6. Committee Work

EAPRC
East–Asian and Pacific Regional Committee

The "International Conference on Probability and Its Applications" organized by the Center for Applied Mathematics of KAIST in conjunction with the Korean Mathematical Society was held from February 24–26, 1998 at KAIST, Taejon, Korea. This was the first conference held under the auspices of the EAPRC. BS President Louis H. Y. Chen delivered the opening speech. For a report of this very successful conference see p. 13.

An EAPRC meeting was held on February 26, 1998 in Taejon. A summary of the minutes is as follows.

(1) With the help of BS-President Louis H. Y. Chen, Vietnam would like to organize the 2nd Conference under the auspices of EAPRC. The date for the conference is preferably in June 1999 and the theme would be in the field of statistics.

(2) For the future conferences

- There will be a conference each year except in the year of a World Congress.
- The theme of the conference is suggested to be alternating between probability and statistics.

(3) The Committee agreed on the following procedure for electing the members of the Committee.

- The Committee would invite nominations from members of the BS and national societies in the East Asia and Pacific region. From these nominations the Committee would come up with a slate of candidates.
- With this slate of candidates, the election of the members of the Committee would be conducted at an open meeting during an ISI session.

Chii-Ruey Hwang, Taiwan

Publications Committee

At the urging of Jef Teugels, the Publications Committee has now become a standing committee of the society with a specified structure and a set of duties which are set forth in the Terms of Reference which Jef Teugels drafted.

The first meeting of this standing committee took place in Istanbul at the ISI meeting in August, 1997. An important charge of the committee is the oversight of publications which are "officially" associated with the society. At present these are BERNOULLI, Bernoulli News, International Statistical Review, Stochastic Processes and Their Applications, and Journal of Time Series Analysis.

An item which received discussion at the Istanbul meeting concerned the recently created Bernoulli Society Outreach Program. This program is described in Bernoulli News (Vol. 4, No. 1, 1997).

The committee is currently attempting to formulate a policy which would result in the achievement of the goals associated with the Outreach Program.

Morris Eaton, Minnesota

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.

The 25th Conference will be held at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, USA, July 5-11, 1998. For more information see p. 14 and http://www.orst.edu/Dept/math/docs/spa98.html.

The 26th Conference will be held in Beijing, China, June 14-18, 1999. For more information see p. 22.

There will be no meeting in 2000, because of the World Congress, which will be held in Guanajuato, Mexico, see p. 23.

The committee is currently investigating the possibility to hold the 27th Conference in 2001 in Europe, and a final decision will be made at the CCSP meeting in 1998.

Discussions concerning the location of the 28th Conference to be held in 2002 will begin at the CCSP meeting in 1998 with a final decision made at the meeting in 1999. Groups interested in organizing the Conference should contact the Committee chair, Makoto Maejima (maejima@math.keio.ac.jp).

Makoto Maejima, Yokohama

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

The Committee on Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences initiated an introspective look at the status of probability and statistics in modern research and education in a joint panel with the International Association of Statistical Education (IASE) at the ISI meeting in Istanbul. The presentations by the panelists and a summary of contributions from the floor will appear in the published conference proceedings of the ISI.

The following are interdisciplinary conferences which explicitly seek to foster dialogue between researchers in probability/statistics and the physical sciences.

(1) Plans are underway for $C(PS)^2$ to conduct a *Satellite Meeting* to the Helsinki ISI Meeting in 1999 (see p. 21).

(2) 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 (see p. 14).

(3) 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. Rabi Bhattacharya from Indiana University has accepted an invitation from the organizers to present an expository lecture on stochastic differential equations in the context of dispersion in a nonhomogeneous medium. For more information send an email to fmabs@earth.agu.org.

(4) The *25th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications* (SPA98) will be held in Corvallis on the campus of OSU July 5-11, 1998. For more information see p. 14.

(5) A special conference on *Statistics for Understanding Atmosphere and Ocean* will be held at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) July 18-24, 1998, in Boulder, Colorado. The conference is sponsored by the Geophysical Statistics Project of NCAR and is funded by a grant from the NSF to promote collaboration between the atmospheric and statistical sciences.

http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/stats

(6) 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.

(7) The *6th International Conference on Precipitation: Predictability of Rainfall at all Scales* will be held June 29-July1, 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.

http://www.envsci.rutgers.edu/precip
email: melissa@gaia.rutgers.edu.

(8) A European Union Summer School on *Bayesian Signal Processing* will take place at the Isaac Newton Institute in Cambridge, England, during 20-29 July 1998, organized by William Fitzgerald (Cambridge), Richard Smith (North Carolina), Andrew Walden (Imperial College) and Peter Young (Lancaster).

This is an open workshop and participants from outside the European Union are also welcome to attend. Participants from within the EU may be eligible for EU funding, and it is also anticipated that NSF funding will be available for a limited number of participants from the USA. Young researchers, women and members of minority groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

The Summer School is part of a six-month programme on *Nonlinear and Nonstationary Signal Processing*, taking place at the Newton Institute during July–Dec 1998. Participation in other activites of the Programme are by invitation only, but enquiries about these are also welcome and may be addressed to Richard Smith or William Fitzgerald.

Further information may be obtained from
http://www.stat.unc.edu/faculty/rsmith.html
or
http://www.newton.cam.ac.uk/programs/nsp.html

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