3. The Bernoulli Society on WWW

General information on the society, its journals, conferences, standing committees, and so on can be found at

http://www.math.ruu.nl/bernoulli

This site has been set up by Erik van Zwet (vanzwet@math.ruu.nl) and is currently administered by him and the scientific secretary (gill@math.ruu.nl).

This newsletter is also available on the web. You find it and links to various interesting sites, also one to the International Calendar of Statistical Events, at

http://www.mathematik.tu-muenchen.de/bernoulli

You are welcome to visit us and send us your comments.

International Calendar of Statistical Events

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) publishes an "International Calendar of Statistical Events", edited by Norbert Schmitz (schmnor@math.uni-muenster.de). This calendar of statistical conferences, meetings, workshops etc. from all around the world is available on the web page

http://wwwmaths.anu.edu.au/ims/

4. 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 Vina del Mar, Chile, June 16-20, 1997. The primary organizer is Rolando Rebolledo (rrebolle@mat.puc.cl, http://www.mat.puc.cl/ spa24/ spa24.html).

The 25th Conference will be held at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, July 5-11, 1998. The meeting will be organized by Ed Waymire (waymire@math.orst.edu), Mina Ossiander, and Robert Burton.

The 26th Conference will be held 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.

Tom Kurtz, Madison

EAPRC
East–Asian and Pacific Regional Committee

Activities under EAPRC are beginning to get off the ground. The International Conference on Probability and Its Applications will take place at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) in Taejon, Korea, February 24 – 26, 1998. The local organizer is Bong Dae Choi (bdchoi@math.kaist.ac.kr). For details see p. 9

Louis Chen, Singapore

LARC
Latin American Regional Committee

Recent graduates from Latinamerica may be interested in the PhD Thesis contest "Francisco Aranda". Those who want to participate should send three copies of their thesis before December 31, 1997 to Ricardo Fraiman, Centro de Matematicas, Eduardo Acevedo 1139, Montevideo, Uruguay

Victor de Perez-Abreu, Guanajuato

$C(PS)^2$
Committee on Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences

There are two projects which the committee has been pursuing in recent months.

• BS/IASE PANEL TO ISTANBUL ISI'97
The Bernoulli Society and the International Association of Statistical Education have initiated a panel discussion on "Research and Teaching of Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences", for the ISI'97 Session. It will include discussions of the following questions:

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?

In addition to panelist discussion of these questions, the committee will present a summary of its views on these matters in this session. This session is being viewed as a "first attempt" to initiate a dialogue on a sharing of "triumphs and challenges" between statisticians and physical scientists. 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 possibly other professional society newsletters in the physical sciencs.

• $C(PS)^2$ SATELLITE TO HELSINKI ISI'99
The committee has initiated plans for a $C(PS)^2$ satellite meeting in Athens, Greece, to the Helsinki ISI'99 meeting. In continuation with the Leuven 1989 theme, the proposed theme is "Earth and Space Sciences," with some sessions devoted to environmental issues. The local organizing committee will be chaired by Harry Pavlopoulos and the scientific program committee will be chaired by Abdel El-Shaarawi (abdel.el-shaarawi@cciw.ca).

The following conferences may be of interest to probabilists and statisticians interested in applications to physical sciences.

1. IMS program for the Joint Statistical Meetings in Anaheim, August 10–15, 1997, will include an emphasis on applications of probability and statistics in geosciences. Consult ASA, IMS Bulletins or look up the WWW at http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/1997/.

2. The satellite conference on Water and Statistics will be held in Ankara, August 28–30, 1997. See p. 8.

3. The Indian Statistical Institute is organizing a conference on Recent Advances in Statistics and Probability with participation of Bernoulli Society. They are particularly interested in new theory and innovative applications in biology and environmental studies, industry and financial areas. This will be a 4-day meeting from December 29, 1997 to January 1, 1998. See p. 8.

4. The dates and location of the 7th International Meeting on Statistical Climatology are May 25–29, 1998, in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. Peter Guttorp is the program chair. For more information consult the WWW location at http://www.stat.washington.edu/peter/7IMS .

Ed Waymire, Oregon

Bo Lindquist (Trondheim) and Elias Arjas (Oulu), one of the BS–editors of IS Review (see next page).