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## The Biometric Society—An International Body at the Interface between Biology and Mathematics

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Colleagues, Distinguished Visitors, it is my pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the Biometric Society to our XIIIth International Biometric Conference, the first to be organised by our Western North American Region. I already know that this is a highly successful meeting socially and it gives every promise of being an equal success scientifically. Gerald van Belle and the local Organising Committee are responsible for all our arrangements in Seattle, and Richard Tomassone and his Committee have put together the scientific program.

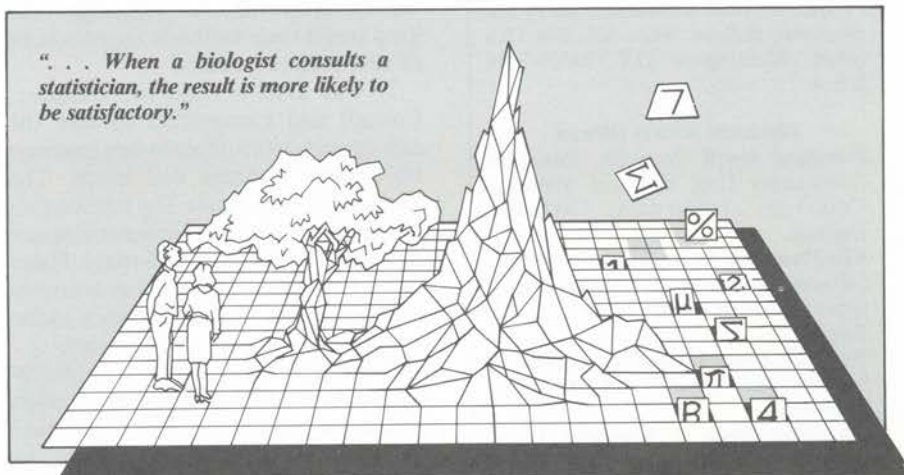
### IBC Presidential Address

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking them all most sincerely on your behalf. In this respect I should like particularly to mention the students from the University of Washington who have given their time to assist the local organisers.

Furthermore, the finances of this Conference have been greatly helped by many organisations, governmental, university and commercial, several of whose representatives are with us today. They are too numerous for me to list individually but their names are on your program. I am sure you would wish to

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thank them, and to place on record how much we value their cooperation and assistance.

### Changes

During the two years since the International Biometric Conference in Tokyo the Society has seen several changes, some of which I should like to describe briefly before dealing with my main theme this morning, that of communication.

There is now a flourishing Spanish National Group inspired by Dr. Santisteban, and it has already held several meetings.

The transition from Peter Armitage to Dan Solomon as Editor of *Biometrics* has gone smoothly, as have those from John Gart to Robin Thompson as Editor of Shorter Communications and from Richard Cormack to David and Freda Kemp as Book Review Editors. We are fortunate to have our premier journal in such capable hands.

Another smooth transition has been from Lyle Calvin to Roger Mead as Secretary. In fact, since Roger and I

meet frequently and speak by telephone between meetings, we communicate particularly closely.

Jonas Ellenberg has almost come to the end of his eight-year stint as Treasurer, during which he has done much to maintain the finances of the Society on an even footing. We are all greatly indebted to him for his work.

My distinguished predecessor as President, Pierre Dagnelie, is about to retire as Vice-President. We are sorry that he is unable to be with us here because of an accident, and, on your behalf, I have written to him expressing our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I have one advantage over all previous Presidents, namely that I have been able to read the last Presidential Address in the *Biometric Bulletin*. To me and, I suspect, to many the *Bulletin* has provided a sense of continuity which is often lacking when there are such long intervals between our meetings as a Society. We owe Bob Kuehl, the *Bulletin* Editor, a great debt for his energy and enthusiasm.

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