



ANNOUNCEMENT! CHRISTMAS SEMINAR

Tuesday, December 12th, 2000
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

RCAF Officer's Mess
Main Lounge
158 Gloucester Street, Ottawa

William Ross
Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

Neyman-Pearson versus Health Policy: opportunities for professional statisticians

Many of the modern challenges to health are a consequence of complex interactions between our physical and social environments together with our personal and life style choices. Public Health issues are often further complicated by a high degree of scientific uncertainty and the lack of relevant information. Health policies are the results of decision making processes within government agencies aimed at addressing these complex issues. With an increasing demand for transparency, accountability, a focus on both "evidence-based" decision making and the "precautionary principle", public health policy decision making could benefit from statistical theories of evidence and decision making (not to mention the proper analysis of the data that is available). This presentation will provide an overview of some of the trends in health risk decision making and the opportunities for the statistics profession.

7:00 p.m. Cash Bar
7:30 p.m. Seminar
8:00 p.m. Refreshments

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Cost of seminar is included.

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