



A CONTRIBUTION OF STATISTICS FOR THE ELDERLY ADULTS



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The world development of the society of the information has given a strong impulse to the diffusion of a Statistical Culture for the whole society. In Argentina the elderly adults, in their majority, have difficulties to interpret information, and especially that related to Statistics. Because of this, an extension project carried out by professors of Biostatistics of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences in Casilda offers an answer to a severe problem on a social concrete necessity, since these people cannot participate actively in the changing society where we live. The Project stimulates their interest to come closer to Statistics, to interpret it and to use it.

We work using an active methodology where the participant builds his/ her own concepts supported by problematic real life situations. Classes are carried out, in which adults listen to radial and television information and through discussion groups they show up the statistical terminology and their definitions.



We proceed to read information of newspapers and magazines which are analyzed, in terms of the problem together with their statistical basement and we also work with computers interpreting the validity of surveys and reports that they find. With this active methodology, the adults recover the trust and develop the critical spirit, through arguments and validations that are given in a spiral form.

The achieved impact is based on the trust acquired by the adults, and so they are able to exchange opinions that allow them to occupy an active place in the society, to interpret statistical information correctly in benefit of their own learning, without the necessity of requesting help, and to be able to understand texts in radios, magazines, television means and the internet.

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