

Recent Events

by Friedrich Leisch

This new regular columns will report about recent events related to R, S or statistical computing in general. If you have been to a conference where R turned out to be one of the hot topics (or simply part of a nifty software demonstration), please write a few lines and send them to the editors.

DSC 2001

The second workshop on distributed statistical computing took place at the Vienna University of Technology from March 15 to March 17, 2001. As its predecessor in 1999 it turned out to be a highly stimulating event sparking many discussions on the future of statistical computing, which continued even after dinner and didn't stop until the last beers were ordered long after midnight. Of course the workshop program had a slight bias towards R, but

speakers also included John Eaton (Octave), Günther Sawitzki (Voyager), David Smith (S-PLUS), Deborah Swayne (GGobi), Antony Unwin (MANET) and many more. Please have a look at the homepage of the workshop at <http://www.ci.tuwien.ac.at/Conferences/DSC.html> to see who participated and what topics exactly we talked about. Online proceedings are also available as PDF files.

The workshop was followed by two days of open R core meetings, where all interested could participate and discuss future plans for R and S. The two DSC workshops mark the only two occasions where almost the complete R core team has ever met physically, normally we are spread out over 3 continents with completely incompatible time zones and all work on R has to be organized virtually using the Internet.

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