA guideline on non-inferiority clinical trials: a critical review from European pharmaceutical industry statisticians

Bernhard Huitfeldt,^{a*} and Jürgen Hummel,^b on behalf of European Federation of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry (EFSPI)

The European Federation of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry (EFSPI) engages more than 2000 statisticians through its ten national organizations. Amongst other things, EFSPI is involved in reviewing regulatory guidelines under development, including the draft FDA guideline on non-inferiority clinical trials. This review resulted in several critical comments relating to as follows: (i) the lack of one single standard for proving efficacy of new drugs implied by the guideline; (ii) the problems with the suggested 'fraction of effect to be preserved'; (iii) the formulation of the primary hypothesis in a non-inferiority trial aiming at indirectly demonstrating a new drug is superior to placebo; and (iv) the preference in the guideline for the fixed-margin method over the synthesis method in the analysis. The presumed implications of this guideline, if implemented as is, are (i) increased confusion of how efficacy could be demonstrated when placebo control is not available, (ii) more complicated communication between pharmaceutical industry and FDA because of the apparent disagreements on fundamental statistical matters, and (iii) illogical consequences in the approval process because of which order drugs are approved rather than how they fulfill the regulatory requirements. We believe that the area is not yet ready for such a prescriptive regulatory guidance and that further research and experience are required until the methodology can be finally agreed. A strategy needs to be developed by regulatory agencies together with drug industry and academia for a long term solution for this topic. Copyright © 2011 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

Keywords: FDA guideline; non-inferiority; synthesis method; fixed-margin method; EFSPI

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What we can achieve?



European Federation of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry

Date: April 25, 2013

European Federation of Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry (EFSPI)
Position on European Medicines Agency (EMA) Access to Clinical Trial Data
Initiative

Executive Summary







EFSPI supports the EMA policy for transparency and is committed to contribute to EMA's access to clinical trial data initiative. EFSPI was instrumental in the



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Representing Statistical Associations in Europe

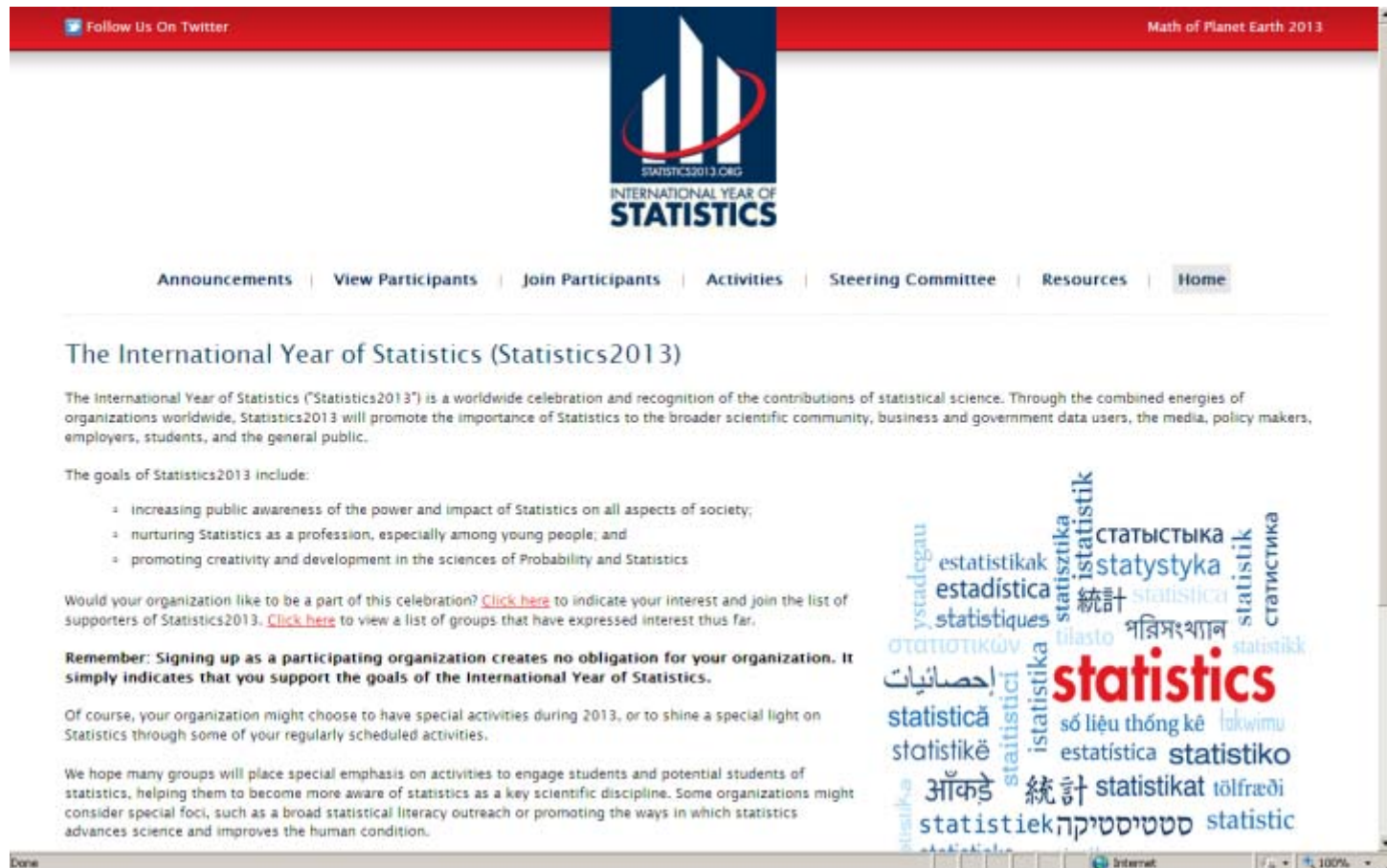
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The International Year of Statistics (Statistics2013)

The International Year of Statistics ("Statistics2013") is a worldwide celebration and recognition of the contributions of statistical science. Through the combined energies of organizations worldwide, Statistics2013 will promote the importance of Statistics to the broader scientific community, business and government data users, the media, policy makers, employers, students, and the general public.

The goals of Statistics2013 include:


- increasing public awareness of the power and impact of Statistics on all aspects of society;
- nurturing Statistics as a profession, especially among young people; and
- promoting creativity and development in the sciences of Probability and Statistics

Would your organization like to be a part of this celebration? [Click here](#) to indicate your interest and join the list of supporters of Statistics2013. [Click here](#) to view a list of groups that have expressed interest thus far.

Remember: Signing up as a participating organization creates no obligation for your organization. It simply indicates that you support the goals of the International Year of Statistics.

Of course, your organization might choose to have special activities during 2013, or to shine a special light on Statistics through some of your regularly scheduled activities.

We hope many groups will place special emphasis on activities to engage students and potential students of statistics, helping them to become more aware of statistics as a key scientific discipline. Some organizations might consider special foci, such as a broad statistical literacy outreach or promoting the ways in which statistics advances science and improves the human condition.



<http://www.statistics2013.org/>



2013 Year of Statistics

- EFSPI is participating

Participants

Professional societies

- (Australia) [Statistical Society of Australia](#)
- (Austria) [Austrian Statistical Society](#)
- (Belgium) [Belgian Statistical Society](#)
- (Botswana) Botswana Statistical Association
- (Brazil) [Brazilian Statistical Association](#)
- (Canada) [Southern Ontario Regional Association of the Statistical Society of Canada](#)
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- Updates in monthly newsletters

Again Welcome

- 4th European Statistical Leaders Meeting
- Thank you to organising team
 - Stefan Driessen
 - Egbert Biesheuvel
 - Uli Burger
 - Ian Hirsch
 - Marie Gøthberg
- Thank you to Novo Nordisk
 - for Hosting the Meeting
 - Sponsoring the Dinner



4th Statistical Leaders Meeting

Year	Venue	Host	# attendees
2013	Copenhagen	Novo Nordisk	23
2012	Amsterdam	Abbott	26
2011	London	Amgen	22
2010	Berlin	Bayer	26



Composition Stats Leaders Forum

At present:

- Members
 - 54 listed
 - 11 on list did not attend any of the three mtgs
 - 43 on list that at least attended one meeting
 - all ten (10) EFSPI countries represented
 - 33 from 21 pharma companies
 - 8 members from 6 CROs
 - 2 from Academia



Statistical Leaders Meeting

Annual Report 2012:

3rd Statistical Leaders Meeting, Weesp, The Netherlands

- 26 attendees
- Agenda:
 - Overview SIGs
 - SIG Benefit/Risk
 - Career Path
 - Adaptive Statisticians
 - Strategic Workshop: **Do's** and **Don'ts** stats community EU Pharma
- Minutes & Presentations:
 - [http://www.efspi.org/index.php?p=EFSPi activities&fid=410](http://www.efspi.org/index.php?p=EFSPi%20activities&fid=410)



Actions/progress from 3rd Stats Leaders Mtg 2012

Career Path:

- Major revision to be (re-)submitted to Pharmaceutical Statistics
- Survey was taken out and will be made available on website

SIGs:

- Add SIG Medical Devices to Stats Leaders Forum
 - Roland Marion-Gaulois added to member list
 - SIG Medical Devices on agenda Stats Leaders Mtg 2013
- No formal criteria for setting up a SIG
 - Initiative to set up new SIG on Meta-Analyses
 - Will be discussed in this meeting and EFSSPI Council mtg tomorrow
- Statistical Leaders and EFSPi to promote and support SIG Benefit/Risk
 - Addition of members to SIG
 - Help define charter
 - Support set up website
 - Determined as area of success (outcome strategic workshop)



Strategy Workshop

NXT generation statistician

- *Goal: new graduates have better understanding of the whole drug development process and areas of statistical influence*

Actions:

- EFSPi to contribute to or organize training program
- EFSPi to contact Universities to get this into their curriculum



Strategy Workshop

What differentiates EU from the rest

- *Goal: maintain collective expertise and strong link between regulators, industry and cooperative group and promote advantages of EU*

Actions:

- EFSPi to further links to other EU organizations
 - regulators, payer organizations, academia
- EFSPi to further organize meetings with these stakeholders in EU



Strategy Workshop

Change Management

- *Goal: increase awareness and need for change, thereby identifying the skill set needed for statisticians and leaders*

Actions:

- Statistical Leaders/EFSPi to set up Working Group to
 - define vision, perform benchmarking and gap analysis
 - develop, pilot, and share “support package” that will enable statistical leaders to drive change in companies
- Develop and communicate best practices, within and across companies



Strategy Workshop

Areas of Success now

Goal:

- *Educate statisticians in area of Benefit/Risk where there is a need for quantitative valid approaches to summarize, present and communicate results across various domains to come to an overall evaluation.*
- *To enable statisticians to add value beyond being a “number cruncher” and take a more strategic role while still utilizing their quantitative background*



Strategy Workshop

Areas of Success now

Actions Statistical Leaders:

- Get (more) acquainted with regulatory background and framework of Benefit/Risk (not only the techniques)
- Start projects/pilots on Benefit/Risk within your company, and encourage your statisticians to also concentrate on graphical presentation and sensitivity analyses
- Share EMA pilots on this area and best practices with other companies
- Develop experts within your company

Actions EFSPi:

- To request from and support SIG with developing a B/R toolkit and a plan/process to support companies to take this on.
- Organize more meetings/workshops to get statisticians exposed to topic.



Statistical Leaders Meeting

Report 2013:

- Telecon: February 13, 2013
 - 20 attendees
 - Recap Stats Leaders Mtg 2012
 - Request for items for Stats Leaders Mtg 2013
 - Discussion about possible registration fee
 - denied
 - EMA Clinical Trial Transparency
 - Status update by EFSPi representatives to Forum
 - Lively discussion
 - Defined as major topic for Stats Leaders mtg

- 4th Statistical Leaders Meeting



Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter / Facilitator
9:00 - 9:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome EFSPi President Welcome address 	Stefan Driessen / Niels Kamp Chrissie Fletcher
9:15 - 9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFSPi Strategic Objectives 2013-2015 	Chrissie Fletcher
9:45 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIGs - Update 	Stefan Driessen
10:00 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIG Medical Devices - Introduction 	Roland Marion-Gallois
10:30-11:00	Break	
11:00 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIG Benefit Risk – Progress on Roadmap 	Ian Hirsch
12:00-13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 - 16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMA Clinical Trial Transparency 	All
16:15 - 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting summary 	Stefan Driessen
16:30	Meeting adjourn	



Objectives 2013 meeting

- Be informed and give feedback on
 - EFSPI Strategy for coming 2-3 years
 - SIGs
 - Introduce “new” one: Medical devices
 - SIG Benefit Risk
 - Progress on development blue print as requested by Stats Leaders Mtg 2012
- Help EFSPI define strategy on EMA Transparency



EMA Clinical Trial Data Transparency

- EMA timelines

