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**Montserrat Fuentes Appointed Editor of the Journal of Agricultural,
Biological, and Environmental Statistics**

Dr. Kaye Basford, President of the International Biometric Society, announced in an email today that Montserrat Fuentes has been appointed to the position of Editor, Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics (JABES). JABES---published jointly by the IBS and the American Statistical Association---publishes articles of immediate and practical value to applied researchers and statistical consultants in the agricultural sciences, the biological sciences (including biotechnology), and the environmental sciences (including those dealing with natural resources).

Dr. Fuentes, currently at North Carolina State University (NCSU), will be the 5th Editor of JABES, now in its 13th year of publication. Her appointment will begin on January 1, 2011.

Dr. Fuentes joined the faculty of NCSU in 1998 soon after receiving her PhD in Statistics from the University of Chicago. Currently she holds a tenured, full professorship in the Department of Statistics and Associate status in the Department of Marine Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, at NCSU. She has a distinguished record of research, development and editorial work. She was an Associate Editor of *Biometrics* for seven years and is currently associate editor of JASA applications and case studies. She is a member of the Biostatistical Methods and Research Design study section of NIH and is currently a member of the scientific advisory committee of Health Canada. She received her B.S. from University of Valladolid, Spain in Mathematics and Statistics and in Music.

“A potential challenge for JABES might be to distinguish itself from other journals,” said Fuentes in her application for Editor. “One of my main priorities as Editor would be to seek good quality papers, and let JABES distinguish itself from other journals based on the quality of the published manuscripts.” She continued, “I believe it is important to provide the most appropriate statistical tools to solve important and very well defined scientific problem.”

Dr. Fuentes will work with JABES current editor Carl Schwarz over the next six months to ensure a smooth transition.

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