

IBUC 2004
9th International BLAISE Users Conference
September 22-24, 2004
Gatineau, Québec

Final Programme

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

8:30 – 9:15 ***Conference Registration***

9:15 – 10:00 ***Opening Session***

- **Opening Remarks by IBUG Chairman**
Vesa Kuusela, Head of Planning, Statistics Finland
- **Welcome by Host Organisation**
Jocelyn Burgess, Director, Operations Research and Development
Division, Statistics Canada
- **Opening Address**
Doug Newson, Director, Regional Operations – Central Region,
Statistics Canada

10:00 – 10:30 ***Break***

10:30 – 12:00 ***Management of Cases and Interviewer Assignments***
(Chair: Tony Manners, Office for National Statistics, UK)

- **Using Blaise for Coding Listing Instruments**
Robert Wallace, U.S. Census Bureau, USA
- **Using Blaise to Automatically Assign Address Cards to Household
Survey Interviewers (in French)**
Georges Bourdallé, INSEE, France
- **Contact History Instrument**
William E. Dyer Jr., U.S. Census Bureau, USA
- **Michigan CATI Sample Management System (SMS) – Blaise CATI
Enhanced**
James Hagerman and Karl Dinkelmann, University of Michigan, USA

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Application Development – Tools and Techniques
(Chair: Jim O'Reilly, Westat, USA)

- **The Progamma Library of Blaise Routines**
Dirk Sikkel, Sixtat, The Netherlands
- **Understanding the Blaise Selective Checking Mechanism and the Appropriate Use of KEEP Statements**
Pamela Ford, Statistics Canada, Canada
- **Instrument Assembly, Documentation and Release**
Michael Cross, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australia
- **Using Arabic in Blaise**
Shifra Har, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

14:30 – 15:00

Break

15:00 – 16:30

Automatic Coding and Code Generation
(Chair: Pascal Rivière, INSEE, France)

- **Automatic On-Line Coding** (in French)
Stéphane Humbert, INSEE, France
- **Blaise Instrument Design for Automated Food Coding**
Lois Steinfeldt and Ellen Anderson, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA
- **Generating Blaise with Blaise**
Gerrit de Bolster, Statistics Netherlands, The Netherlands
- **Code Builder , an Initial Authoring Aid**
Mike Egan, Statistics Canada, Canada

Thursday, September 23, 2004

8:45 – 10:15

Instrument Validation and Survey Integration ***(Chair: Bill Connett, University of Michigan, USA)***

- **Generic System Interface Instrument**
Curtis Ziesing, U.S. Census Bureau, USA
- **Randomly Generating Interviews to Validate a Complex Survey**
Lindsay Walton, National Research Bureau, New Zealand
- **Moving from 43 Generated Unique Instruments to One National Instrument**
Roger Schou, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA
- **The Integration of U.K. Government Social Surveys: Development of a Modular Blaise Instrument for a Proposed Continuous Population Survey**
Robert Bumpstead, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom

10:15 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:00

Audit Trail Analysis ***(Chair: Robert Wallace, U.S. Census Bureau, USA)***

- **Replaying Blaise Audit Trail Files for Data Verification**
Jason Langfahl, University of Michigan, USA
- **Replaying ADK Files for Testing Blaise Applications**
Jason Ostergren and Rhonda Ash, University of Michigan, USA
- **Blaise AT Report System**
Youhong Liu and Gina Cheung, University of Michigan, USA

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch and Poster Sessions

- **Converting Blaise System Texts to a New Version**
Rob Groeneveld, Statistics Netherlands, The Netherlands
- **USDA's Experience Using Blaise for Collecting Food Intake Data**
Jaswinder Anand and N. Raper, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA
- **Handling Post Processing of a Large Complex Blaise Instrument in a Continuing National Survey**
John Clemens and Lois Steinfeldt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, USA
- **Automatic Customization of Datasets Using Cameleon**
Barbara Bibb and R. Suresh, RTI International, USA

13:30 – 14:15

Organisations Using Blaise

(Chair: Leif Bochis, Statistics Denmark, Denmark)

- **Error Reporting and User Interfaces for Post-Collection Data Editing**
Pavle Kozjek, Statistical Office of Slovenia, Slovenia
- **The New German Microcensus starting in 2005, Organisational and Technological Aspects, the use of Blaise**
Holger Hagenguth, Federal Statistical Office, Germany

14:15 – 14:30

Break

14:30 – 16:00

BLAISE Team Presents

17:00 - ???

Social Evening

Friday, September 24, 2004

8:45 – 10:15

Multi Mode Surveys

(Chair: Lon Hofman, Statistics Netherlands, The Netherlands)

- **Instrument Design for a Blaise Multimode Web, CATI, and Paper Survey**
Mark Pierzchala, Claire Wilson, and Debra Wright, Mathematica Policy Research, USA
- **System Implementation for a Blaise Multimode Web, CATI, and Paper Survey**
Leonard Hart, Yuki Okada, and Amanda Foster Sardenberg, Mathematica Policy Research, USA
- **Mode Effects and Maintenance of Data Quality in a CAPI/CATI Survey**
Tim Burrell, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom
- **Using CAWI in Household Surveys – Findings from the German Official Statistics**
Anke Gerhardt and Dr. Thomas Pricking, Statistical Office of North-Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
&
Birgit Kuchler, Carola Kühnen and Anette Stuckemeier, Federal Statistical Office, Germany

10:15 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:00

Blaise and the Internet

(Chair: Vesa Kuusela, Statistics Finland, Finland)

- **Some Ideas on Securing and Processing a Blaise IS Survey**
Rob Groeneveld, Statistics Netherlands, The Netherlands
- **Exploring the Capabilities of Blaise IS**
Jim O'Reilly, Westat, USA
- **Developing the On-Line Milk Production Survey using Blaise IS**
John O'Connor, Central Statistics Office, Ireland

- 12:00 – 13:00 ***Lunch***
- 13:00 – 14:15 ***Documentation Tools***
(Chair: Mark Pierzchala, Mathematica Policy Research, USA)
- **Programming Guidelines for Good Data Documentation**
Sue Ellen Hansen, University of Michigan, USA
 - **Blaise Documentation System**
Peter Sparks and Youhong Liu, University of Michigan, USA
 - **An Evaluation of DELTA, a Documentation Tool**
Rebecca Gatward, Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom
- 14:15 – 14:45 ***Break***
- 14:45 – 15:30 ***New Directions***
(Chair: Sal Gara, Statistics Canada, Canada)
- **Recording Interview Sound Bites Through Blaise Instruments**
Rita Thissen and Gilbert Rodriguez, RTI International, USA
 - **Deploying Blaise to Tablet PCs for Mobile Use**
Dave Hill, Westat, USA
- 15:30 – 16:15 ***IBUG Plenary Meeting***
- 16:15 – 16:30 ***Closing Remarks***