Introduction

The 12th International Blaise Users' Conference (IBUC 2009) is organised from June 2nd to 4th, 2009 in the Islande Hotel in Riga, Latvia. The conference includes three days of contributed papers and presentations on the use of Blaise software and related topics.

The Blaise Corporate Licence Users Board (BCLUB) meeting will be held on 5th June 2009 in the Islande Hotel.

The program of the conference was organised and planned by the Scientific Committee. Members of the committee included:

Vesa Kuusela	(Chair) Statistics Finland
Karen Bagwell	U.S. Bureau of the Census, USA
Sylvain Daubrée	INSEE, France
Hilde Degerdal	Statistics Norway
Jo Edwards	Office for National Statistics, UK
Lon Hofman	Statistics Netherlands, Blaise Team
Rebecca Lui	Statistics Canada
Jim O'Reilly	Westat Inc. USA
Mark Pierzchala/Leonard Hart	Mathematica Policy Research Inc. USA
Bill Connett/Gina-Qian Cheung	University of Michigan, USA

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IBUC 2009 was organised and hosted by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia. The Local Organising Committee consisted of:

Kaspars Misāns	Chairman, Vice President
Norberts Tālers	Director, Informatics Department
Uldis Ainārs	Director, Information, Publishing and Printing Department
Janīna Dišereite	Director, International Project Management and Financial Department
Ieva Upeniece	Senior Officer, EU Affairs Coordination Division

Conference programme

Monday	June, 1.
14:00 - 18:00	Registration
17:00 - 19:00	Get-together party
	Cash bar, Islande Hotel

Tuesday	June, 2.
8:00 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 10:30	**Opening session**
	Chair: Kaspars Misāns, Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee
	Opening speech
	Vesa Kuusela
	Chairman of the Scientific Committee
	Welcoming address
	Aija Žīgure
	President of the CSB of Latvia
	Keynote speach
	Jelke Bethlehem
	Statistics Netherlands
10:30 - 11:00	**Break**
11:00 - 12:30	**Session 1: Uses of Blaise**
	Chair: Lon Hofman, Statistics Netherlands
	Leonard Hart and Scott Reid, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
	Converting to Blaise 4.8 for CATI and CAWI Surveys

	Roberto V. Picha, U.S. Census Bureau, USA
	Using Blaise 4.8 for Census Coverage Measurement
	Lilia Filippenko, Roger Osborn, Vorapranee (Mai) Wickelgren, & Venkat Yetukuri, RTI International, USA
	Using the Blaise Component Pack for All Stages of Data Collection
	Liljana Taseva, Mira Deleva, State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia
	BLAISE in Macedonia-Census of agriculture 2007
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 - 15:00	**Session 2 CAPI system developments**
	Chair: Jim O'Reilly, Westat
	Chris Seymour, Statistics New Zealand
	Quality assurance through Computer Audio-Recorded Interviewing (CARI)
	Kārlis Zeiļa, Norberts Tālers, Pāvels Onufrijevs, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
	CAPI system at Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
	Fred Wensing, Softscape Solutions, Australia
	Development of Survey and Case Management facilities for organisations with minimal survey infrastructure
	Vesa Kuusela, Toni Räikkönen and Kai Vikki, Statistics Finland
	Case Management System Based on Wireless Telecommunications
15:00 - 15:30	**Break**

15:30 - 17:00	**Session 3**	**Data Quality**
	Chair: Hilde Degerdal, Statistics Norway	
	Kimin Kim, Korea Labor Institute	
	Minimizing the errors in the questionnaire and monitoring the survey process	
	Wim Hacking, Statistics Netherlands	
	Macro-selection and micro-editing: a prototype	
	James R. Hagerman, Jody L. Dougherty, and Sue Ellen Hansen, The University of Michigan	
	The Three-Legged Stool Is Now a Four-Legged Chair: Specification Guidelines for Blaise Survey Instruments	
17:00 – 19:00	**Welcoming party, Islande Hotel terrace**	

Wednesday   June, 3.

9:00 - 10:30	**Session 4**	**Blaise in Organizations**
	Chair: Mark Pierzchala, Mathematica Policy Research	
	Lucy Fletcher, Office for National Statistics	
	The Effects of Relocation on Blaise Support in O.N.S.	
	Lois Steinfeldt, Jaswinder Anand, Ellen Anderson, and John Clemens, Agricultural Research Service, USA	
	Evaluating the use of questions and responses in a large national dietary data collection instrument	
	Shifra Har and Evgenia Luskin, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics	
	Different Methods of Working with Blaise[®] in the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics	

	Gerrit de Bolster, Statistiscs Netherlands	
	BlaiseIS at Statistics Netherlands	
10:30 - 11:00	**Break**	
11:00 - 12:30	**Session 5**	**Blaise Team Presents, Part 1**
12:30 - 13:45	**Lunch**	
	Poster session	
	Rob Groeneveld, Statistics Netherlands	
	Some Techniques In Blaise Data Editing	
	Marien Lina, Division of Business Statistics, Statistics Netherlands	
	Presenting Answers in Random Order; A generic approach for presenting enumeration answers in random order in the Blaise Data Entry Program.	
	Gina-Qian Cheung, The University of Michigan	
	Mixed Mode Sample Management System development process	
13:45 - 15:15	**Session 6**	**Blaise Team Presents, Part 2**
15:15 - evening	**Social event**	
	Guided walking tour in Old Riga	
	Conference dinner, Restaurant Lido	

Thursday	**June, 4.**	
9:00 - 10:30	**Session 7**	**Event history applications**
	Chair: Gina-Qian Cheung, The University of Michigan	
	Daniel Moshinsky, Mecene Desormice, Seth Benson-Flannery, U.S. Census Bureau	
	The Use of Metadata in the Design of a Customizable .NET Event History Calendar	

	April Beaulé, Mary Dascola and Youhong Liu, The University of Michigan
	Development and Programming of an Employment Event History Calendar in the Panel Study of Income Dynamics
	Fred Wensing, Softscape Solutions, Australia
	Time Use Diary Data Capture System built in Blaise and Maniplus
	Jim O'Reilly, Westat
	Paradata and Blaise: A Review of Recent Applications and Research
10:30 - 11:00	**Break**
11:00 - 12:30	**Session 8 Authoring in Blaise**
	Chair: Karen Bagwell, U.S. Census Bureau
	Peter Sparks, The University of Michigan
	A Systematic Approach to Debugging in the Blaise Environment: An Author's Perspective
	Michael K. Mangiapane, U.S. Census Bureau
	Unduplication of Listing Data
	Maurice Martens, Alerk Amin & Corrie Vis, CentERdata, The Netherlands
	Managing Translations for Blaise Questionnaires
	Alerk Amin (CentERdata, The Netherlands), Richard Boreham (National Center for Social Research, England), Maurice Martens (CentERdata, The Netherlands), Colin Miceli (National Center for Social Research, England)
	An End-to-End Solution for Using Unicode with Blaise to Support Any Language
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch**

13:30 - 15:00	**Session 9**	**Applications and supporting tools**
	Chair: Rebecca Lui, Statistics Canada	
	Roger Schou, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USA	
	Moving to a Centralized Database for Surveys in Blaise at the National Agricultural Statistics Service	
	Richard Frey and Mike Rhoads, Westat	
	Blaise Editing Rules + Relational Data Storage = Best of Both Worlds?	
	Karl Dinkelmann, Nicole Kirgis, Gina-Qian Cheung, University of Michigan	
	Michigan Questionnaire Documentation System, Version 3 (MQDS-V3)	
	Jo Edwards, Office for National Statistics	
	Tracking And Rotation – The Next Steps	
15:00 - 15:30	**Break**	
15:30 - 17:00	**Closing session:**	
	Chair: Vesa Kuusela, Chairman of IBUG	
	IBUG meeting	
	Tony award	

Friday	**June, 5.**
9:00 - 12:00	BCLUB meeting