Minutes of the meeting of the European Regional Committee, Toruń, July 27, 2006

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

PRESENT: Claudia Klüppelberg (past chair), Michael Sørensen (Programme Coordinator), Marie Hušková (chair), Adam Jakubowski, Eva Vedel Jensen, Ingrid van Keilegom, Andreas Zempléňy, Marten Wegkamp (proxy for Sara van de Geer), Ivette Gomes (proxy for Antonia Turkman), Juan Romo (proxy for Daniel Peña)

GUESTS: Peter Jagers (President of the Bernoulli Society), Adelchi Azzalini (Italy), Alex Lindner (Germany, SemStat Steering Group), Beatrice Laurent (France), Jacek Wesolowski (Poland)

2. Minutes of the meeting in Oslo (July 25, 2005)

Accepted.

3. Matters arising from these minutes, not otherwise covered by the agenda

None.

4. Election of the Programme Coordinator for 2006-2008.

Eva Vedel Jensen (Denmark) was elected for the term 2006-2008. Sara van de Geer (Switzerland) and Martin Janžura (Czech Republic) were elected to be the members of the Conference Committee.

5. Election of the ERC members to replace those retiring in 2006.

Adelchi Azzalini (Italy) took over the chair for the term 2006-2008. Since the number of candidates equaled the number of vacancies, the following candidates were declared elected: 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) .

The ERC thank to the retiring ERC members Michael Sørensen, Claudia Klüppelberg (Germany), 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) for their devoted work.

6. The meetings during the past year

The 14th European Young Statisticians Meeting, Debrecen, Hungary, August 22–26, 2005. The meeting had 40 participants from 20 European countries. The ERC is grateful to the local organizers Katalin Varga and Ilona Krasznahorkay for their effort. See webpage: http://www.inf.unideb.hu/valseg/EYSM/EYSM2005.html

The 7th Séminaire Europeéns de Statistiques, University of Warwick, UK September 11-18, 2005. The seminar had 40 participants (47 applicants). The main local organizer was Bärbel Finkenstädt. The lecturers were David Balding, Chris Holmes, Jens. L. Jensen, Sophie Schabath, Korbinian Strimmer, Lorenz Wernisch, Mike West. The ERC is grateful to the organizers and the lecturers for their work.

The 26th European Meeting of Statisticians in Toruń during July 24-28 in 2005. The meeting was organized by the Nicoluas Copernicus University in Toruń. The chairman of the Local Organising Committee was Adam Jakubowski. The chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee was Herold Dehling. The topics of the talks covered all areas of methodological, applied and computational statistics, probability theory and applied probability. Approximately 300 participants from all over Europe and also from other parts of world. A Special Invited Paper Session in Memory of Aleksander Nagajew was organized. The interesting program has attracted around 300 people. Thanks to the large effort of the Local organizing committee (particularly, by Adam Jakubowski) the conference fee was very low and it covered all accompanied social activities. Also very cheap accommodation was available. The conference was really well prepared, everything went smoothly. The ERC is highly grateful to the organizers particularly to Adam Jakubowski and Herold Dehling for their enthusiastic and devoted work. The detailed information is on website: http://www.ems2006.umk.pl

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. Traditional conference organized under the auspices of the ERC.

7. Information on the forthcoming meetings

The 15th European Young Statisticians Meeting 2007 will take place in Spain, location so far unknown. The main organizers are Pedro Perran (University of Zaragoza) and Inez del Puerto (University of Extramadura). The members of the ERC (particularly, Juan Romo) are ready to help.

The 8th Séminaire Europeéns de Statistiques on Statistics for Stochastic Differential Equations, La Manga del Mar Menor, Spain, May 6 - 12, 2007, local organizer: Mathieu Kessler. The following speakers have agreed to lecture: Jean Jacod, Per Mykland, Lan Zhang, Gareth Roberts, Michael Sørensen, Valentine Genon-Catalot Alex Lindner, Andrew Stewart.
Webpage: http://www.dmae.upct.es/semstat2007/

The 27th European Meeting of Statisticians, Toulouse, France July 20 - 24, 2009. The chairman of the Local Organising Committee: Serge Cohen, the members : Dominique Bakry, Muriel Casalis, Beatrice Laurent. The SPC for the 27th EMS 2009 in Toulouse

has been approved: Trevor Sweeting (chair, UK), the members: Jean-Marc Azaïs (France), Petros Dellaportas (Greece), Mathisca de Gunst (Netherlands), Olle Häggtröm (Sweden), Peter Imkeller (Germany), Ingrid van Keilegom (Belgium), Gyula Pap (Hungary).
The organization of the Stat Camp during July 13– 17 is under consideration.

8. Thanks

The ERC expresses the sincere thanks to Michael Sørensen for the enthusiastic devoted and long lasting work for the ERC and its Conference Committee. The ERC is also very grateful to Tina Marquardt (Munchen) for her kind updating the web site of the ERC.

9. Any other business

Peter Jager explained the problem with the journal Bernoulli and asks the members of the ERC for the opinion.
The next ERC meeting will take place during the ISI Meeting in Lisbon (Portugal) during July 24–29, 2006.

Updated information on these activities can always be found via the ERC's website
http://bs-erc.stat.unipd.it

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