

# Recent Events

## DSC 2003

Inspired by the success of its predecessors in 1999 and 2001, the Austrian Association for Statistical Computing and the R Foundation for Statistical Computing jointly organised the third workshop on distributed statistical computing which took place at the Technische Universität Vienna from March 20 to March 22, 2003. More than 150 participants from all over the world enjoyed this most interesting event. The talks presented at DSC 2003 covered a wide range of topics from bioinformatics, visualisation, resampling and combine methods, spatial statistics, user-interfaces and office integration, graphs and graphical models, database connectivity and applications. Compared to DSC 2001, a greater fraction of talks addressed problems not directly related to R, however, most speakers mentioned R as their favourite computing engine. An online proceedings volume is currently under preparation.

Two events took place in Vienna just prior to DSC

2003. Future directions of R developments were discussed at a two-day open R-core meeting. Tutorials on the Bioconductor project, R programming and R graphics attracted a lot of interest the day before the conference opening.

While the talks were given in the beautiful rooms of the main building of the Technische Universität at Karlsplatz in the city centre, the fruitful discussions continued in Vienna's beer pubs and at the conference dinner in one of the famous Heurigen restaurants.

Finally, one participant summarised this event most to the point in an email sent to me right after DSC 2003: "At most statistics conferences, over 90% of the stuff is not interesting to me, at this one, over 90% of it was interesting."

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