

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pacific Statistical Congress – 1985

The Australasian Region of the Biometric Society plans to hold a Regional Meeting as part of the Pacific Statistical Congress – 1985 which will take place in Auckland, New Zealand, 20-24 May. The Congress is also sponsored by the New Zealand Statistical Association, The Statistical Society of Australia, The International Association for Statistical Computing, The International Association for Survey Sampling, and The Bernoulli Society.

Themes for the Congress include Biological and Medical Statistics, Survey Sampling, Statistical Computing, Experimental Design, Quality Assurance, Social and Economic Statistics, and Statistics for Developing Areas. Professor Peter Armitage has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers. A Congress Proceedings will be published.

The Congress Committee consists of Ivor S. Francis – Convenor and Chairman of the Programme Committee, George A.F. Seber – Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, and Robert B. Davies – Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Those wishing to present a paper should submit a one page abstract, including key references to The Committee Secretary, Pacific Statistical Congress, Department of Mathematics, University of Otago, Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand. Please use a black, preferably carbon, ribbon, clean typewriter keys, and double spacing. The abstract will be reproduced as submitted by the author(s).

Poster sessions and workshops may be organized. Facilities will be available to enable participants to demonstrate non-commercial statistical software provided advance notice is given. Information for commercial displays of books, software and hardware may be obtained from the organizers.

Registration fee is \$125 (N.Z.) or \$85 (U.S.) if posted by 15 September 1984 and \$150 (N.Z.) or \$100 (U.S.) thereafter. Accommodation and meals will be available at Auckland University's hostels, and at nearby hotels.

New IMS Journal

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics announced the establishment of *Statistical Science*, a review journal designed to appeal to the wide-ranging interests of statisticians and probabilists. *Statistical Science* will be published quarterly and will feature current, in depth reviews of both methodological and theoretical topics in statistics and probability. It will publish expositions of substantive areas of research with application of statistics or

probability, and comprehensive book reviews describing the influence of a recently published book or group of books on some area of statistical research or practice. Other types of articles to be carried in *Statistical Science* include evaluative discussions of an articulated group of published research papers on a given topic; contemporary reviews of classic articles in statistics and probability, with discussion of the impact of these articles on current thought; and interviews with distinguished statisticians.

Manuscripts of any of these types, as well as suggestions for possible articles and authors, are cordially invited and should be submitted to the Executive Editor, Morris H. DeGroot, Department of Statistics, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, U.S.A.

Information about subscriptions to *Statistical Science* can be obtained from Bruce E. Trumbo, Treasurer, IMS Business Office, 3401 Investment Boulevard, Suite 6, Hayward, CA 94545, U.S.A.

Statistical Society Of Canada Awards

The winners of the 1984 competition for the Pierre Robillard Award of the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC), are:

Thomas J. DiCiccio, University of Waterloo – Higher Order Comparisons of Asymptotic Methods for Conditional and Unconditional Interval Estimation (Supervisor: Mary E. Thompson); and

Christian Genest, University of British Columbia – Towards a Consensus of Opinion (Supervisor: James V. Zidek).

The objective of this award is to recognize the best Ph.D. thesis defended at a Canadian university in a given year and written in a field covered by *The Canadian Journal of Statistics*.

Official announcement of the winners and presentation of the awards took place at the SSC Annual Meeting at the University of Guelph, 14-16 May 1984. Both winners made presentations based on their work at the Pierre Robillard Award session.

The high quality of the submissions guaranteed the success of the competition. The coordinator of the 1985 competition for the Pierre Robillard Award is Professor C.A. Field, Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4H8.

International Statistical Institute – 45th Biennial Session

This conference, to be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 12-22 August 1985, marks the centenary of ISI. The conference will include meetings of the Bernoulli Soci-

ety and the International Associations of Statistical Computing (IASC) and Survey Statisticians. Invited paper topics and their organizers include:

- What can experts in sampling and experimental design teach one another?
J. SEDRANSK (U.S.A.).
- Model based inference for sample surveys.
D. HOLT (U.K.).
- New equipment and fields of application of statistical computing.
J.A. NELDER (U.K.).
- Non-programming interfaces to statistical systems.
J.A. CHAMBERS (U.S.A.).
- Statistics in criminology and victimization.
D.R. COX (U.K.).
- General Survey Processing Programs.
A.L. DEKKER (Japan).
- Recent Trends in the Use of Microcomputers for Statistical Computing with Special Reference to Developing Countries.
I. FRANCIS (New Zealand).

Information: ISI, 428 Prinses Beatrixlaan, P.O. Box 950, 2270 AZ Voorburg, Netherlands.

Swedish Newsletter

The Education Committee of the Swedish Statistical Association has begun the publication (in Swedish) of a newsletter, with L. Ride as editor. Issues 1 and 2 appeared in 1983.

International Meeting In the Basque Country

The Seminar of Statistics of the Department of Applied Mathematics of Basque Country University is organizing the III International Meeting of Statistics in the Basque Country to be held in Bilbao/Biscay, Spain on 7-9 August 1985. The program includes the following topics: Practical Application of Advanced Statistical Techniques: Time Series in Practice, Data Analysis in Practice, Experimental Design in Practice, Statistical Computing in Practice; Recent Theoretical Development in Probability and Statistics: Stochastic Convergence, Point Processes, Estimation of Densities, Non-parametric Methods; the Role of Computers in Statistics; and Teaching Statistics in Latin America.

The meeting will feature both invited and contributed paper sessions, and poster sessions. The official languages are English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

Proceedings of the meeting will be published. Information: The Secretariat, III International Meeting of Statistics in the Basque Country, P.O. Box 32, Lejona/Leioa, Vizcaya, Spain.