

# Sensometrics Society

***Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held at the 8<sup>th</sup> Pangborn Sensory Science Symposium, Florence (Stazione Leopolda at Porta al Prato), Italy.***

***Day and time:*** July 28 2009, 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

***Place:*** Society Meeting Room

- 1) The minutes of the previous meeting held at Brock University- St. Catharines- Canada during the 9<sup>th</sup> Sensometrics Meeting on July 22 2008 can be read on our web page. A vote of approval of these minutes shall be called for.
- 2) Treasurer's report (Tom Carr)
- 3) Discount for Sensometrics Members in their inscription fees for Sensometrics Meetings:
  - a) Implementation.
  - b) Would Sensometrics finance these discounts, or would non-members simply pay a higher inscription fee?
- 4) Web page issues:
  - a) Hosting of our web-page: Sebastian Le will present his proposal of hosting it on free.fr. Other committee members have expressed they prefer to keep the domain sensometric.org; Tom Carr will have a couple of alternatives as to the costs of hosting sensometric.org.
  - b) Postings of presentations of the 8<sup>th</sup> Sensometrics Meeting held in Brock University- Canada- July 2008.
  - c) Should members have a password to access certain pages of the site (for example, presentations of past meetings, tutorials, etc)?
  - d) Increase of what is offered on the web page: codes for statistical analysis in R or other programs, tutorials, mini-review of papers, chairman's blog. This increase of what is offered on the web page has been discussed at other meetings and so far there have been few advances. A call for contributions is needed.
- 5) "Guideline for organizers of the biannual Sensometrics meeting", this guide has been developed by Michael Meyners and he will present its basic content and scope.
- 6) 10<sup>th</sup> Sensometrics Meeting to be held in 2010 in Netherlands. Pieter Punter will inform the meeting on its organization. An issue which has been discussed recently by email among the Committee has been the introduction of pre-Meeting tutorials. Guillermo Hough will present a summary of the main issues of this email discussion.
- 7) Future venues for Sensometrics Meeting:
  - a) 11<sup>th</sup> Sensometrics Meeting in 2012: Rennes, France. Jerome Pagés will confirm the venue.
  - b) 12<sup>th</sup> Sensometrics Meeting in 2014: Tom Carr had proposed holding it in Chicago. Its confirmation will be discussed.

- 8) Training:
  - a) Tutorials on the web site?
  - b) Workshops: Hal MacFie has a proposal for co-funding 1 day Workshops in South America and/or Asia.
- 9) Discussion on advantages of belonging to the Sensometrics Society:
  - a) Hal MacFie was asked to list the reasons why somebody should become a member of the Sensometrics Society and at the spur of the moment he could only come up with the subscription to Food Quality and Preference.
  - b) If some of the projects that are on the present agenda are implemented, the list of benefits will increase.
  - c) Is there room for an 'altruistic' reason? That is, by being a member and paying my fee I am contributing to the extension of good statistical practices, for example by co-funding workshops in developing countries, or by giving a general audience access to free tutorials and statistical procedures.
- 10) Other projects.
- 11) As a prize for attendance to the Meeting, Guillermo Hough will raffle Argentine Dulce de Leche and Alfajores among those present. If anybody else would like to promote their local foods and/or beverages, the Dulce de Leche and Alfajores can be replaced (contact Guillermo Hough).