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The next meeting of the New South Wales Branch will be held on

Tuesday, May 20 2003

6.00 pm for refreshments, 6.30 pm for the talk

at the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Coghlan Room, Level 5, St Andrew's House, Town Hall Square, Sydney

Cluster designs: a personal account

Professor Martin Bland

St George's Medical School, University of London

Martin will describe his own experiences of the increasing awareness of the importance of clustering in study design, using examples in which he has been involved. This will cover both cluster-randomised trials and observational studies, and include carrying out his own research and reviewing study proposals and papers.

Martin is currently Professor of Medical Statistics, Department of Community Health Sciences, St. George's Hospital Medical School, University of London. He has a B.Sc. (Special) Mathematics, A.R.C.S. (upper second) from the Imperial College, London, 1968; an M.Sc., Mathematical Statistics and Operational Research from the Imperial College, London, 1969 and a Ph.D., Faculty of Medicine (epidemiology) from the University of London, 1980. Martin has published widely in the medical arena. His publication list includes the very popular book An Introduction to Medical Statistics, with the 3rd edition published in 2000. He has also co-authored a book with J Peacock titled Statistical Questions in Evidence-based Medicine, published by Oxford University Press in 2000.

Dinner

Dinner with the speaker will be held after the meeting at a nearby restaurant. Please tell Caro Badcock at caro.badcock@covance.com if you wish to come.

Getting to the venue

The nearest railway station is Town Hall and the nearest bus stop is the Queen Victoria Building in George Street. Kerbside parking is very limited, but there are parking stations nearby under the Queen Victoria Building (entry via York Street) and in Kent Street behind the George Street cinema complex.

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Forthcoming meetings

Date	Speaker	Venue
June 17	Barry Quinn (Macquarie University)	Macquarie University
July 22 or 23	TBA	UWS Parramatta
August 19 or 20	Steve Davies (APRA)	ABS
September 23 or 24	Potentially 3 Young Statisticians	UWS Parramatta
October 21 or 22	Robert Kohn (AGSM)	AGSM
November 25 or 26	Post Graduate Awards	

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