5. Committee Work

CCSP
Committee for Conferences on Stochastic Processes

CCSP sponsors the (almost) annual conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications. These week–long meetings typically feature lectures by 15–20 invited speakers and a large number of contributed talks. Featured topics include both theoretical developments in probability and stochastic processes and important areas of application. Because of the Vienna World Congress, there was no meeting in 1996.

The 24th Conference will be held in Viña del Mar, Chile, June 16–20, 1997; see p. 16. The 25th Conference will be held at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, July 5–11, 1998; see p. 19.

The Committee, which meets once a year, met during the Vienna World Congress and decided to accept an offer to hold the 26th Conference in Beijing in 1999. The primary organizer will be Jia–an Yan.

There will be no meeting in 2000, again because of the World Congress. Groups interested in organizing the first meeting of the new millennium should contact the Committee chair, Tom Kurtz (kurtz@math.wisc.edu). Discussions concerning the location of the 27th Conference to be held in 2001 will begin at the CCSP meeting in 1997 with a final decision made at the meeting in 1998.

The Committee elects new members every two years with the next election being held during the coming spring. We welcome suggestions (to Tom Kurtz) for new members.

Tom Kurtz
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EAPRC
East-Asian and Pacific Regional Committee

Members of the committee have been listed in the last issue of Bernoulli News. Meanwhile a www site has been set up:

http://sunsite.nus.sg/bernoulli.EAPRC

BS members may correspond with the Committee by email to Louis Chen, matchyl@leonis.nus.sg.

Louis Chen
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Tom Kurtz, chairman of the CCSP, Philip Protter and Shun-ichi Amari (left to right) at the BS Council Meeting.

C(PS)^2

Committee on Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences

Plans are under way for the $C(PS)^2$ to hold a satellite meeting to the Helsinki meeting in 1999 which will mark ten years since the first such meeting in Leuven 1989 on the theme, "Earth and Space Sciences." A potential host site has been identified and a scientific programme committee will be announced as plans become more firm.

In the closer future, a satellite to this summer's Istanbul ISI'97 meeting on Water and Statistics will take place in Ankara, August 28–30, 1997 (see p. 17).

Also planning is under way for a $C(PS)^2/IASE$ panel discussion on "Research and Teaching of Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences", for the ISI'97 meeting. The purpose of this session is to engage a dialogue between probabilists/statisticians and physical scientists on the teaching of probability and statistics as it pertains to research in the physical sciences.

Example questions which will be addressed are:

1. What are some of the major physical problems requiring probabilistic and statistical methods?

2. What have been some of the past major scientific accomplishments to employ probabilistic and statistical methods from the point of view of physical scientists?

3. What are some of the most important methods employed in modern research?

4. Where is the statistical training normally provided today?

5. How should the training best be provided tomorrow?

At this point the objective is to bring attention to the host of overall issues. A report on this dialogue will be shared with Bernoulli News and other professional society newsletters in physical sciences. BS members may correspond with the Committee by email to Ed Waymire, waymire@math.orst.edu.

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LARC

Latin American Regional Committee

The LARC will hold his Second PhD Thesis Competion "Francisco Aranda Ordaz" for recent doctorates from Latin America. Candidates should have obtained her/his PhD degree between May 1, 1995 and December 31, 1997. Those interested should send two copies of the thesis, no later than January 31, 1998, to Ricardo Fraiman, Centro de Matemática, Eduardo Acevedo 1139, Montevideo, Uruguay.

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ERC

European Regional Committee

The ERC met in Vienna during the 4th World Congress of the BS. Six new members were elected. Also the new chairman, Noel Veraverbeke, who had been elected last year, has started his term of office. Georg Pflug has been elected as new programme coordinator.

The committee is now composed as follows: Noel Veraverbeke (chairman), Volker Mammitzsch (past chairman), Georg Pflug (programme coordinator), Enno Mammen (IMS liaison person), Wilfrid Kendall (BS scientific secretary).

Members retiring in 1998: Erwin Bolthausen, Antonio Forcina, Paul L.J. Janssen, Alexander Martikainen, Dominique Picard, Friedrich Pukelsheim, Dieter Rasch, Mats Rudemo.

Members continuing until 2000: Tadeusz Bednarski, Frank den Hollander, Antti Penttinen, Zuzana Prazkova, Rimantas Rudzkis, K. Feridun Turkman.

Zoltan E. Kenessey (director of ISI Permanent Office).

Volker Mammitzsch
Marburg