Minutes of the meeting of the European Regional Committee, Oslo, July 25, 2005

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
PRESENT: Claudia Klüppelberg (past chair), Michael Sorensen (Programme Coordinator), Daniel Berze (Director of the Permanent Office of the ISI), Marie Hušková (chair) Ingrid Glad, Adam Jakubowski, Eva Vendel Jensen, Mihail Perman (proxy for Vondracek), Daniel Peña, Roel Braekers (proxy for Ingrid van Keilegon), Tamas Móri (proxy for Zempléný), Guert Joengbloed (proxy for Sara van de Geer), Manuela Neves (proxy for Antonia Turkman)
GUESTS: Alex Lindner (Germany), Muriel Casalis (France)

2. Minutes of the meeting in Barcelona (August 26, 2004)
Accepted.

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

4. The candidates for the ERC members to replace those retiring in 2006
Adelchi Azallini (Italy) has been elected to chair the ERC for the period 2006–2008.
The candidates for the mebership in the ERC for the period 2006–2010: Holger Dette (Germany), Martin Janžura (Czech Republic), Alexander Holevo (Russia), J.J. Forster (UK), Dominique Picard (France), Juan Romo (Spain) Jacek Wesołowski (Poland), Tobias Rydén (Sweden) .
They will replace the following members of the ERC that will retire in 2006: Daniel Peña (Spain), Ingrid Glad (Norway), Alexander Bulinski (Russia), Stephen P. Brooks (U.K.), Petros Delaportas (Greece), Adam Jakubowski (Poland), Catherine Loredo (France), Tonu Kollo (Estonia).

5. Information on the meetings during the past year
(i) *The 6th Séminaire Européens de Statistique on Statistics of Spatio-temporal Systems* was held in Höhenried near Munich, Germany, during December 12-19, 2004. Local Organisor is Leonhard Held (email: held@stat.uni-muenchen.de) Further information is on the website: *www.stat.uni-muenchen.de/semstat2004/*.
(ii) *The 25th European Meeting of Statisticians* held in Oslo during July 24-29 in 2005. The meeting was organized jointly by the Norwegian Computing Centre and the University of Oslo. Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee was Arnoldo Frigessi and the Deputy Chairman was Nils Lid Hjort. The Scientific Programme Committee was chaired by Aad

van der Vaart. As intended the topics of the talks covered all areas of methodological, applied and computational statistics, probability theory and applied probability. The highly interesting program has attracted more than 600 people. Very successful European Young Statisticians training camp (StatCamp) to the 25th EMS was held during July 17-23, 2005. It was covered from EU financial sources. The ERC is highly grateful to the organizers of both events, particularly to Arnoldo Frigessi and Aad van der Vaart, for their enthusiastic and devoted work. The detailed information is on website: www.ems2005.no.

6. Information on the forthcoming meetings

Preparation of the following meetings is going smoothly:

The 14th European Young Statisticians Meeting, Debrecen, Hungary, August 22–26, 2005. Local Organiser: Katalin Varga.

The 7th Séminaire Europeéns de Statistiques, University of Warwick, UK September 11-18, 2005. Local Organiser: Bärbel Finkenstädt.

The 26th European Meeting of Statisticians, Torun, Poland July 24 - 28, 2006. Chairman of the Local Organising Committee: Adam Jakubowski. Chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee: Herold Dehling.

Prague Stochastics 2006 Prague, Czech Republic, August 21-25, 2006. Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee: Zuzana Prášková. Chairperson of the Programme Committee: Martin Janžura.

The 8th Séminaire Europeéns de Statistiques on Statistics for Stochastic Differential Equations, La Manga, Spain, 2007, local organizer: Mathieu Kessler.

7. EMS in 2009

The location of the 27th EMS is under the discussion. Toulouse (France) is interested. Muriel Casalis (Toulouse) will provide an information for the ERC during September.

8. Any other business

The next ERC meeting will take place during the 26th European Meeting of Statisticians in Torun during July 24–29, 2006.

Updated information on these activities can always be found via the ERC's website
http://www-m4.mathematik.tu-muenchen.de/m4/erc/

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