Blaise 5

Blaise Community

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For 30 years the Blaise Community has worked together

IBUC 2016 is the 17th International Blaise Users Conference. The first was held in 1992. In addition to the sharing of ideas, the IBUCs have led to bilateral cooperation between users, as well as the sharing of instruments, source code, and approaches. Papers from all 17 conferences are available at www.Blaiseusers.org.

The BCLUB (Blaise Corporate License Users Board) meets annually. These power users come from National Statistical Institutes (NSIs), corporations, and universities. They give feedback to Team Blaise and work to keep Blaise relevant to their organisations. Several members have contributed related software systems for use by all Blaise licensees.

Users range from huge institutes to 1-person shops. While each has its own way of working, they all need a powerful and flexible system that must satisfy data collection needs that even they cannot yet imagine. Even small users have been known to make large contributions through innovative methods and ideas. Every user is honored in the Blaise community.

Team Blaise is at the center of the Blaise community. The team produces this world-leading software system and gives support and training. Support continues for Blaise 4 while Blaise 5 matures. Every user has access to the entire system through its licensing and can provide input to modify Blaise.

Blaise 5 is a total reprogramming of the system into the .NET framework. It ensures the indefinite adaptability of the system that will allow Team Blaise to timely provide necessary capabilities.

Statistics Netherlands (aka CBS) is the Blaise mother ship. As a National Statistical Institute, CBS uses Blaise at the core of its data collection. CBS provides its world-class methods and operations departments for advice on new features.

In 2016 Statistics Netherlands (CBS) installed a 3-person governing board over Blaise. These people are all highly positioned within the bureau. They have provided more development resources to accelerate the release of Blaise 5 and give a better strategic outlook. Statistics Netherlands is committed to producing ground-breaking data collection and survey processing software.

Statistics Netherlands, its Team Blaise, its partners (Westat, the University of Michigan, and Colectica), the BCLUB, the IBUCs, and all users, form a unique and unmatched foundation for the success of Blaise, now and in the future.

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