

IBUC/93 - Welcome

Welcome to the second International Blaise Users Conference. As you can see from the programme, there is a great deal of interest to discuss.

There are breaks during the programme for tea and coffee. This will be served just outside the main conference room. During the breaks, you are also invited to use the computers in the Workshop Room, which is just round the corner on the same floor - follow the signs. The machines are available for you to share code and techniques with other delegates.

A finger buffet lunch will be served in the Floral Suite on Wednesday and Thursday, in the Restaurant on Friday.

The Conference Dinner on Wednesday will be in the Britannia Suite, our main conference area.

There will be the first Annual General Meeting of the International Blaise Users Group (IBUG) on Thursday. The draft agenda will be placed on the noticeboard - if you have any items to add to it, please pass them to Tony Manners (OPCS) by Thursday lunchtime.

On Thursday evening, following the announcement of Blaise III, there will be a discussion over wine. We hope you will use this opportunity to share your views on the exciting new developments.

OPCS are proud to have the opportunity to host this conference. If there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to contact one of us - we will be wearing pink badges. Any Blaise queries should of course be directed at delegates from Netherlands CBS - they will be wearing yellow badges.

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER
Morning

- 9.00 - 10.00 *Registration with coffee*
- 10.00 - 10.15 **Welcome**
*Bill McLennan, Director of Central Statistical Office,
and Head of Government Statistical Service, UK.*
- 10.15 - 11.00 **Overview**
*Wouter Keller, Director of Statistical Methods and
Development, Netherlands Central Bureau of Statistics*
- 11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee*
- 11.30 - 13.00 **AGENCY EXPERIENCES I: CONVERSION OF
EXISTING SURVEYS**

*Session chair: Bob Barnes, Head of Social Survey
Division, OPCS.*

**The experience of CAPI and Blaise for the Labour
Force Survey in France**
*Jean-Luc Heller and Isabelle Hervier, INSEE, France
(Essays on Blaise, page 37 (English translation in Delegate Pack))*

**Conversion of a major probability survey to Blaise
- the National Agricultural Statistical Service
experience.**
*Asa Manning, NASS, USA
(Essays on Blaise, page 70)*
- 13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch**
Buffet lunch in the Floral Suite

Afternoon

14.00 - 15.30

TECHNICAL ADVANCES I

Retrospective questioning: new possibilities with Blaise

Hille Wesseling, CBS, Netherlands

Use of prior information in Blaise CATI surveys

Vesa Kuusela, Hannu Virtanen, Marku Heiskanen, Statistics Finland

(Essays on Blaise, page 49)

15.30 - 16.00

Tea

16.00 - 17.30

COMPLEX SURVEYS

Integrated field and office editing in Blaise: OPCS's experience of complex financial surveys

Tony Manners, Sarah Cheesbrough and Alana Diamond, OPCS, Great Britain

(Essays on Blaise, page 56)

Lessons learned programming a large, complex CAPI questionnaire

Jim O'Reilly, Battelle, USA

19.00

CONFERENCE DINNER

In the Britannia Suite.

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER
Morning

9.00 - 9.30

Coffee

9.30 - 10.50

TECHNICAL ADVANCES II

**Experience with using the Blaise system for
conjoint measurement of travel behaviour**

*John Polak, University of Oxford and Kay Axhausen,
Imperial College, University of London, England*

**An architecture for EDI in business surveys based
on the use of Blaise**

*Hans Stol, CBS, Netherlands
(Essays on Blaise, page 143)*

10.50 - 11.20

Coffee

11.20 - 12.40

STANDARDS

Standard multi-survey shells in NASS

*Roger Schou and Mark Pierzchala, NASS, USA
(Essays on Blaise, page 133)*

Introducing CAI standards within OPCS

*Paul Hunter, OPCS, Great Britain
(Essays on Blaise, page 38)*

12.40 - 13.30

Lunch

In the Floral Suite

Afternoon

13.30 - 15.00

AGENCY EXPERIENCES II

Customer satisfaction system

Ken Brewster, SIA, Great Britain

(Essays on Blaise, page 1)

Blaise applications in Statistics New Zealand

Brett Martin, Statistics New Zealand

(Essays on Blaise, page 83)

15.00 - 15.30

IBUG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15.30 - 16.00

Tea

16.00 - 17.30

BLAISE III

Maarten Schuerhoff of Netherlands Central Bureau of Statistics will introduce this session.

17.30 - 19.00

Discussion with wine

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
Morning

9.00 - 9.30

Coffee

9.30 - 11.00

TECHNICAL ADVANCES III: CODING

The Blaise coding facilities - a closer look

Brett Martin, Statistics New Zealand

(Essays on Blaise, page 83)

**Trigram coding in the Family Expenditure Survey
of the CBS**

*Martje Roessingh and Jelke Bethlehem, CBS,
Netherlands*

(Essays on Blaise, page 118)

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee

11.30 - 13.00

OUTPUTS FROM BLAISE

Outputs from Blaise surveys

James Gray, OPCS, Great Britain

(Essays on Blaise, page 15)

Electronic dissemination of statistical data

Alex van Buitenen, Anco Hundepool, Wil de Jong and

Aad van de Wetering, CBS, Netherlands

(Essays on Blaise, page 8)

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch

In the restaurant.

Afternoon

14.00 - 15.30

ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES

Organisational issues at the Central Survey Unit
Kevin Sweeney, CSU, Northern Ireland

PAPI to CAPI: the OPCS experience
Jean Martin, OPCS, Great Britain
(*Essays on Blaise, page 96*)

15.30

CONFERENCE DISCUSSION