

SOCIETY NEWS

Council members

Prof Richard M. Cormack, President of the British Region, is the replacement on Council for David Williams, completing the final year of David's term from 1988–1991. Although the RGDR is now dissolved, its previously-elected members of Council remain until the end of their terms: Helmut Enke (1988–1991) and Klaus Wernecke (1990–1993). In the list of 1988–1991 Council members given in the last issue, please note that Richard Tomassone (RF), President of the Society, should be replaced by a different representative of RF: Jean C. Lemarie, Lab. Hoescht, 1 Terrasse Bellini, 92080 Paris La Defense, France; tel: (47) 67 47 40. Also, for the 1990–1993 list, the name of Italo Scardovi (RIIt), Via Camillo Ranzani, 13–3, 40126 Bologna, Italy; tel: (051) 225852, should be added.

Members will vote for 24 candidates, assuming all Regions submit nominations, for Council for 1992–1995, in a mail ballot to be distributed with the next issue of *Biometric Bulletin*.

Secretary returns home

The International Secretary of the Society, Roger Mead, has now returned to his Reading address in the UK, after his visit to Australasia.

Ed Green resigns

After an effective term in which advertisement revenue has risen steadily, the *Bulletin* Advertisement Manager, Edwin J. Green, has resigned to spend more time on research. The time-consuming efforts which Ed has made on behalf of the Society have helped the Society's finances greatly, and I know all members will join me in thanking Ed and wishing him every success in the future.

Seventh International Conference on Multivariate Analysis 1992

Around the World: USA, Spain, India

6–9 May 1992

At the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802, USA, in memory of **Parachuri R. Krishnaiah**. The topics and organizers of invited papers sessions are: *Multidimensional Signal Processing* (N. K. Bose), *Environmental Statistics* (G. P. Patil, N. P. Ross), *Future Directions of Multivariate Analysis* (C. R. Rao).

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Foundation Professor Corsten Biometry Fund

Prof P. H. van Ewijk (ANed) has sent the following abbreviated 1990 Annual Report of the Foundation Professor Corsten Biometry Fund, an initiative of the Netherlands Region to aid biometry in developing countries:

Nineteen hundred and ninety was the year in which the viability of the Biometry Fund was to be tested, as well as its ability to provide useful aid to our colleagues in developing countries. Concerning viability, some optimism is warranted. It is true that the total amount, of about US\$3000, that was received in donations is relatively modest, but the slow but steady growth in the number of private contributions and institutional sponsors is encouraging. With respect to the targets for useful support, there can be little doubt; the problem is where to deposit our drop in the ocean. The aid that was awarded or committed in 1990 includes:

- a subsidy to the Polish Biometric Society for the printing of its journal (US\$150)
- a subsidy to the 1991 conference of the East and Central African Network in Harare, Zimbabwe (US\$750)
- the mailing costs of back numbers of *Biometrics* (amount as yet unclear).



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Following the initial costs of establishing the Fund in 1989, the running costs in 1990 were reduced to less than US\$100, which means that 97 percent of all dona-

tions reach their target! At the end of 1990, about US\$2400 was available to be awarded.

*Applications have been received from, among others, the Awards Fund Committee, for support of the Biometric Networks in S.E. Africa, and to meet costs of travel to the International Biometric Conference. Before firm commitments are made, the Biometry Fund wants to provide all readers of *Biometric Bulletin* with an opportunity to signal further needs or to make applications.*

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The Biometry Fund appeals to all interested parties to assist in recruiting sponsors and donors. For more information, please write to:

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21–23 September 1992

At Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, in memory of **Ronald A. Fisher**. The topics and organizers of invited papers sessions are: *Discriminant Analysis, Prediction and Classification* (C. M. Cuadras), *Correspondence Analysis and Related Topics* (T. Aluja), *Latent Variable Models* (A. Satorra), *Differential Geometry Applications* (J. M. Oller).

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16–22 December 1992

At Delhi University, New Delhi, India, in memory of **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**. The topics and organizers of invited papers sessions are: *Large Sample Asymptotics and Bayesian Statistics* (J. K. Ghosh), *Multivariate Linear Models, Generalized Inverses* (S. K. Mitra), *Stochastic Processes* (R. L. Karandikar), *Mahalanobis Distance and Its Applications* (S. Dasgupta), *Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys for Many Variables* (M. L. Aggarwal, Kanwar Sen). For information contact S. K. Mitra (Tel: 91-11-664741; email: isid!mitra%vikram@shakti.ernet.in; Telex: 31-73274 ISI IN).