

Refresher Course on Analyses and Statistical Interpretation (AIS) for Postgraduate Students of ITBC, UMS, 12-15 APRIL 2010

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A total of 16 postgraduate students have attended the four-day refresher course on Analyses and Statistical Interpretation for postgraduate students of Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ITBC) from 12th to 15th April 2010. It was organized by the Unit for Primate Studies BORNEO and supported by Darwin Initiative.

This course mainly deals with the principle ideas about what statistics is and how to run statistical analysis using the statistical software package SPSS in more simplified manner. It is highly interactive and practical in nature with the aim of fulfilling one's interests in learning and performing statistical analysis. The objectives of the course were mainly to:

- i. Organize, summaries, describe and present data in a meaningful and easily understood format;
- ii. Choose and carry out correct statistical analyses for different types of data and research questions;
- iii. Give correct statistical interpretation of the results of the statistical analyses conducted.
- iv. Run statistical analyses in the computer using SPSS.

The course which was held at the Seminar Room 1, Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ITBC), successfully conducted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Henry Bernard, of ITBC with assistance Mr. Hairul Hafiz Mahsol (ITBC's lecturer) and two postgraduate students, Mr. Daniel Pamin and Ms. Donna Christine Simon. Overall, the course was successfully organized and Unit for Primate Studies BORNEO received a lot of positive comments and responses from the participants and they hoped that such course could be made more regularly in the future.



Mr. Daniel Pamin, one of the speakers who is currently undergoing his PhD study in ITBC



Participants setting up their laptops before the course



Ms. Yong Huai Mei, receiving her certificate at the end of the course



Some of the participants of the course