We are pleased to announce that Cornell now has a campus-wide site license for SPSS and SYSTAT for both the PC and the Macintosh. SPSS and SYSTAT are statistical software packages that are used by many people on campus. Their high academic pricing made it often difficult for individuals to purchase. With the new site license, installing these packages on your machine will be a lot more affordable.

We had previously announced (StatNews #14) that the Office of Statistical Consulting and the Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (CISER) were actively negotiating with SPSS. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the numerous people who sent their comments and gave their input following this newsletter, and especially Mariann Carpenter of CISER who completed the negotiations.

CISER, which is already administering the SAS site license, will now also take care of the SPSS and SYSTAT licenses. You are encouraged to visit their home page where you will find all the needed information. The address is http://www.ciser.cornell.edu. If you would like to discuss which software would be the most appropriate for you, we can also help you at the Office of Statistical Consulting.

This site license agreement is primarily intended for faculty, staff, and graduate students. People in charge of servers and computer labs should contact Francoise Vermeylen for special arrangements. Continuing as in the past, students can purchase graduate packs, for either the Macintosh version or the Windows version, containing full versions of SYSTAT or of three modules of SPSS (Base, Advanced and Professional) at a reasonable price directly from the Campus Store.

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