6. Committee Work

EAPRC
East–Asian and Pacific Regional Committee

After more than ten years of lying dormant, the East Asian and Pacific Regional Committee (EAPRC) finally came to life. At the 51st ISI Session held in Istanbul in August 1997, the Working Committee for the Revival of EAPRC put together the following new EAPRC:

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The Working Committee also formulated the following working rules:

The East Asian and Pacific Regional Committee (EAPRC) will organize international meetings on probability and statistics and from time to time sponsor or support other meetings in the East Asia-Pacific Region.

It shall comprise the committee chair, the past committee chair, and eight to ten ordinary members selected to ensure broad geographical representation. The term of office of an ordinary member shall be four years, with approximately one-half elected every two years. No ordinary member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The term of office of the chair shall be two years. The chair is eligible for re-election and shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. The term of office of the past committee chair shall be two years.

The Working Committee did not quite resolve the issue of nomination and election, but it is hoped that the new EAPRC will come up with a solution in the near future.

As the first project under the new EAPRC, a meeting entitled "International Conference on Probability and Its Applications" will take place in Taejon, Korea, in February 24–26, 1998. The Conference will be held under the auspices of EAPRC. More information about the Conference can be found on p. 17.

In our next issue we shall introduce the members of EAPRC in more details (including their CV and Photo).

Louis Chen, Singapore

From left to right: Shun-Ichi Amari (Council Member), David Vere-Jones (Honorary Advisor of the EAPRC) and Bee-Geok Leow (Director of Household, Population and Manpower Statitistics, Singapore)

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. For a report on the 1997 meeting (the 24th in the series) held in Viña del Mar, Chile, see p. 11.

The 25th Conference will be held at Oregon State University in Corvalis, Oregon, USA, July 5-11, 1998. For more information see p. 17 and

http://www.orst.edu/dept/math/docs/spa98.html

Since this meeting will be the 25th in the series, CCSP is interested in hearing from people who attended the first meeting in Rochester in 1971. Please send comments and/or anecdotes to

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The 26th Conference will be held in Beijing, China, June 14-18, 1999. For more information see p. 29.

There will be no meeting in 2000, because of the World Congress which will be held in Guanajuato, Mexico, and the Year 2000 activities, see p. 3.

Results of the biennial CCSP election were reported to the Committee at its meeting in Viña del Mar. The new CCSP chair is Makoto Maejima, Yokohama, (maejima@math.keio.ac.jp), following Thomas G. Kurtz. New members include Timothy Brown (Melbourne), Mike Keane (Amsterdam), Sylvie Meleard (Paris), Claudia Neuhauser (Minneapolis), Edwin Perkins (Vancouver), and Tokuzo Shiga (Tokyo).

The Committee would like to express its appreciation for the service provided by Professor Kurtz and the other outgoing members, Onna Boxma, Louis Chen, Anatole Joffe, Eugene Seneta, Richard Weber, and Ruth Williams. (We are pleased that Louis Chen will be continuing as an ex-officio member of the Committee in his capacity as President of the Bernoulli Society.)

Makoto Maejima, Yokohama

ERC
European Regional Committee

The members of the ERC had their 1997 meeting both at the ISI Session in Istanbul and at the ISI satellite meeting in Rostock.

The most important decisions were the nomination of members of ERC. According to its constitution, the ERC has nominated the following candidates to be elected for the period 1998-2002:

Arnoldo Frigessi (Italy)
Wenceslao Gonzalez-Manteiga (Spain)
Yakov Nikitin (Russia)
Pascal Massart (France)
Ursula Gather (Germany)
David Firth (United Kingdom)
Lars Holst (Sweden)
Tina Rydberg (Denmark).

Jacek Koronacky (Poland) was proposed and appointed as new chairman of ERC. His term of office will be 1998-2000.

Future meetings were discussed, especially the 22nd European Meeting of Statisticians in Vilnius, 1998.

It was also decided that the 23rd European Meeting of Statisticians will be organized in the year 2001. Portugal was suggested as a possible country to host this conference.

Noel Veraverbeke, Diepenbeek

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

The Committee on Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences initiated an introspective look at our status in *modern research and education* in a joint panel with the International Association of Statistical Education (IASE) at the ISI meeting in Istanbul. While the panel did not seek to solve any problems, it was the intention to raise issues with regard to the role of probability and statistics in the physical sciences. One has only to mention Brownian motion to easily illustrate the impact that the physical sciences have had on our subject area. It is natural to inquire about our role in the general research and education in the physical sciences. The panel consisted of discussants Colleen Cutler, Erhan Cinlar, and David Vere-Jones (IASE), with Ed Waymire as moderator. This was a well attended session which the committee felt to be very productive in its consciousness raising purpose. A written report of the presentations by this panel together with an edited summary of comments from the floor and from $C(PS)^2$ committee members will be published in the ISI proceedings for the record. We hope that this is only the start of dialogue on this important issue.

Interdisciplinary conferences are a major vehicle for communication between probabilists and statisticians and physical scientists. The following are some conferences which explicitly seek to foster such communication:

(i) $C(PS)^2$ plans to conduct a satellite meeting to the Helsinki ISI meeting in 1999 which will mark ten years since the first such meeting in Leuven 1989 on the theme *Earth and Space Sciences.* The 1999 meeting will be held in Athens (Greece) with Harry Pavlopoulos the principal local organizer and Abdul El-Shaarawi the chair of the scientific program committee. The proposed date is the week after Helsinki.

(ii) The 7th International Conference on *Statistical Climatology* (with Peter Guttorp as the Scientific Program Chair) will take place in Whistler, BC, May 25-29, 1998. Consult the web page at: http://www.stat.washington.edu/peter/7IMSC/

(iii) An AGU Chapman Conference in *Hydrology* will take place May 5-8, 1998, on the campus of Clemson University in South Carolina. The conference seeks to assess and explore modern theory and methods from Complexity Theory/Self-Organization, Non-Linear Dynamics/Chaos, Scaling/Self-Similarity etc in diverse hydrologic applications. Email to fmabs@earth.agu.org for more information.

(iv) The 25th Conference on *Stochastic Processes and their Applications* (SPA'98) will be held in Corvallis on the campus of OSU July 5-11, 1998. Bernoulli members are encouraged to make this conference known to colleagues in the physical sciences who are interested in the applications of stochastic processes. Check the web page at http://www.orst.edu/dept/math/docs/spa98.html for abstract submission and registration information. This web site is the most complete source of information about SPA'98.

(v) A one day workshop on *Random Media* is to be held in Dallas (Texas), on Sunday, August 9, 1998, from 9:30am-5:00pm, as a prelude to the IMS Annual Meeting. The organizers are Stan Molchanov of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, and Wojbor Woyczynski of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. The talks will address major areas of current research with particular attention paid to applications in the physical sciences and engineering. The speakers will be: Rene Carmona (Princeton), Shinichi Kotani (Osaka), Stan Molchanov (UNC-Charlotte), George Papanicolaou (Stanford), Alain-Sol Sznitman (ETH Zurich), Wojbor Woyczynski, CWRU (Cleveland),

(vi) The 6th International Conference on *Precipitation: Predictability of Rainfall at all Scales* will be held June 29 - July 1, 1998, Mauna Lani Bay, Hawaii. This meeting aims at fostering interdisciplinary interaction between meteorologists, hydrologists, mathematicians, and statisticians. The central theme of this conference will be research related to rainfall predictability at various scales of space and time. Papers are invited on all aspects of rainfall predictability, with the following topics being of particular interest: Modern Observation Techniques; Dynamics of Clouds and Preciptation; Limits of Predictability. Information is available on the web at http://www.envsci.rutgers.edu/precip or by email to melissa@gaia.rutgers.edu. The deadline for submission of abstracts is November 15, 1997.

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