



**ASSESS: SPSS USERS' GROUP  
WORKSHOPS, USERS MEETING  
UNIVERSITY OF YORK, UK  
OCTOBER 2009**

## **HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS: INTRODUCTION TO SURVIVAL ANALYSIS IN SPSS INTRODUCTION TO R**

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ASSESS is an independent user group for SPSS, a computer package for analysing and presenting data. It is run by users, for users and is completely independent of manufacturers of the software. Between 1996 and 2008 ASSESS gave workshops on aspects of SPSS including syntax, macros, output management system (OMS) and Python.

Two half-day workshops are provisionally planned to be held in the Alcuin Research Resource Centre, University of York, on Thursday 8th October 2009. The workshops are open to users of SPSS who are familiar with the menu toolbar but have limited knowledge of syntax. Workshop topics are at <http://www.spssusers.co.uk/Events/2009/index.html>

Both workshops will be taught in an interactive hands-on workshop-style format, with frequent examples and exercises for participants to work through. A full set of notes and exercise solutions will also be given to all who attend. If participants have SPSS-related queries relating to their own data which they wish to explore, both tutors will be willing to (at least attempt to!) answer these at the end of each day.

Dr Clive Downs is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Open University, and also works in Performance Management at Reading Borough Council. He applies Survival Analysis in research into social care, and also has research interests in complex systems. He will lead the 'Introduction to Survival analysis in SPSS' workshop. Professor Gilbert MacKenzie who will lead the 'Introduction to R' workshop has a background in medical statistics. He works at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Limerick and is a regular contributor to ASSESS User group meetings. (See <http://www.staff.ul.ie/mackenzieg/Assess/assess.html> for further details).

The 'Introduction to Survival analysis in SPSS' workshop will last from 9-45am to 12-45pm and the 'Introduction to R' workshop will last from 2pm to 4pm. The booking fee includes a coffee break mid-workshop but not overnight accommodation. Lunch is also included for those attending BOTH workshops and may be requested if attending just one workshop (see the registration form below).

Further details will be sent out to delegates upon receipt of booking forms. Delegates can choose to attend either or both workshops and/or the annual users meeting the following day.



**ASSESS: SPSS USERS' GROUP**  
**23rd ANNUAL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009**  
**UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

ASSESS is an independent user group for SPSS, a computer package for analysing and presenting data. It is run by users, for users and is completely independent of manufacturers of the software. The meeting is open to all users of SPSS and to anyone interested in SPSS. Postgraduate students pay a reduced registration fee.

Come along to:

- hear SPSS users talk about applications, the problems and solutions
- hear the latest news from SPSS UK staff about product developments, and put your questions to them
- See "live" demos of SPSS software
- exchange ideas with other SPSS users
- plan for an even better user group

The venue for both the workshops and the users' meeting is the Alcuin Research Resource Centre (ARRC) on York University campus located in Heslington, 2 miles to the south-east of the city centre. It takes 10-15 minutes in a taxi from the railway station. The Number 4 bus runs regularly to the University from York railway station (see <http://www.yorkshiretravel.net/>). University Parking and location details are at <http://www.york.ac.uk/np/maps/>. Accommodation is bookable via tourist information on (01904) 621756 or (01904) 554455.

***THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME\*\****

- ◆ SPSS company and latest product news; SPSS software demonstrations & AGM
- ◆ **How to use SPSS Mixed Models as an excuse to visit lap dancing clubs** by Andy Field, University of Sussex
- ◆ **Research, regeneration and education – analysing survey data with SPSS** by Tony Alderton, Kent County Council
- ◆ **Features of handling NHS Supply data in SPSS** by Jahanara Choudhury and Geoff Ellis, NHS Supply Chain
- ◆ **Data modelling in non profit marketing: case studies & discussion** by John Sauve-Rodd, Datapreneurs & David Dipple, Tangible Data
- ◆ **Polychoric Correlations with SPSS Custom Dialogue Builder** by Joao Maroco, Instituto Superior de Psicologia Aplicada, Lisbon
- ◆ **Data Preparation and Entry using the SPSS menu** by Elizabeth Wiredu, Data Solutions Services

Registration and coffee begins at 10am. Papers and other events will run from 10.30am to about 5.00pm. Morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea are included in the registration fee. A timetable will be e-mailed to delegates in advance.

\*\* The titles and order of events are subject to amendment

**BOOKING FORM**

**ASSESS WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO SURVIVAL ANALYSIS IN SPSS**

Thursday 8th October 2009, ARRC, University of York: 9-45am to 12-45pm

**ASSESS WORKSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION TO R**

Thursday 8th October 2009, ARRC, University of York: 2pm to 4pm

**ASSESS: SPSS USERS' GROUP, 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

Friday 9th October 2009, ARRC auditorium, University of York

**Important:**

Bookings will not be treated as firm until a cheque or official (company) order, payable to ASSESS, is received. Note payment can also be made by BACS. Details on request. Please indicate if you require a receipt of payment. Deadline for bookings: Wednesday 30th September 2009. Please note we reserve the right to cancel the workshops if there are insufficient numbers.

Name: ..... Tel: .....  
Email: ..... Fax: .....

Job Title: .....  
Organization:.....  
Address: .....  
..... Postcode .....

Names of attendees and event(s) they wish to attend (Please delete as appropriate):  
(Names for badges)

- 1. ....Event(s): Survival Analysis/R/Annual Users Meeting
- 2. ....Event(s): Survival Analysis/R/Annual Users Meeting
- 3. ....Event(s): Survival Analysis/R/Annual Users Meeting
- 4. ....Event(s): Survival Analysis/R/Annual Users Meeting
- 5. ....Event(s): Survival Analysis/R/Annual Users Meeting

(Please enter the appropriate amounts on the registration form overleaf)

If having lunch: Specify vegetarian or other dietary requirements, if any:  
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Cheque or official order enclosed for \_\_\_\_GBP  
**For official orders please also give here the number and address for invoicing:**  
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**Return completed forms to Peter Watson, ASSESS, 15 Chaucer Road, Cambridge CB2 7EF by WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009.**

Telephone enquiries about bookings: 01223 355294 x801 (has an answerphone)  
E-mail enquiries about bookings: peter.watson@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk (important: put 'ASSESS' in the Subject field)

## REGISTRATION FORM

	First delegate	✓	Subsequent delegates	No.	Students	✓
Survival analysis workshop	£80		£70		£40	
Introduction to R workshop	£80		£70		£40	
Both workshops (includes lunch)	£150		£130		£75	
Annual Conference	£70		£60		£40	
Annual Conference plus survival analysis	£140		£120		£70	
Annual Conference plus R	£140		£120		£70	
Annual Conference plus both workshops (includes lunch between workshops)	£190		£160		£90	
Lunch before or after single workshop	£10		£10		£5	
<b>TOTALS</b>	£		£		£	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					£	