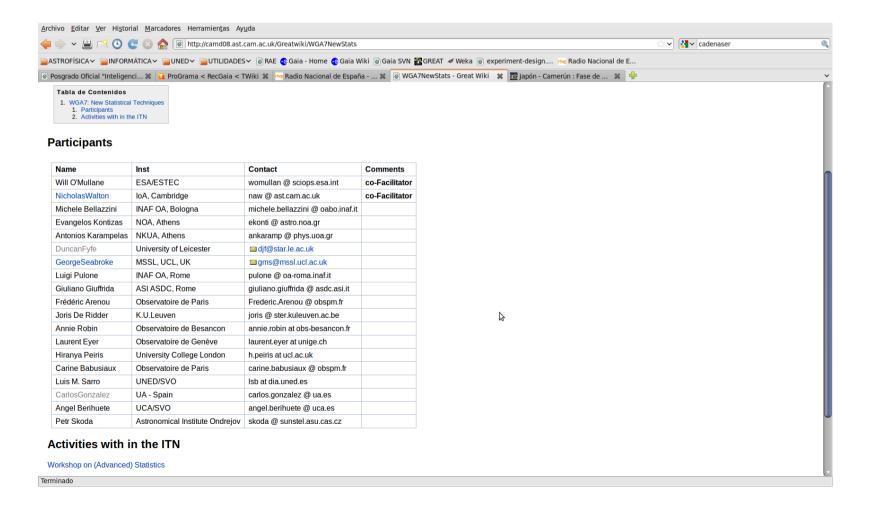


"Working with Gaia data will often require use of novel statistical techniques. These may need to be supported by the underlying database system containing the catalogue. In any case it would be very interesting to organise statistical workshops in Europe to learn about techniques relevant to exploration of Gaia-like datasets."



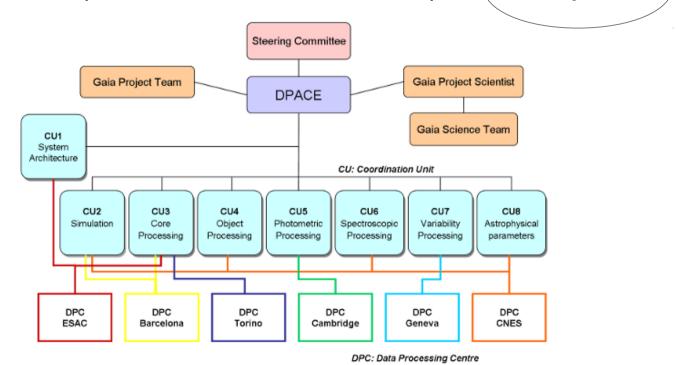
We encounter a necessity to

- 1) define the needs posed by GAIA in the framework of statistical techniques
- 2) identify which of these require new developments
- 3) train PhD students and postdocs in the statistical techniques needed

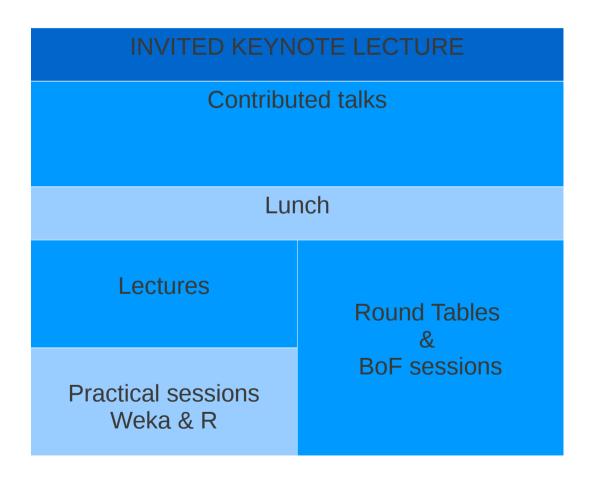


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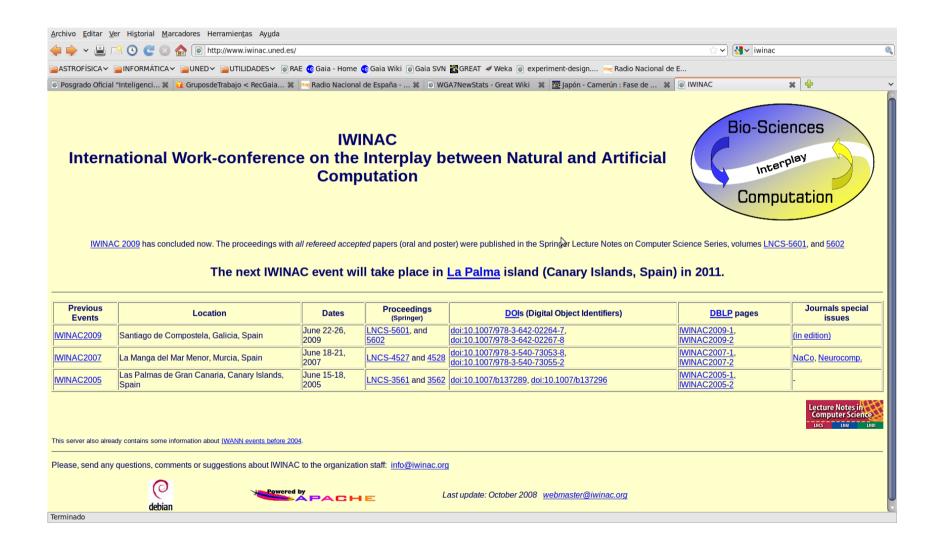
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Proposal: A joint workshop and Summer School



It is aimed at addressing the necessities highlighted before, but it has to be sufficiently broad and general as to attract experts practising statistics in all areas of astrostatistics.



Keynote Lecture I:

Data Mining and Statistics in the era of the petabyte databases. Technical aspects, database architecture, intelligent access, distributed computing, efficient software...

Keynote Lecture II:

Hot topics in astrostatistics (recent developments in statistics brought about by astronomical problems)

Keynote Lecture III:

Latest developments in Bayesian inference for Astronomy

Keynote Lecture IV:

Time series analysis in astronomy

Keynote Lecture V:

Applications of wavelet analysis in astronomy

Current status II: Classical Lectures

Course I:

Classical statistics: basic concepts, inference, error analysis, hypothesis testing, confidence intervals. The frequentist aproach versus Bayesian statistics. Priors. The problem of model selection. Sampling techniques (MCMC, nested sampling...)

Course II:

Advanced statistical techniques: Time series analysis. Wavelet analysis. Techniques for astronomical image processing. Spherical statistics.

Course III:

Supervised Classification and Regression I: the problem of feature selection, curse of dimensionality, regression (mono and multivariate, linear and non linear). Assessment of regression models.

Course IV:

Supervised Classification and Regression II: Continuous and categorical variables. Classification models (artificial neural networks, support vector machines, bayesian networks...). Model evaluation (n-fold cross validation and variants; statistical tests). Feature selection revisited.

Course V:

Unsupervised classification: alternative methodologies, the problem of feature selection for clustering, evaluation.

Discussion forum I:

Virtual Observatories, Data Mining and Astrostatistics.

Discussion forum II:

Statistical developments needed for the scientific exploitation of GAIA I: time series analysis

Discussion forum III:

Statistical developments needed for the scientific exploitation of GAIA II: Galactic structure.

Discussion forum IV:

The construction of training and test sets in astronomical applications of Data Mining.

Discussion forum V:

Pan-european initiatives in Data Mining and Astrostatistics.

- Bias estimation analysis: virtually all areas
- Galactic dynamics: model fitting, hypothesis testing, structure detection (wavelets?),...
- Chemical tagging: model fitting, regression (supervised classification), clustering
- Outlier analysis, new object types, exotic systems, fast stages of stellar evolution...
- And so much more...

THE END