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## **EDINBURGH LOCAL GROUP MEETING**

**Tuesday 9 January 2007 (6.00 – 7.00 pm)**  
**Non-members welcome**

**Refreshments available from 5.30 pm**

### **Collaborators, Consultants or Technicians: How Should Professional Statisticians Interact with Scientists?**

**IAIN MCKENDRICK (Principal Consultant for Animal Health and Welfare,  
Biomathematics and Statistics Scotland)**

This talk will examine the professional role of a statistical consultant. Statisticians from Biomathematics & Statistics Scotland (BioSS) deliver statistical consultancy to a wide range of biological and agricultural research organisations, and the talk will outline the role that statisticians need to play within such an environment. The talk will review the current activities of BioSS statisticians on ethics committees, will outline the ways in which statisticians can best interact with scientists, and will conclude by assessing the impact of the recent "Joint Code of Practice for Research" issued by a number of funding bodies to manage the quality of scientific research.

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