4. Two Items from the Treasurer.

Dues Income for the Bernoulli Society

You may know that there are two kinds of Bernoulli Society members: those who are just members of BS on its own, and those who are members of ISI but choose BS as their section. If you are already a BS member and become elected to ISI, your dues go up and you receive less benefits for your higher dues. This may come as a surprise to you, but, as a consequence of your election to ISI, the income BS obtains from you goes down dramatically.

In response to a variety of requests concerning the relationship between the BS and the ISI, our treasurer Joe Eaton explains below the effect of this relationship on the income of BS received from dues.

For the purposes of this discussion, the membership of BS can be divided into two categories (the figures are based on the year 1995):

I. BS members who are not members of ISI (about 803 paying full dues).

II. ISI members who elect to have a BS-section as members of ISI (about 535 ordinary ISI members have a BS-section).

[In addition to the 1338 members in I and II, there are another 274 members in other dues categories such as retired persons, students, extra-ordinary members and members from developing countries.]

The dues income will be illustrated only for the members in I and II. For simplicity, the dues income is given in Dutch Guilders (Dfl) only.

1. For members in I, the dues were 105 Dfl for 1995. All of this dues income goes directly to BS.

2. For each member in II, BS receives 10 Dfl of the dues paid to ISI. This amount is intended to help offset the costs involved in arranging scientific meetings.

3. Even though BS receives none of the ISI dues income for "ordinary membership expenses", the ISI charges BS 15 Dfl per member for BS members in **both** categories I and II.

One consequence of the current dues arrangement with ISI is the following. If a BS member in I is elected to membership in the ISI (and accepts this election) and chooses a BS-section, the net loss in income to BS is 95 Dfl. The 1995 dues for an ordinary ISI member was 175,00 Dfl.

Members in I receive the following publications as part of their membership:

(a) BERNOULLI
(b) Bernoulli News
(c) International Statistical Review
(d) ISI Newsletter
(e) Short Book Reviews

Members in II receive only (b), (c), (d) and (e). Members in II can purchase a subscription to BERNOULLI at cost – namely 20 UK £.

Bernoulli Society Outreach Programme

At the Bernoulli Society council meeting at Vienna, council accepted a proposal by our treasurer to inaugurate a BS outreach programme, to support statisticians and probabilists in developing and transitional countries where access to scientific journals is still a big problem. For this reason all BS members received the following text together with their invoice for 1997:

Because of a combination of certain factors, including the lack of availability of hard currency, some members of the Bernoulli Society do not have access to the Society's publications. In an effort to make these publications available, the Bernoulli Society has instituted a new initiative called the Bernoulli Society Outreach Programme. The purpose of this programme is simply to help distribute Society Publications to libraries and/or organizations in regions of the world where Bernoulli Society members would not ordinarily have access to such material.

The cost of the program is to be borne partly by the Bernoulli Society and partly by contributions from Bernoulli Society members. For this reason, your dues notice from ISI has the item labelled "Contribution to BS Outreach." Members who chose to contribute to the Outreach Program will be listed in Bernoulli News.

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