

at Canterbury, success as newly-appointed Secretary of the Region. The Treasurer, Howard M. Ross-Parker, then gave his report, and recommended that there be no change in the subscription rate. The President welcomed Donald A. Preece and Peter J. Avery as new members of the Regional Committee. He also thanked Derek A. Holland, the retiring Auditor. S. Clifford Pearce was then elected as Auditor for 1988. The Secretary of the Mathematical Ecology Group (MEG), Philip M. North, then read his report, in which he confirmed that there were no firm plans for 1988, but that the proceedings of the Euring Meeting were to be published soon in *Acta Ornithologica*. He thanked Les Firbank of the British Ecological Society for his enthusiasm in helping to keep the MEG viable and mentioned that a questionnaire may be sent to Members to assess their potential interest in MEG, following the disappointing response to the Workshop described above. There being no other business, the Meeting was declared closed and was followed by the 151st Ordinary Meeting, which featured talks by three younger members of the Society (see abstracts elsewhere in this issue). Once again this format proved very popular, as the speakers (Richard McNally from the University of Reading, Anne Ainsley from Rothamsted Experimental Station and Richard Mott from the National Institute for Medical Research) gave

papers which were clearly presented and stimulating. Each paper provoked interesting discussion, in which the speakers gave spirited defences of their work, in the face of incisive questions from the distinguished retired Professors Pearce and Bartlett.

The 152nd Ordinary Meeting of the British Region was held on 8 December 1987 at the rooms of the Royal Entomological Society of London, 41 Queen's Gate, London SW7. The following papers were read: **David G. Clayton** (*Department of Community Health, Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, England*) Hierarchical Bayesian Models in Descriptive Epidemiology; **Michael J. Campbell** (*Department of Medical Statistics and Computing, Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, England*) Sudden Infant Death, Weekends and Environmental Temperature; **Ji-Qian Fang** (*Professor of Biostatistics, Beijing Medical University, Beijing, China*) Multistate Survival Analysis.

Responsibility for the British Region's Sponsorship Scheme passed from Joe N. Perry to Rob A. Kempton on 8 October 1987. There are now 17 Sponsored Members, the two new additions to the list being Dr J.W. Odhiambo, Mathematics Department, University of Nairobi, PO Box 30197, Nairobi, Kenya and Dr R.M. Sakia, Institute for Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of Hohenheim, Postfach 70 05 62,

700 Stuttgart 70, West Germany (Dr Sakia returns to Tanzania in the near future). Note that the address for Professor M.S. Patel has changed to the Department of Mathematics, Moi University, PO Box 3900, Eldoret, Kenya. The British Region thank the Ranfurly Library Service and the British Council for their help in shipping some journals (donated by Dr Charles Daly) to Zambia, where they will be transferred to the Mount Makulu Research Station, Chilanga. Some fairly recent issues of *Biometrics* were also sent to the Librarian at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya, to the Tea Research Foundation of Kenya and to the Department of Agricultural Research, Gaborone, Botswana. British Region Member Linda Williams is currently in Botswana on an ODA funded post.

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The 1988 Spring Meeting will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, 27-30 March 1988. The short course prior to the meeting will be given by **Professor Roy Welsch** from MIT. The general topic for the course will be Regression Diagnostics, and will include discussion of methods for the linear and non-linear models of interest to biostatisticians, including the logistic regression model and Cox's proportional hazards model. For further information, contact **James Ware** (*local arrangements chairman: 617-732-1056*) or **Thomas Louis** (*program chairman: 612-624-2636*).

The ENAR election results for 1988 show that **James Ware** is the President-Elect, **Donna Stroup** and **Ramon Littell** are the new members of the Regional Committee, and **Susan Ellenberg** will be the representative to the ASA.

The 8th annual AMITA-SWE Career-Development Conference for Women in Technical Careers will be held 9 April 1988 at MIT. The Conference is sponsored jointly by the Association of MIT Alumnae and the Society of Women Engineers — Boston Section. It provides an opportunity to learn about functioning, surviving, and prospering as a woman in a technical profession.

● *This year's theme is "Shades of Gray: Ethics in the Workplace".*

For registration materials, contact the MIT Alumni Association, 77 Mass Ave, W 59-215A, Cambridge, MA 02139.

L.J. Wei, University of Michigan, was presented with the Mortimer Spiegelman Gold Medal at the The American Public Health Association's 1987 Annual Meeting. This award is given annually to a young statistician for an outstanding contribution in health statistics. The Statistical Section Awards were presented to **Judy Bean** for her significant research contributions in sampling and statistical methods in epidemiology, her research studies in cancer incidence and water quality,

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