

Forthcoming Events: useR! 2009

The international R user conference 'useR! 2009' will take place at the Agrocampus, Rennes, France, July 8-10, 2009.

This world-meeting of the R user community will focus on

- R as the 'lingua franca' of data analysis and statistical computing,
- providing a platform for R users to discuss and exchange ideas about how R can be used to do statistical computations, data analysis, visualization and exciting applications in various fields,
- giving an overview of the new features of the rapidly evolving R project.

The program comprises invited lectures, user-contributed sessions and pre-conference tutorials.

Invited lectures

R has become the standard computing engine in more and more disciplines, both in academia and the business world. How R is used in different areas will be presented in hot topics as evidenced by the list of the invited speakers: *Adele Cutler, Peter Dalgaard, Jerome H. Friedman, Michael Greenacre, Trevor Hastie, John Storey and Martin Theus.*

User-contributed sessions

The sessions will be a platform to bring together R users, contributors, package maintainers and developers in the S spirit that 'users are developers'. People from different fields will show us how they solve problems with R in fascinating applications. The scientific program will include *Douglas Bates, Vincent Carey, Arthur Charpentier, Pierre-André Cornillon, Nicolas Hengartner, Torsten Hothorn, François Husson, Jan de Leeuw, Friedrich Leisch, Ching Fan Sheu and Achim Zeileis.* The program will cover topics of current interest such as

- Applied Statistics & Biostatistics
- Bayesian Statistics
- Bioinformatics
- Chemometrics and Computational Physics

- Data Mining
- Econometrics & Finance
- Environmetrics & Ecological Modeling
- High Performance Computing
- Machine Learning
- Marketing & Business Analytics
- Psychometrics
- Robust Statistics
- Sensometrics
- Spatial Statistics
- Statistics in the Social and Political Sciences
- Teaching
- Visualization & Graphics
- and many more.

Pre-conference tutorials

Before the start of the official program, half-day tutorials will be offered on Tuesday, July 7.

Call for papers

We invite all R users to submit abstracts on topics presenting innovations or exciting applications of R. A web page offering more information on 'useR!2009' is available at:

<http://www.R-project.org/useR-2009/>

Abstract submission and registration will start in November 2008.

The organizing committee *David Causeur, Julie Josse, François Husson, Maela Kloareg, Sébastien Lê, Eric Matzner-Løber and Jérôme Pagès* will be very happy to meet you in Rennes, France, the capital of Brittany, famous for its architecture (the Parlement de Bretagne, private mansions, ...), its night life (Festival des tombées de la nuit) and its cuisine (the Festival Gourmand, the Lices Market, ...). useR-2009@R-project.org