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Nominees for President and Council

Concerning elections to the BS Council and incoming president-elect, the effective changeover will be in Helsinki 1999: Chen retires, Siegmund becomes president, Hall becomes president-elect.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following for the official positions of the Bernoulli Society:

President-Elect from 1999:

Peter Hall (halpstat@pretty.anu.edu.au)

Bernoulli Council 1999–2003:

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J.-F. Le Gall (legall@dmi.ens.fr)
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and finally, to replace Adrian Smith until 2001,

H. Tong (htong@hkustas2.hku.hk or h.tong@ukc.ac.uk)

All the above have accepted their nomination.

(The members of the Nominating Committee were:

David Siegmund (President-Elect and chair of committee); Louis Chen (President); for CCSP: Makoto Maejima, Japan; for $C(PS)^2$: Colleen Cutler, Canada; for ERC: Zuzana Prasková, Czech Republic; for LARC: Mauro Marques, Brazil; for EAPRC: Tim Brown, Australia.)

Wilfrid Kendall, Warwick

The Bernoulli Society Outreach Program

Our Outreach Program was initiated at the Fourth World Congress held in Vienna in 1996. In the 3 short years since then, over 100 of our members have contributed nearly DFL 10,000 to be used for this Outreach Program. I have been asked by Louis Chen, President, to oversee the task of distributing these funds.

You may recall that the purpose of this Program is to "support statisticians and probabilists in developing and transitional countries where access to scientific journals is still a big problem." (Bernoulli News, Vol. 3 (No. 2) 1996, p. 13) It is an effort to assist in the distribution of our publications to libraries and organizations in countries where for various reasons, including shortages of hard currency, access to our journals is quite difficult. Overall, we wish thereby to strengthen our international membership by fostering wider communication through our publications and enabling increased memberships from more countries.

I appreciate very much the input I have already received from several of you, including suggested names and addresses. I shall shortly begin to send out invitations to some of these individuals and organizations. (We will use the World Bank's list of countries with per capita GNP of less than US$ 5000 as a guide for identifying where we should focus our attention.)

If any of you have suggestions about organizations or individuals that should be considered in our Outreach Program, please do not hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at

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Ron Pyke, Seattle