3. Committee Work

CCSP—Committee for Conferences on Stochastic Processes

The Committee for Conferences on Stochastic Processes (CCSP) is a subject area committee of the Bernoulli Society. Its objective is the advancement of the theory and applications of stochastic processes. It organizes international meetings on this subject, and generally plays a role in the activities of the International Statistical Institute, that is consistent with this aim.

A primary task of the CCSP is to sponsor the annual Conferences on Stochastic Processes and Applications, the SPA series. In particular, the committee selects the venues for these conferences, the organization being entrusted to local organizers supported by an international Scientific Advisory Committee for each such conference. In 1999, the 26th SPA Conference was held in Beijing, China, under the excellent leadership of Zhi-Ming Ma and Jia-an Yan.

In the years in which World Congresses of the Bernoulli Society are held (every fourth year), no SPA conferences are organized. The coming year, 2000, is such a year, which contains the 5th World Congress of the Bernoulli Society in Guanajuato, Mexico. (See page 22 for details.)

Future venues for SPA conferences include:

- SPA 27. July 9–13, 2001, Cambridge (U.K.)
  Principal organizer: J. R. Norris, email: spa27@statslab.cam.ac.uk
- SPA 28. July 1–5, 2002, Melbourne (Australia)
  Principal organizer: T.Brown, email: T. Brown@ms.unimelb.edu.au

The committee is currently investigating the possibility of holding the 29th SPA conference in South America; a final decision will be reached in 2000 subsequent to the CCSP meeting at Guanajuato. At this meeting, further plans will also be discussed. Groups interested in organizing a SPA conference, or members of the Bernoulli Society having suggestions, are kindly requested to contact the committee chair, Mike Keane (keane@cwi.nl).

Mike Keane, Amsterdam

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

The Committee on Probability and Statistics in the Physical Sciences recommended David Brillinger to the council as the next committee chair to begin at the 5th World Congress in May, 2000. This was approved by the Bernoulli council in Helsinki. The committee also recommended Wojbor Woyczynski as chair elect. The committee will continue to organize conferences and workshops on themes in probability and statistics in the physical sciences which will be reported to members of the Bernoulli Society in Bernoulli News.

For the first time The International Environmetrics Society (TIES) and Statistics in Public Resources, Utilities and in Care of the Environment (SPRUCE) are joining forces to hold an International Conference TIES/SPRUCE2000, which will be hosted in the UK by the University of Sheffield from September 4–8, 2000. More information can be obtained at the website `http://www.shef.ac.uk/ties-spruce2000`

A report on SESS-TIES 99, the Athens satellite meeting to Helsinki 1999 follows on page 12.

Ed Waymire, Corwallis, USA

ERC—European Regional Committee

The members of the ERC had their 1999 meeting during the ISI Session in Helsinki.

The most important decisions were:

- The nominations of new members of ERC to replace those retiring in 2000. According to its constitution, the ERC has nominated the following candidates to be elected for the period 2000–2004:
  Marc Aerts (Belgium)
  Peter Imkeller (Germany)
  Stephan Morgenthaler (Switzerland)
  Támas Mori (Hungary)

Mihael Perman (Slovenia)
Aad van der Vaart (Holland).

- The nomination of Michael Sørensen (Denmark) for the Chair of ERC for the term 2000–2002.
- Future meetings were discussed, with particular emphasis on the 23rd and 24th European Meetings of Statisticians.
- The 23rd European Meeting of Statisticians will be held in Funchal, Portugal, August 13–19, 2001. The current work of the Programme Committee, which consists of Teresa Alpuim, Anthony Davison (Chair), Olle Häggström, Nils Lid Hjort, Isaac Meilijson and Mauro Piccioni, has been appreciated and approved. The suggestion to move the 23rd EMS to the capital of Madeira Island, Funchal, from Lisbon, where the meeting had been earlier planned to be held, was submitted to the ERC by Dinis Pestana, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, immediately before the meeting in Helsinki. In Helsinki, the decision was postponed until all the pros and cons have been thoroughly investigated. In particular, the decision was made conditional on getting reduced air fares from Lisbon to Funchal and back to Lisbon. The decision to move the 23rd EMS to Funchal was finally reached in September.
- The 24th European Meeting of Statisticians will be held in Prague, August 19–23, 2002. A formal invitation was sent to Martin Janzura of the Czech Academy of Sciences to host the 24th EMS and become the Chairman of its Orginizing Committee. It was decided that another invititation will be sent to Marie Huskova to become the incoming ERC Programme Coordinator for the term 2000–2002, with the intention that she will start her work on forming Programme Committee for the 24th EMS as soon as possible.
- In view of resignations of Muriel Casalis and Hans Künsch from the Steering Committee for the SemStats, the ERC decided to invite Dominique Picard and Holger Rootzén to join the Steering Committee. The remaining members of the Steering Committee are Ole Barndorff-Nielsen, Rainer Dahlhaus, Wilfrid Kendall, Claudia Klüppelberg (Chair) and Peter Spreij.
- ERC will assist SemStats and, possibly, EYSM's in their search for funds for future meetings.

Jacek Koronacki, Warsaw

LARC—Latin American regional Committee

The next CLAPEM (Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics) will be held in 2001. (Country still to be decided.)

In the next CLAPEM it will be given the third edition of the award: Francisco Aranda Ordaz, to the best PhD thesis written by a Latin American student (inside or outside Latin America), thesis which has been or will be accepted in the period: January 1, 1998 until December 31, 2000. The organizer of the third edition of the prize is Professor Guido del Pino. The prize is a diploma and a grant to support the attendance of the winner to the next CLAPEM on which he or she will give an invited conference.

The period of reception of the three copies of the thesis is January–March 2001. Address:
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Renovation of the Latin American regional Committee LARC. This year expired the period in office of: Victor Perez-Abreu (Past President), Guido del Pino and Luis Raul Pericchi (Current President).The three outgoing members have agreed to form a nominations committee to propose 3 new members for the nex LARC. Elections will be held via regular mail from January until May 2000.

Luis Raul Pericchi, Caracas