BERNOULLI SOCIETY FOR MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY THEORY

Minutes of the meeting of the European Regional Committee, Berlin, August 18, 2003

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**
   PRESENT: Claudia Klüppelberg (Chair), Michael Sorensen, Marie Huskova (Programme Coordinator), Enno Mammen (Scientific Secretary of the Bernoulli Society), Adam Jakubowski, Stephan Morgenthaler, Geir Storvik (for Ingrid Glad).
   GUESTS: Arnoldo Frigessi (Chair of the Local Organising Committee for the 24th EMS).

2. **Minutes of the meeting in Prague (August 20, 2002).**
   Accepted.

3. **Matters rising from these minutes, not otherwise covered by the agenda.**
   None.

4. **Appointment of ERC Chairperson for 2004-2006.**
   Marie Huskova (Czech Republic) was elected for the term 2004-2006.

5. **Nomination of ERC members to replace those retiring in 2004.**
   Eva Vedel Jensen (Denmark), Sara van de Geer (The Netherlands), Ingrid van Keilegon (Belgium), Andras Zempleni (Hungary), Soran Vondracek (Croatia), Antonia Turkman (Portugal), Jürg Hüsler (Switzerland).

6. **Forthcoming Meetings.**

   - *The 13th European Young Statisticians Meeting.*
     The 13th EYSM will take place in Ovronnaz, Switzerland, during September 21 -26, 2003. During the meeting the venue and dates of the next meeting will be determined. The present Organizing Committee will send a report in due time to the Chair of the ERC.
   - *The 25th European Meeting of Statisticians.*
     The 25th EMS will be held in Oslo during July 24-29, 2005. The meeting will be organized jointly by the Norwegian Computing Centre and the University of Oslo. The Scientific Programme Committee consists of Aad van der Vaart

(Chair), Oernulf Borgan, Jeffrey Steif, Gareth Roberts, Sylvia Richardson, Ursula Gather and Tomasz Rolski. Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee is Arnoldo Frigessi, and the Deputy Chairman is Nils Lid Hjort. Arnoldo Frigessi expresses his wish to broaden the conference towards applied statistics to attract enough scientists to the meeting to cover the costs. The ERC is convinced that the Scientific Committee has an open view towards this request. On the other hand, the ERC emphasizes that the EMS should maintain its high scientific quality as is required for a Bernoulli Society conference.

- *The 26th European Meeting of Statisticians.*
  As the next ISI Conference in Europe is in Lisbon in 2007, the next EMS can take place in 2006 or in 2008. The ERC would prefer 2006. Adam Jakubowski will check possibilities in Poland and Stephan Morgenthaler in Switzerland.

7. **The Séminaires Européen de Statistiques.**
   The Semstat Steering Committee consists of Ole E. Barndorff-Nielsen, Bärbel Finkenstädt (Chair), Wilfrid Kendall, Michael Sorensen, Gesine Reinert, Aad van der Vaart, Leo Knorr-Held.

   The ERC thanks the retiring members Dominique Picard and Holger Rootzén for their work for the Semstat Steering Committee. It was decided not to appoint any new member at the moment, any suggestions of the Steering Committee will be welcome.

8. **Applications for support.**
   An application for funding within the 6th Framework Programme of the European Union for several series of meetings has been submitted. The proposal is joint with the European Mathematical Society (EMS) and includes support for the next two Semstat Meetings and a training camp meeting before the 24th EMS in Oslo; the EMS asks for support of their Summer Schools. Money is available only for young scientists until the age of 35. The proposal for the Bernoulli Society meetings has been written by Arnoldo Frigessi and B"arbel Finkenst"adt, it is coordinated by Luc Lemaire from the EMS in Brussels.

9. **Any other business.**
   The next ERC Meeting will take place during the World Congress in Barcelona during July 26-30, 2004.

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