ISI/BS agreement signed

During an ISI council meeting at Voorburg (The Netherlands), September 9, 1994, an agreement was signed between the ISI and BS by ISI president J.K. Ghosh, ISI director Z.E. Kenessey, and BS president O.E. Barndorff–Nielsen.

The agreement sets out the financial position of BS within ISI, in particular with regards to our new society journal BERNOULLI. The Bernoulli Society is very happy with this sound basis for our future relations and sees BS continuing to grow and develop within the ISI family to the mutual benefit of BS, the other sections of ISI and ISI itself.

Splitting the scientific secretary

As BS grows in size and complexity the job of the scientific secretary has been becoming too large for one person to shoulder. The BS Structure Committee made recommendations to the Bernoulli Society council meeting in Chapel Hill about how the position could be split into two components and within a few days the first alter ego of the present scientific secretary Richard Gill was found: Volker Mammitzsch of Marburg University, Germany (email: mammit@mathematik.uni-marburg.de), already very active in BS as chairman of the European Regional Committee.

His new position has for the time being the title 'Membership Secretary'. In particular he will supervise our increasingly complex membership with, at last count, at least five different categories of members; more if one takes account of the difference between ISI members with BS as section and members of BS who are not members of ISI. A second responsibility is the administrative side of 'BS affiliated organisions', i.e., national statistical societies who have embarked on special relationships with BS. Finally we will be working on the electronification of the society: setting up a remote ftp site where members of BS can find recent editions of the BS newsletter, meeting announcements, membership lists, etc.

Liaison with IMS in Europe / changes in the European Regional Commitee (ERC)

The BS–IMS Liaison Committee also reported to Bernoulli Society's council in Chapel Hill. One conclusion is that BS and IMS have appointed a programme liaison position for joint efforts and programmes between the IMS and the Bernoulli Society in Europe (BS's European Regional Committee). The purposes of this job will be to assist the IMS program secretary (Jon Wellner (email: jaw@stat.washington.edu) has just taken over this position from Iain Johnstone) to coordinate the planning of meetings in Europe involving the two societies, and to encourage and foster further cooperation and interchange at the meetings of the societies.

Elements of the cooperation are:
(a) some BS – ERC sessions at IMS meetings;
(b) some IMS sessions at BS – ERC meetings;
(c) planning of other special joint meetings in Europe (such as the meeting on statistics in the biosciences planned for Rostock in 1997)
(d) helping with identifying and encouraging further interactions between the two societies.

The first person appointed to this position is
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Let us know if you have concrete ideas or suggestions about how this new position should best function to further the aims of – and cooperation between – both societies.

An important change has taken place in the European Regional Committee: Elizabeth de Turckheim, Programme Secretary of the Committee and thereby specially responsible for liaison between ERC, other BS committees and BS as a whole, is stepping down after a number of years of dedicated service. Her successor is Peter Diggle, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YF, UK, email: p.diggle@lancaster.ac.uk, fax: +44 1524 592681.

According to the Constitution of ERC, after four years of service L. Cruz–Orive (Bern), P. Deheuvels (Bourg–La–Reine), R. Grübel (Hannover), E. Csaki (Budapest), V. Statulevicius (Vilnius), N. Veraverbeke (Diepenbeek), T. Schweder (Oslo), and J. (Leeds) stepped down. In their place, E. Bolthausen (Zurich), A. Forcina (Perugia), P.L.J. Janssen (Diepenbeek), A. Martikainen (St. Petersburg), D. Picard (Paris), F. Pukelsheim (Augsburg), D. Rasch (Wageningen), and M. Rudemo (Copenhagen) were elected.

Election for Council

The BS Nominating Committee chaired by J. Teugels has found the following prepared to become the new members of Bernoulli Council, and new president–elect:

For president–elect:
L.H.Y. Chen (Singapore)

For council:
S.–I. Amari (Tokyo), H. Künsch (Zürich), J.R. Leon (Caracas), D. Nualart (Barcelona), G.P.H. Styan (Montreal), G. Yang (College Park, MD).