

First Council meeting, August 4, 2001

- President Iain Johnstone presented information on the mini-meetings program, to be funded by the development fund.:

IMS will provide funds, publicity and perhaps expertise to help promote one or two day scientific meetings organized by IMS members. The idea is that these meetings be easy to organize, and focused on topics of current interest. The format of the meeting should promote the intensive exchange of ideas and brainstorming. They are “local+” in the sense that some, but perhaps only a few, out of town participants would typically be involved.

IMS Level of support: For example, US\$1,500 for one day meeting, US\$3,000 for two day meeting. e.g. 2 out of town speakers for one day, or 4 for a two day event. [Organizers might obtain other funding, of course, but should stay at 2 days or less].

These meetings should be open rather than closed meetings, but the lack of substantial financial support and the short and focused duration means that they will likely have an informal, workshop flavor and not become large and unwieldy.

- A motion to approve the schedule of co-sponsored meetings presented by Program Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

TITLE: 5th ICSA International Conference

DATE: August 17-19, 2001

LOCATION: Hong Kong

IMS Representative: Howell Tong, Univ. of Hong Kong (htong@hku.hk)

Local Arrangements Chair: Wai Keung Li, University of Hong Kong (hrntlwk@hkucc.hku.hk)

Type: Co-sponsored

<http://icsa.vlp.com/HK2001/>

TITLE: Statistical Approaches to the Ocean Circulation Inverse Problem

DATE: November 13-14, 2001

LOCATION: Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

IMS Representative: Ian McKeague (mckeague@stat.fsu.edu)

Type: Mini-Meeting

<http://www.stat.fsu.edu/ocean/>

TITLE: International Workshop in Applied Probability

DATE: January 14-17, 2002

LOCATION: University of Simon Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela

IMS Representative: Joseph Glaz, glaz@uconnvm.uconn.edu

Type: Co-sponsored

<http://iwap2002.eventos.usb.ve/>

TITLE: ENAR/IMS Eastern Regional

DATE: March 15-21, 2002

LOCATION: Washington, DC

Program Chair: Jiayang Sun, jiayang@sun.STAT.cwru.edu, Case Western Reserve University

Local Arrangements Chair: Colin Wu, colin@mts.jhu.edu

Contributed Papers Chair: Nidhan Choudhuri, nidhan@nidhan.cwru.edu

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (275)

<http://sun.cwru.edu/ims/>

TITLE: Developments and Challenges in bump hunting, mixtures and measurement error models

DATE: June 2-4, 2002

LOCATION: Cleveland, Ohio
IMS Representative: Bruce Lindsay, Pennsylvania State University <bgl@stat.psu.edu>
Type: Co-sponsored
<http://sun.cwru.edu/mix/>

TITLE: WNAR/IMS Western Regional
DATE: June 23-26, 2002
LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA
Program Chair: Michael Kosorok kosorok@biostat.wisc.edu
Local Arrangements Chair: Gang Li gangli@sunlab.ph.ucla.edu
Type: Sponsored/Numbered (276)

TITLE: Current Advances and Trends in Nonparametric Statistics, Co-sponsored by IMS
DATE: July 15-19, 2002
LOCATION: Crete, Greece
Organizers: Michael G. Akritas and Dimitris N. Politis
IMS Representative: Michael G. Akritas, mga@stat.psu.edu
Type: Co-sponsored
<http://www.stat.psu.edu/~npconf/>

TITLE: IMS Annual Meeting/Fourth International Probability Symposium
DATE: July 27 to August 1, 2002
LOCATION: Banff, Canada
IMS Program Chair Tom DiCiccio, Cornell, tjd9@cornell.edu
Symposium Co-Chairs: Tom Kurtz, U. Wisconsin, Kurtz@math.wisc.edu
Soren Asmussen, U. of Lund, asmus@maths.lth.se
IMS Local Chair: Subhash Lele, U. Alberta, slele@ualberta.ca,
(o) (780) 492-4290 (fax) (780) 492-6826
Type: Sponsored/Numbered (277)

TITLE: Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA/IMS/ENAR/WNAR)
DATE: August 11-15, 2002
LOCATION: New York, New York
IMS Program Chair: Zhiliang Ying, zying@stat.columbia.edu
IMS Local Chair: Nicolas Hengartner, Yale Univ., hengart@stat.yale.edu
Contributed Papers Chair: Anna Amirdjanova, amir@email.unc.edu
Type: Sponsored/Numbered (278)

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- The Council moved to approve the appointment of George Casella as editor of Statistical Science from 2002-2004. Motion passes unanimously.
 - The Council approved a new Fellow Nomination form for 2002 nominations with the following language:

Qualifications for Fellowship: The candidate shall have demonstrated distinction in research in statistics or probability, by publication of independent work of merit. This qualification may be partly or wholly waived in the case of (1) a candidate of well-established leadership whose contributions to the field of statistics or probability other than original research shall be judged of equal value; or (2) a candidate of well-established leadership in the application of statistics or probability, whose work has contributed greatly to the utility of and the appreciation of these areas. Candidates for fellowship should be members of IMS on December 1 of the year preceding their nomination, and should have been members of the IMS for at least two years.

Nomination Materials: Please send ten (10) collated copies of the following:

1. Nomination form
 2. Letter from nominator
 3. Recent CV (preferably not older than 2 years)
 4. 3-5 supporting letters (in addition to the nominator's letter). Letters are expected to explicitly address the above IMS criteria for fellowship
- Council agreed that the IMS' principle is to preserve the Joint Meetings and to send the message to ASA that we value cooperation and would like to continue constructive interaction with the ASA.
 - In response to a large donation of nearly \$100,000 left by Dr. Radha Laha, the Council moved to provide the \$500 IMS Laha Awards to partially fund travel expenses to IMS Annual Meeting for students and new researchers. Program will be in place by the Banff meeting, and will be reviewed by Council after three years of functioning. Motion passed.
 - The first LeCam lecture will take place at the IMS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Business meeting, August 7, 2001

- No actions taken

Second Council Meeting, August 8, 2001

- Council moved to approve the budget for 2002. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The *IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$65. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30), *The Annals of Probability* (\$25), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$29 is allocated to the *IMS Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received. Motion passed.
- A motion was made to re-establish life-time memberships. Cost of a life-time membership is set at 12 times the cost of the current annual membership. Life members will not be required to select a journal. Motion to accept the proposal of the Treasurer passed unanimously.
- The council moved on the following items regarding electronic access to IMS journals through Project Euclid.:
 1. Only members get access to the electronic journals. Anyone who subscribes to any of the IMS journals, gets open access to all journals until Dec. 31, 2002.
 2. Decide to put the last five years online, so that every issue is stored in electronic format someplace.
 3. Pursue cross-referencing with JSTOR.
 Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: The IMS shall establish an award called the Harry C. Carver Medal for Extraordinary Service to the IMS. A standing Harry C. Carver Medal committee will be created to administer the award. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: To create an ad-hoc committee (as a sub-set of Council) to develop Interest Group structure. The committee would receive and approve Interest Group proposals, requests for funding, etc. Reports to the Council will be submitted in July 2002. Motion passed unanimously.

Electronic Council Meeting, October 29, 2001

- The Council approved identifying the reduced dues countries as those defined by the World Bank as "developing countries".
- The IMS Council approves the following additional meetings for 2001-2003.

TITLE: IMS New Researchers Conference
DATE: July 29-August 2, 2003
LOCATION: University of California, Davis
IMS Program Chair: Richard Levine (University of CA, Davis)
levine@wald.ucdavis.edu
IMS Local Chair: Juanjuan Fan (University of CA, Davis)
jjfan@wald.ucdavis.edu
Type: Sponsored
<http://anson.ucdavis.edu/~levine/NRC/>

TITLE: 2002 Spring Research Conference on Statistics in Industry and Technology
DATE: May 20-22, 2002
LOCATION: Ann Arbor, MI
Program Chairs: Vijay Nair, Univ. of Michigan, vnn@umich.edu; Derek Bingham, Univ. of Michigan, dbingham@umich.edu
Local Arrangements Chair: Candy Ellis
Contributed Papers Chair: Ravi Khattree (Oakland University)
Type: Sponsored/Numbered

TITLE: VIII LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS ON PROBABILITY and MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS
Date: Nov. 12-16, 2001
LOCATION: Havana, Cuba
IMS Representative: Alicia Carriquiry, Iowa State, (alicia@iastate.edu)
Type: Co-sponsored
<http://www.uh.cu/eventos/clapem>

Electronic Council Meeting, December 21, 2001

- The Council approved separate issues of the Annals of Statistics be dedicated to each of L. Le Cam, J.W. Tukey, and H. Robbins.

Electronic Council Meeting, April 11, 2002

- J Theodore Cox, Syracuse University was appointed Editor, Electronic Journal of Probability, July 2002 - December 2004
- John Wierman, Johns Hopkins University, was appointed the IMS representative to Management Committee of Current Index to Statistics for Jan 1, 2002 - Dec 31, 2004.
- The Council approved the following individuals for the named and Medallion lectures for 2003:

WALD LECTURES Grace Wahba (University of Wisconsin)

LE CAM LECTURE David Donoho (Stanford University)

MEDALLION LECTURES (Letters indicate the areas of the nominees: T=theoretical statistics, I=interdisciplinary, P=probability, A=applied statistics)

Sara van de GEER (Leiden) (T)
K C LI (UCLA) (A)
Steve MARRON (Univ North Carolina) (I,A,T)
Arkadi NEMIROVSKII (Technion, Israel) (I,T)
Dominique PICARD (University of Paris 7, France) (T)
John RICE (UC Berkeley) (I,A)
James ROBINS (Harvard) (I,T)
Maria Eulalia VARES (IMPA, Brazil) (P)

- The Council approved the following slate of meetings:

TITLE: ENAR/IMS Eastern Regional
DATE: March 30-April 2, 2003
LOCATION: Tampa, Florida
Program Chair: Daniel Scharfstein, Johns Hopkins University, dscharf@jhsph.edu
Local Arrangements Chair:
Contributed Papers Chair: Karl Broman, Johns Hopkins University,
kbroman@jhsph.edu
Type: Sponsored/Numbered (280)

TITLE: IMS New Researchers Conference
DATE: July 29-August 2, 2003
LOCATION: University of California, Davis
IMS Program Chair: Richard Levine (University of CA, Davis)
levine@wald.ucdavis.edu
IMS Local Chair: Juanjuan Fan (University of CA, Davis) jjfan@wald.ucdavis.edu
Type: Sponsored / Numbered (281)
<http://anson.ucdavis.edu/~levine/NRC/>

TITLE: Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA/IMS/ENAR/WNAR)
DATE: August 3-7, 2003
LOCATION: San Francisco
IMS Program Chair: Jane-Ling Wang, (Univ. of CA, Davis) wang@wald.ucdavis.edu
IMS Local Chair:
Contributed Papers Chair: Lutz Duembgen lutz.duembgen@stat.unibe.ch
Type: Sponsored/Numbered (282)

TITLE: The Analysis of Gene Expression Data at the International Statistical
Institute, 54th Biennial Session
DATE: August 13-20, 2003
LOCATION: Berlin
IMS Organizer: Mike West, Duke University, mw@stat.duke.edu (speakers are
Rainer Spang spang@molgen.mpg.de, Max Planck Institut fuer Molekulare
Genetik; Sandrine Dudoit, sandrine@stat.berkeley.edu, of UC Berkeley and
Mike West)
Type: IMS Invited Paper Session

- The Council approved the following motion: The IMS Bulletin will henceforth cease publication of abstracts, either of talks to be delivered at meetings, or of the former "Abstracts of Papers Presented by Title".

Electronic Council Meeting, April 30, 2002

- The Council approved the candidates presented by the Committee on Fellows: A. Bose, N. H.Chan, X. Chen, D. Dabrowska, A. Dean, A. Dembo, X. He, T. Hsing, R. Kohn, N. Mukhopadhyay, Y. Nikitin, M.B. Rao, Y.-C. Yao, V. Yohai

Electronic Council Meeting June 15, 2002

- The Committee to Select Editors recommended and the Council approved the following appointments:
 - Editor, Annals of Probability, Jan 2003 - Dec 2005, Steve Lalley, U. of Chicago
 - Editor, Annals of Applied Probability, Jan 2003 - Dec 2005, Robert Adler, Technion
 - Editor, Electronic Communications in Probability (ECP), Jan 2003 or earlier - Dec 2005, Martin Barlow, U. of British Columbia
 - Managing Editor, EJP/ECP. Jan 2003 or earlier - Dec 2005, Zhen-Qing Chen
- The Committee to Select Administrative Officers recommends and the Council approved the following:
 - Executive Secretary, Aug 2002 - July 2005, Alicia Carriquiry, Iowa State U

First Council Meeting, July 28, 2002

- A motion to approve the schedule of co-sponsored meetings presented by Program Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

TITLE: Statistical analysis of microarray data at the 2002 Royal Statistical Society general meeting

DATE: Sept. 3-6, 2002

LOCATION: Plymouth, Great Britain

IMS Organizer: Mark van der Laan, University of California, Berkeley

Type: IMS Invited Paper Session

TITLE: The First Cape Cod Workshop on Monte Carlo Methods

DATE: Sept. 13-14, 2002

LOCATION: Cape Cod, MA

Organizer: Jun S Liu, Harvard University, Boston

Type: IMS minimeeting

<http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~junliu/workshop/index.html>

TITLE: Statistical Integration of Genetic Information Across Data Domains: Biomedical, Agricultural, and Comparative Genomics

DATE: Dec. 2, 2002

LOCATION: Univ. of Alabama

Organizer David B. Allison, Hemant Tiwari, Univ. of Alabama

Type: IMS minimeeting

TITLE: Instructional Workshop on Matrix Analytic Method

DATE: December, 21 - 22, 2002

LOCATION: Kerala, India

Organizer A.Krishnamoorthy, Cochin University of Science and Technology

Type: IMS minimeeting

<http://www.cusat.ac.in/mam.htm>

TITLE: International Workshop on Current Trends in Bayesian Statistics

DATE: January 6-8, 2003

LOCATION: Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India

IMS REPRESENTATIVE: Dipak Dey, dey@stat.uconn.edu

TYPE: Cosponsored

www.isical.ai.in/~bws03

TITLE: Functional Data Analysis

DATE: Jan. 10-11, 2003

LOCATION: Gainesville Florida, Univ. of Florida

ORGANIZER: Clyde Schoolfield, Univ. of Florida, clyde@stat.ufl.edu

TYPE: IMS minimeeting

<http://www.stat.ufl.edu/symposium/2003/fundat/>

TITLE: Seminar on Stochastic Processes 2003

DATE: March 27-29, 2003

LOCATION: University of Washington, Seattle

IMS Representative: Chris Burdzy, burdzy@math.washington.edu

Type: Co-Sponsored

<http://www.math.washington.edu/~burdzy/SSP2003/>

TITLE: Machine Learning Methods from a Statistical Perspective at the Statistical Society of Canada's annual meeting

DATE: June 8-11, 2003

LOCATION: Halifax, Canada

IMS Organizer: Yi Lin, Univ. of Wisconsin, yilin@cs.wisc.edu

Type: IMS Invited Paper Session

TITLE: Shape-Restricted Inference at the Statistical Society of Canada's annual meeting

DATE: June 8-11, 2003

LOCATION: Halifax, Canada

IMS Organizer: Mary Meyer, Univ. of Georgia, mmeyer@stat.uga.edu

Type: IMS Invited Paper Session

TITLE: WNAR/IMS Western Regional

DATE: June 22-25, 2003

LOCATION: Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO

Program Chair: Naisyin Wang, Texas A&M nwang@stat.tamu.edu

Local Arrangements Chair: Jan Breidt and Jan Hannig, both of Colorado State Univ.

jbredt@stat.colostate.edu, hannig@stat.colostate.edu

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (281)

TITLE: First Joint ISBA-IMS Meeting

DATE: July 24-26, 2003

LOCATION: Intercontinental Hotel, Isla Verde, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Joint Program Chair: M.J. Bayarri, Universitat de Valencia, susie.bayarri@uv.es

Local Arrangements Chair: Luis Pericchi, University of Puerto Rico,

pericchi@goliath.cnet.clu.edu

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (282)

TITLE: Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA/IMS/ENAR/WNAR)

DATE: August 8-12, 2004

LOCATION: Toronto

IMS Program Chair: Michael Evans, (Univ of Toronto) mevans@utstat.utoronto.ca

Contributed Papers Chair:

Type: Sponsored/Numbered

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- Motion: IMS should establish an electronic journal of statistics The motion passed unanimously.

- The Council approved the following Bylaws amendments be presented to the membership for a vote. Background: Two thirds vote by Council is needed to propose an amendment to the bylaws. If the proposal passes, then the membership must vote to approve the proposed amendment.
 - Motion: Propose the following amendment to Article V, Section E of the Bylaws to read: “Named and Special Invited Lectures. The Committee is empowered to arrange for papers of unusual interest to be given at regular meetings of the Institute by distinguished scientists. The Committee also recommends to the Council candidates for all named lectures.” Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion: That the IMS Constitution and Bylaws be amended to allow for mail ballots or electronic voting by members in elections and for amendments. Edits are made with an eye to the future by opening the language and not making it restrictive.

“IMS CONSTITUTION

Article VIII.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted through the Executive Secretary, who shall submit them within 60 days to the Members of the Institute for a ~~mail ballot~~ vote. Ballots will be counted if received within 45 days after the date of ~~mailing~~ mailing transmission by the Executive Secretary.

IMS BYLAWS

Article III.

Section 2. The ballots for the Annual Election must be ~~mailed~~ sent to the members at least 90 days before the first day of the next succeeding Business Meeting. In order to be counted, ballots must be received from the Members at least 45 days before the first day of the Business Meeting. The names of the nominees for the Council shall be placed on the ballot in random order.

Article VI.

Section 1. Members shall pay dues on a calendar year basis at rates set by the Council at an Annual Meeting or by ~~mail~~ ballot. Payment of Membership dues entitles a Member to receive the full current volume of “The IMS Bulletin” and, as determined by the Council for each dues rate, the full current volume of other journal(s) published by the Institute.

Section 3. Each year approximately ninety (90) days before the beginning of the Annual meeting for the year, but in no case earlier than the first day of March or later than the first day of July, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to notify ~~by mail~~ anyone whose dues are in arrears. If the Treasurer does not receive payment of such dues within eighty (80) days from the date of ~~mailing~~ such notice, the Treasurer shall report the delinquent to the Council, who may suspend the delinquent from membership. A suspended member shall be reinstated to membership for a given calendar year if the Treasurer receives payment of dues before the end of that calendar year.

Article VII.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted through the Executive Secretary, who shall submit them within 60 days to the Members of the Institute for a ~~mail ballot~~ vote. Ballots will be counted if received within 45 days after the date of ~~mailing~~ mailing transmission by the Executive Secretary.

Section 3. A proposed amendment shall require for its adoption a favorable vote of a majority of the Members voting. ~~in a mail ballot.~~”

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: To approve the meeting in Israel for 2004. Motion did not pass.

- Motion: That organizers of Israel meeting be informed that the dominant issue behind the negative vote is the perceived security risk. Organizers are gratefully acknowledged for their efforts.

Business meeting, July 30, 2002

- No actions take.

Second Council Meeting, July 31, 2002

- Motion: To increase regular membership dues to \$75 for regular members (\$80 for joint members). A discount of \$15 off membership will be provided to all regular and regular joint members who pay by December 31. Additional category of membership called Retired Life. The rate is eight times the retired member rate for those retired and over 65. Life, student, new graduate, retired, reduced rates will remain the same in 2003. Motion passed.
- Motion: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are Statistical Science, The Annals of Statistics, The Annals of Probability and The Annals of Applied Probability. The IMS Bulletin is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$75. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30), *The Annals of Probability* (\$25), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$29 is allocated to the Bulletin and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received. Motion passed.
- Motion: Increase in general subscription rates of approximately 10% for each journal. and the Bulletin. Electronic access to journals is included in these prices. Recommended General Subscription Prices for 2003:

Journal	2003
STS	\$100
AOS	\$200
AOP	\$175
AAP	\$120
Bulletin	\$55

Motion passed.

- Motion: Institutional rates to be raised 10% to \$545. No change in corporate rates. Electronic access to all journals is included in these rate. Motion passed.
- Motion: That the joint Bernoulli World Congress and IMS Meeting in 2004 be held in Jerusalem. Motion denied. The dominant issue in the discussion was the combination of the uncertain security situation with the perception thereof, as it exists now and two years hence.
- Motion: That the IMS institute single transferable voting for the Council ballots effective for 2003 elections. An article explaining the new system will be published in the journal. Voting method adheres to current bylaws. Motion passed.

Electronic Council Meeting October 23, 2002

- The IMS Council approved the following additional meeting for 2004

TITLE: IMS Annual Meeting/Bernoulli World Congress
 DATE: July 26-30, 2004
 LOCATION: Barcelona, Spain
 Program Chair: TBA
 Local Chair: David Nualart

Type: Sponsored

Electronic Council Meeting November 24, 2002

- The Council appointed Hemant Ishwaran as IMS Web Editor, January 1, 2003-December 31, 2005 as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors.

Electronic Council Meeting February 6, 2003

- The Council approved suspension of IMS members who did not renew their dues for 2002

Electronic Council Meeting April 2, 2003

- The Council approved the following slate of 2004 Special Lectures as proposed by the IMS Committee on Special Lectures.

Wald Lecture - Iain Johnstone (Berkeley and Stanford)

Rietz Lecture - Peter Bickel (Berkeley)

Medallion Lectures – Alison Etheridge (P) (University of Oxford); Evarist Giné, (P,T) (UConn); Kurt Johansson (P) (Royal Inst of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden); Michael Jordan (T, I) (Berkeley); Vladmir Koltchinskii (T,P,I); Michael Stein (T, A, I) (Univ of Chicago); Horng-Tzer Yau (P, I) (Courant Institute); Cun-Hui Zhang (T,P) (Rutgers)

*P = probability; T = theoretical statistics; A = applied statistics; I = interdisciplinary

Electronic Council Meeting April 30, 2003

- Based on the report submitted by the Committee on Fellows, the Council named the following members IMS Fellows:
 - Antoniadis A. Antoniadis, Université Joseph Fourier
 - Søren Asmussen, Lund University
 - Rodrigo Bañuelos, Purdue University
 - Maury D. Bramson, University of Minnesota and University of California, Davis
 - Jiangang "Jim" Dai, Georgia Institute of Technology
 - Larry Mark Goldstein, University of Southern California
 - Nancy E. Heckman, University of British Columbia
 - Fima Chaim Klebaner, Monash University
 - Claudia Klüppelberg, Technical University of Munich
 - Panamalai R. Parthasarathy, Indian Institute of Technology
 - Edwin A. Perkins, University of Illinois
 - Thomas S. Salisbury, York University
 - Richard F. Serfozo, Georgia Institute of Technology
 - Jeffrey S. Simonoff, New York University
 - Qiwei Yao, London School of Economics and Political Science
 - Li Xing Zhu, University of Hong Kong and Chinese Academy of Sciences

Electronic Council Meeting July 10, 2003

- The Council approved the following 2004 non-member institutional subscription rates:

Statistical Science \$110

Annals of Statistics \$220

Annals of Probability \$200
Annals of Applied Probability \$130
IMS Bulletin \$60

First Council Meeting, August 3, 2003

- A motion to approve the following sponsored and co-sponsored meetings presented by Program Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

TITLE: Current Trends in Survey Sampling and Official Statistics

DATE: January, 2-3 2004

LOCATION: Calcutta, India

Organizer: Partha Lahiri, University of Maryland, plahiri@survey.umd.edu

Type: MiniMeeting

<http://www.jpsm.umd.edu/ims>

TITLE: IX Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics (CLAPEM)

DATE: March 22-26, 2004

LOCATION: Punta del Este, Uruguay.

IMS Representative: Alicia Carriquirry

Type: Co-sponsored

<http://imerl.fing.edu.uy/clapem/>

TITLE: International Workshop in Applied Probability (IWAP)

DATE: March 22-25, 2004

LOCATION: University of Piraeus, Greece

IMS Representative: Joe Glaz, glaz@uconnvm.uconn.edu

TYPE: Co-sponsored

<http://mefast.stat.unipi.gr/iwap2004>

TITLE: ENAR/IMS Eastern Regional

DATE: March 28-31, 2004

LOCATION: Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Program Chair: Dan Nicolae, University of Chicago, nicolae@galton.uchicago.edu

Contributed Papers Chair:

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (285)

<http://www.enar.org/meetings.htm>

TITLE: WNAR/IMS Western Regional

DATE: June 20-23, 2004

LOCATION: Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

Program Chair: Jason Fine, (Univ of Wisconsin), fine@biostat.wisc.edu

Local Arrangements Chair: Gabriel Huerta (Univ. of New Mexico), ghuerta@stat.unm.edu

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (287)

TITLE: The Sixth ICSA International Conference, Singapore

DATE: July 21-23, 2004

LOCATION: Singapore

IMS Representative: Louis Chen, lhychen@ims.nus.edu.sg

TYPE: Co-sponsored

<http://www.statistics.nus.edu.sg/ICSA.htm>

TITLE: New Directions in Probability Theory

DATE: August 6-7, 2004

LOCATION: Toronto, Fields Institute
IMS Program Chair: Maury Bramson bramson@math.umn.edu
Type: Sponsored
<http://www.imstat.org/meetings/NDPT/>

TITLE: **Second Joint IMS/ISBA International Conference**
DATE: Winter (Jan-Mar) 2005
LOCATION: Bormio, Italy (Italian Alps)
Program Chair: Brad Carlin, University of Minnesota, brad@biostat.umn.edu
Local Chair: Antonietta Mira, University of Insubria
Type: Sponsored/Numbered

Second Council Meeting, August 6, 2003

- A motion was made to publish two additional issues of Annals of Probability in 2004 to alleviate the backlog. Expenses for additional issues expected to be \$30,000. Motion passed.
- The fiscal year 2004 Budget was presented for approval by the IMS Treasurer, Julie Norton. Motion passed.
- A motion was made to provide all members renewing 2004 dues by December 31, 2003 a 20% discount off their dues. Motion passed.
- A motion was made that effective 2004, students will be provided free membership plus one free print journal. Motion passed.
- Motion: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are Statistical Science, The Annals of Statistics, The Annals of Probability and The Annals of Applied Probability. The IMS Bulletin is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$75. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30), *The Annals of Probability* (\$25), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$29 is allocated to the Bulletin and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received. Motion passed.
- It was proposed that Institutional rates be raised 10% to \$545. No change in corporate rates. Electronic access to all journals is included in these rates. Motion passed.

Electronic Council Meeting September 18, 2003

- The Council approved the appointment of Morris (Joe) Eaton and Jianqing Fan as Annals of Statistics co-editors, January 1, 2004-December 31, 2006 as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors.

Electronic Council Meeting October 9, 2003

- The Council approved the appointment of David James as Editor, Current Index to Statistics, January 1, 2004-December 31, 2006 as recommended by the CIS Management Committee

Electronic Council Meeting November 23, 2003

- The following meetings were approved for IMS co-sponsorship:

Title: Recent Advances in Time Series Analysis
Location: Protaras, Cyprus

Date: June 9 - 12, 2004

Org/Rep: Rainer von Sachs rvs@stat.ucl.ac.be

Notes: There will be no contributed talks, but posters will be open to IMS members on a first-come first serve basis.

Title: 4th International Conference on Mathematical Methods in Reliability

Location: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: June 21-25, 2004

Org/Rep: Sallie Keller-McNulty, Alan Karr

Info: <http://www.stat.lanl.gov/MMR2004>

Title: IV Workshop on Bayesian Nonparametrics: Methodology, Theory and Applications

Location: Universit di Roma La Sapienza, Roma, Italy

Date: June 13-16th, 2004

Org/Rep: Jim Berger, Gabriella Salinetti

Info: <http://3w.eco.uniroma1.it/bayes/>

Title: 2005 Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications

Location: University of California at Santa Barbara, CA

Date: June 26 - July 1, 2005

Org/Rep: Raya Feldman, Robert Adler

Info: <http://www.pstat.ucsb.edu/projects/spa05/>

Electronic Council Meeting January 28, 2004

- The Council suspended IMS members who did not renew their dues for 2003. Motion passed.

Electronic Council Meeting March 16, 2004

- The following motion passed. The current policy for Council electronic voting is as follows:
 - A proposal will be set before the Council with an announcement that voting will commence in about 1 week.
 - For the next week discussion will take place via email. Although most of this discussion will naturally be shared with everyone on the Council, the President will make an effort to distribute this discussion in an organized manner just before the initiation of the voting process.
 - A formal motion will be distributed with an invitation to the Council to vote. Unless there is some urgency, the topics will be presented to Council at regular intervals. To stop a vote, Roberts Rules of Order will apply. If one person calls for a suspension and another person seconds this motion, the voting is called to a halt.
 - Voting will be open for 10 days. If an urgent vote is needed, an alternate time frame may be provided.

Electronic Council Meeting March 31, 2004

- The Council appointed Ed George as Executive Editor, Statistical Science, January 1, 2005-December 31, 2007 as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors.
- The Council reappointed Paul Shaman as Managing Editor of Statistics as recommended by the Committee to Select Administrative Officers. His second term will run January 1, 2005-December 31, 2007
- The Council reappointed Bernard Silverman as Editor of the IMS Bulletin as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors. His second term will run January 1, 2005-December 31, 2007
- The following motion was passed by Council:

- IMS will coordinate with ArXiv <http://arxiv.org/> to create a new Statistics (ST) section of ArXiv, alongside the current Probability (PR) section.
- The IMS will place all final typeset versions of all papers accepted by IMS journals and books (i.e. Lecture Notes Monograph Series, NSF-CBMS Series, etc) on ArXiv.
- This will be done by the IMS, not by authors, so that ArXiv has the complete set of all papers, and proper links are maintained from ArXiv to the main journal site (currently Project Euclid).
- In addition, the IMS will collaborate with other societies to promote the PR and ST sections of ArXiv, with the expectation that if the ST section grows adequately it will be promoted within a few years to become a top level stat archive, beside the existing math, physics, cs, ..

Electronic Council Meeting April 1, 2004

- The Council approved IMS sponsorship and publication of the new electronic journal Probability Surveys. A total annual budget of \$8,000 is requested from the IMS and any co-sponsors (\$4K for Euclid posting, \$4K for administration and editorial services). At the August 2003 Council Meeting, the IMS Council approved a relationship with Probability Surveys similar to its current relationship to EJP/ECP. Probability Surveys is a new electronic only journal that will be launched later this year with David Aldous as Editor. A mission statement and more information on the journal can be found here: <http://128.32.135.2/users/prsurvey/>

PS is an open access journal. No subscriptions will be sold, but voluntary page charges may be requested from authors by the IMS. All accepted articles will be posted on ArXiv and Project Euclid by the IMS. Copyright for all articles in PS will remain with authors with permission given to the IMS for publication.

The journal may seek other non-profit societal sponsors/publishers that would share the expenses. The Bernoulli Society has already been approached and they are currently reviewing the proposal.

The option to provide print volumes may be investigated if it is break even or profitable to do so.

Electronic Council Meeting April 13, 2004

- The IMS Council invited the Electronic Journal of Probability and Electronic Communications in Probability (EJP/ECP) to become an IMS sponsored journals. The expenses to IMS would run ~ \$8k annually per journal (\$4K for Euclid posting, \$4K for administration and editorial services). EJP/ECP will remain open access journals and no subscriptions will be sold. IMS has been affiliated with EJP/ECP <http://www.math.washington.edu/~ejpecp/editors.php> since their inception in 1996. IMS has not provided funding of any kind and EJP/ECP run purely with support from volunteers. If the above motion is approved, the decision to accept the invitation is left to the editors of EJP/ECP. IMS is committed to maintaining the journals as fully open access, the desire with this motion is to expand its access.

Sponsorship would allow EJP/ECP to participate in benefits including: a centralized IMS editorial office and placement of articles in ArXiv and Euclid.

Copyright for all articles in EJP/ECP will continue to remain with authors with permission given to the IMS for publication. The option to provide print volumes may be investigated if the editors agree and it is break even or profitable to do so.

Electronic Council Meeting April 14, 2004

- The IMS Council appointed Jiayang Sun as IMS Treasurer, July 29, 2004-July 31, 2007 as recommended by the Committee to Select Administrative Officers.

Electronic Council Meeting May 3, 2004

- The Council approved the slate of Fellows as presented by the 2004 IMS Committee on Fellows: Y. Ait Sahalia, R. Bailey, Y. Fulikoshi, C. Houdre, V. Kolchinskii, J. Liu, M. Low, T. Lyons, D. Politis, X. Shen, V. Spokoyny, A. Tsybakov.

Electronic Council Meeting May 4, 2004

- The Council approved the Wald and Neyman Lectures for 2005 as:
 - Wald: Srinivasa Varadhan, NYU
 - Neyman: David Brillinger, Berkeley

Electronic Council Meeting May 10, 2004

- The IMS Council approved the following resolution:
 - Resolved, the IMS Council approves the list of the following Medallion Lecturers for 2005-2007.
 1. Andrew Barron, Yale
 2. Amir Dembo, Stanford
 3. Richard Durrett, Cornell
 4. Paul Glasserman, Columbia
 5. Gregory Lawler, Cornell
 6. Jean-Francois LeGall, Ecole normale superieure
 7. Oleg Lepski, Université d'Aix-Marseille
 8. Thomas Mountford, EPFL
 9. Art Owen, Stanford
 10. Adrian Raftery, Washington
 11. Christian Robert, Université Paris-Dauphine
 12. Alain-Sol Sznitman, ETH Zurich
 13. Micheal Woodroffe, Univ of Michigan
 14. Ofer Zeitouni, Univ of Minnesota
 15. Lawrence Brown, Univ of Pennsylvania
 16. Michel Ledoux, Inst Natl des Sciences Appliquees
 - Resolved, the IMS Program Secretary be given the power to disburse the sixteen lecturers across 2005-2007.
 - Resolved, the 2004-2005 Committee on Special Lecturers will select eight lecturers to be disbursed between 2006 and 2007.
 - Resolved, the IMS Council will approve the slate of eight lecturers before they are contacted.
 - Resolved, the Council will approve more explicit guidelines to be used for the Committee on Special Lectures. The guidelines will be in place prior to the 2004-2005 Committee year.

Electronic Council Meeting June 2, 2004

- The IMS Council approved the following motion:
 - Resolved, disbursement of the Richard Tweedie Memorial fund be utilized to create the Richard L. Tweedie New Researcher Award for an outstanding new researcher.
 - Resolved, the awardee will present the named lecture "The Richard L Tweedie New Researchers Invited Lecture" at the New Researchers Conference.
 - Resolved, the award will be decided by a Committee from nominations made to it from various sources.
 - Resolved, funds will be disbursed as follows until depleted:
 1. One winner will be selected as the award recipient. The prize will be a monetary award of up to \$2000 to cover travel and accommodation costs.
 2. The actual amount to be decided by the awarding committee taking into consideration the circumstances of the recipient.
 3. If no candidate is deemed worthy of the award it need not necessarily be made although this is an unlikely scenario.

Electronic Council Meeting June 14, 2004

- The IMS Council approved the following 2005 subscription rates for non-member institutions:
 - STS \$130
 - AOS \$240
 - AOP \$240
 - AAP \$150
 - Bulletin \$60

Electronic Council Meeting June 17, 2004

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - FUTURE OF STATISTICAL THEORY, PRACTICE AND EDUCATION to be held on December 29, 2004-- January 1, 2005 at the Indian School of Business, HYDERABAD, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.

First Council Meeting, July 27, 2004

- The Council approved the list of “standard” meetings (ENAR, WNAR, JSM) for 2005 and 2006.
- The Council approved sponsorship of the 2005 New Directions in Probability Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
- The Council moved to dedicate a memorial issue of the Annals of Probability to Joseph Doob.

Second Council Meeting, July 29, 2004

- The Council approved the fiscal year 2005 budget.
- The Council approved the following provisions regarding membership:
 - Joint IMS/Bernoulli Membership – offered at a rate of 25% regular membership, if joining/renewing with both societies. IMS life members can join Bernoulli for 25% off Bernoulli rate. After first trial year, IMS/BS will consider extending offer to retired, reduced, new graduates and student members; and IMS may enhance offer to life members. Joint IMS/BS members would receive full benefits from both societies.
 - Continue to offer a discount of 20% off for all members who renew IMS only membership by December 31.
 - Students are kept at \$0 dues rate plus they would receive one gratis print journal of their choice. Additional journals can be purchased at the student rate.
 - No dues or subscription rate increases proposed for members.
- Council approved Institutional member rates at \$650. Corporate rates to remain the same. Electronic access to all journals is included in the rate.
- The Council approved the following motion:
 - The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The IMS Bulletin is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin. Members pay annual dues of \$75. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30), *The Annals of Probability* (\$25), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid,

\$28 is allocated to the Bulletin and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received.

- The Council approved the following motion:
 - Resolved, that the IMS is an equal opportunity organization, which seeks to ensure that all of its members participate in all of its activities to the fullest extent that is appropriate regardless of age, sex, race or ethnicity, subject matter specialty, or any other characteristic. These opportunities for participation include, but are not restricted to membership of its standing committees, its program committees for sponsored and co-sponsored meetings, and its honors and awards, including the fellowships and special lectureships.
 - Resolved, that the IMS Council instructs the Executive Secretary to call the resolution above regularly to the attention of individuals in charge of various aspects of the Institute's activities.
 - The Executive Secretary should do this by
 - (i) distributing a notice containing the resolution from time to time to:

Committee for the Carver Medal
Committee on Fellows
Committee on New Researchers
Committee on Nominations
Committee to Select Editors
Committee to Select Administrative Officers
Committee on Special Lectures
 - (ii) by asking the Program Secretary to ensure that all Program Chairs and/or IMS Representatives of IMS sponsored or co-sponsored meetings receive copies of the notice, with a request that the notice is passed on to all organizers of sessions at such meetings.

Electronic Council Meeting August 13, 2004

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Adap'ski (satellite meeting to MCMC'ski) Bormio, Italy, January 9-11, 2005
- The following meeting was approved for IMS sponsorship:
 - joint with the Chinese Society of Probability and Statistics (CSPS), to be held in Beijing July 9-12, 2005.

Electronic Council Meeting September 27, 2004

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - International Conference on Statistics in Honour of Professor Kai-Tai Fang's 65th Birthday
June 20 -- June 24, 2005, Hong Kong

Electronic Council Meeting October 5, 2004

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Sixth International Conference on Forensic Statistics
March 17-19, 2005
Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology
Arizona State University College of Law

Electronic Council Meeting October 24, 2004

- The IMS Council approved the following motion:

- To adapt to the electronic age, propose to discontinue offering authors in IMS journal gratis offprints. Offprints will continue to be available for purchase at a break even cost. IMS will continue to provide authors a pdf file of their article.

BACKGROUND:

CURRENT IMS POLICY

Each corresponding author of an article to appear in an IMS may elect to receive 25 gratis paper offprints by returning a form <http://www.imstat.org/publications/copyright.htm>. Approximately 80% of authors currently elect to receive gratis paper offprints. Authors may also elect to purchase additional paper offprints, less than 10% do so. Approximately \$17K is spent annually on gratis offprint production by the IMS.

The IMS automatically emails each corresponding author a final pdf copy of their article (electronic offprint). Authors are encouraged to post this copy on their home pages. Final pdfs are placed on ArXiv <http://arxiv.org> on behalf of all authors at no cost to them.

OTHER DETAILS

IMS will charge authors actual cost (as is currently practiced) for paper offprints they wish to order. Paper offprints must be ordered in bundles of 100 per stipulations set out by our printer.

PDF of articles exactly resemble the printed version with all details including formatting and page numbers.

Authors may place the pdf on their web site and share it with anyone who directly requests a copy of their article.

SAMPLE OF POLICY FROM OTHER SOCIETY PUBLISHERS

ASA = current practice is to provide 100 free article reprints only if the author pays our voluntary page charges. If the author does not pay page charges, then he/she must pay for the reprints. Minimum order in either case is 100. Does not provide electronic offprints.

ISI = 25 free offprints and any amount ordered in excess of the 25 are charged for at a commercial rate. Does not provide electronic offprints.

RSS = no paper offprint, no electronic offprints

Scandinavian Journal of Statistics = no paper offprint, no electronic offprints

Geological Society = No gratis paper offprints. Provides electronic offprint.

Electronic Council Meeting November 2, 2004

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - "Stochastic Methods in Game Theory"
Ettore Majorana Centre, Erice,
September 24-October 2, 2005
<http://web.econ.unito.it/scarsini/Erice2005/index.html>
- The following meeting was approved for IMS sponsorship:
 - STOCHASTIC PROCESSES AND APPLICATIONS XXXI
Paris, France
17-21 July 2006
<http://www.proba.jussieu.fr/pageperso/spa06/index.html>

Electronic Council Meeting November 10, 2004

- The IMS Council approved the following motion:
 - The IMS Executive Director will fill out the response at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public_access/add.htm on behalf of IMS, agreeing with the proposed public access concept, with the following or similar text in the comments section:

"IMS has recently adopted a policy of open access to its publications, as indicated at http://stat-www.berkeley.edu/users/pitman/axiv_article.html*. IMS executives believe the public interest is well served by open access to peer-reviewed scientific publications, and that scholarly societies such as IMS can continue to flourish, with support from library and membership subscriptions, even if all of the content they publish becomes available on public digital repositories."

*Note: This article will be on the IMS web site in the next few days and the link in the comment will be to the IMS site.

BACKGROUND:

The NIH proposed policy can be viewed here: <http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/index.htm>

Electronic Council Meeting November 17, 2004

- The following meeting was approved for IMS sponsorship:
 - Twelfth Annual Spring Research Conference (SRC) on Statistics in Industry and Technology June 1-3, 2005, Park City, Utah, <http://src2005.byu.edu/>

BACKGROUND:

The SRC is an ongoing sponsored meeting. You can read more about the arrangement here <http://www.imstat.org/handbook/societies.htm#ASA>

Last year's meeting can be viewed here. Information regarding this year's meeting follows. <http://www-math.cudenver.edu/SRC2004/>

Electronic Council Meeting November 30, 2004

- The following motion was approved the recommendation of the Travel Awards Committee to name Tilmann Gneiting as the inaugural Tweedie Award Recipient.

Electronic Council Meeting January 17, 2005

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - German Open Conference on Probability and Statistics (Frankfurter Stochastik-Tage 2006) March 14-17, 2006
Goethe University Frankfurt (Main)

Electronic Council Meeting February 4, 2005

- The Council agreed to suspend IMS members who did not renew their dues for 2004. Those who renew their dues will be reinstated.

Electronic Council Meeting February 16, 2005

- The following meetings were approved for IMS co-sponsorship:

- The Fifth International Workshop on Objective Bayesian Methodology
June 4-8, 2005
Branson, Missouri, USA
- 13th INFORMS Applied Probability Conference
July 6-8, 2005
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Electronic Council Meeting March 15, 2005

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Nonparametric Models for Complex Biological Data
August 15--August 17, 2005
Davis, CA, USA

Electronic Council Meeting March 21, 2005

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Workshop on Stochastic Models in System and Molecular Biology
June 26, 2005
UC Santa Barbara
<http://www.pstat.ucsb.edu/projects/smmsb/>

Electronic Council Meeting April 18, 2005

- The following meetings were approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Meeting Title: A Conference on Nonparametric Inference and Probability with Applications to Science.
Meeting Dates: September 24-25, 2005
Meeting Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan
<http://www.stat.lsa.umich.edu/conference/mw2005/index.html>
 - Meeting Title: Probability Summer School
Meeting Dates: June 26 - July 7, 2006
Meeting Location: Ithaca, NY
(2005 web site) <http://www.math.cornell.edu/~lawler/sum2005.html>
- The IMS Council approved the 2005 slate of Fellows as presented by the Committee on Fellows. The slate is: Chaudhuri, Probal; Chen, Jiahua; Jordan, Michael I.; Lee, Mei-Ling Ting; Mengersen, Kerrie Lee; Mikosch, Thomas; Nolan, Deborah; Oakes, David; Park, Byeong Uk; Phillips, Peter C. B.; Rosen, Jay S.; Rosenthal, Jeffrey S.; Sun, Dongchu; Sun, Jiayang; and Wang, Yazhen

Electronic Council Meeting May 28, 2005

- The Council approved the following institutional non-member (library) subscription rates for 2006:
 - STS US\$140
 - AOS US\$250
 - AOP US\$250
 - AAP US\$170
 - Bulletin US\$70

Electronic Council Meeting June 15, 2005

- The Council approved affiliation with ALEA Latin American Journal of Probability and Mathematical Statistics. <http://alea.impa.br/> and agrees to encourage the Bernoulli Society to join us in this affiliation.

BACKGROUND

ALEA: Latin American Journal of Probability and Mathematical Statistics <http://alea.impa.br/> to be published by IMPA. An arrangement similar to the current IMS affiliation of EJP/ECP is proposed. Specifically:

- zero cash flow between IMS and ALEA
- ALEA would appear in the list of IMS journals at <http://imstat.org/>
- main ALEA page would say "ALEA is affiliated with IMS" with a link to IMS, like <http://www.math.washington.edu/~ejpecp/> and the IMS logo with a link would appear with the IMPA and IM-AGIMB logos on the ALEA page
- relation would be subject to cancellation by either party.

The ALEA journal has a distinguished international board <http://alea.impa.br/board.htm> and has credible financial and technical support. Contact at ALEA for such details is Claudio Landim <landim@impa.br>

What does each side have to gain? Briefly, the Latin Americans have a lot to gain by IMS co-sponsorship: the academic reputation of the IMS, the exposure through listing of ALEA on the IMS page, the feedback from Council and from the Publications Committee, and more. The IMS has also some to gain, mainly the formal introduction into the Latin American community and the first step into formally "adopting" Latin American activities such as the CLAPEM.

Electronic Council Meeting June 18, 2005

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Workshop on Frontiers of Statistics
May 18 -- May 20, 2006
Princeton, NJ
<http://www.orfe.princeton.edu/conferences/frontiers/index.htm>

Electronic Council Meeting July 7, 2005

- The Council approved the slate of 2006 Named Lectures and the 2006-2007 Medallion Lectures as proposed by the IMS Committee on Special Lectures.

Electronic Council Meeting July 12, 2005

- The Council appointed Cindy Christiansen as IMS Executive Secretary, August 9, 2005-July 23, 2008 as recommended by the Committee to Select Administrative Officers.

Electronic Council Meeting July 19, 2005

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Meeting Title: Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy IV
Meeting Dates: June 12-15, 2006
Meeting Location: The Penn State University

First Council Meeting, August 7, 2005

- The Council approved an increase of 300 pages for the 2006 issue of the *Annals of Statistics*.

- The Council agreed the following additional guidelines for the Committee on Fellows:
 - The committee shall not consider whether giving a fellowship to a nominee will impact a hiring, tenure, or promotion case'; and
 - It shall not be held against a nominee that his/her main work is outside statistics, so long as his/her contribution to statistics satisfies the Qualifications for Fellowship in the IMS handbook.'
- The Council agreed that the definition of “New Researcher” will now be up to 5 years from PhD.
- The Council approved the following Investment Policy, proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Investments and the Executive Committee.

The long-term investment policy of the IMS primarily seeks conservation of principal in real terms, accepting moderate risk in order to realize real growth of 4-5%. For short-term investment (two years or less), a reasonable return on principal shall be the goal consistent with low risk. For operating funds, the goal is any investment return consistent with capital preservation and high liquidity.

Growth will be evaluated on a total return basis, the total of capital growth and income. As determined by the board, income not required for annual expenses shall become part of the capital base. The board may use a different formula for certain funds, such as Tweedie, Le Cam, and life memberships, as these funds may have different lifetimes.

Reinvestment shall be periodically re-evaluated so that total reserve levels satisfy appropriate regulations. Reserve level projections should be large enough to cope with the likelihood of significant reduction in journal income.

COMMINGLING OF FUNDS

In order to maximize return, the assets of all reserve funds of the IMS will be commingled. An accurate accounting will be maintained and any fund restrictions followed. On a regular basis, accumulated gains and losses will be distributed based on the market value method.

ALLOWABLE INVESTMENTS

a. operating fund (up to 10%)

1. insured CDs
2. money market funds (low-risk)
3. commercial paper (highly rated Moody's)

b. operating reserve fund (up to 10%)

1. a1, a2, and a3
2. agency discount notes
3. corporate notes (low-risk)
4. mortgage backed securities (100% government backed)
5. mutual funds (low-risk)

c. long-term reserve fund	target	range	
1. large-cap stocks	20%	10-30	
2. mid-cap stocks	15%	5-30	
3. high-yield bonds	10%	5-20	
4. international bonds		5%	0-15
5. REIT		10%	0-20
6. Inter Term Gov't Bonds		10%	0-30
7. Money market funds		0%	0-10
8. income mutual funds		10%	0-15

9. index funds	15%	0-30
10. aggressive mutual funds	5%	0-10

All investments may be made through mutual funds. Targets and target ranges shall be re-evaluated on a regular basis, in consultation with our investment manager.

- The Council agree that the IMS collect the member demographic data itemized in questions 1-4 below, using a mechanism allowing member updating, and further, that the Executive Secretary be permitted from time to time to collect other information on members, their attitudes, opinions and needs, as illustrated in questions 5-10 below.

The following is not intended to give precisely the wording of the questions to be asked, but is an accurate indication of the scope intended.

Draft Questionnaire for IMS Members

It is envisaged that the survey will be distributed both electronically (on the IMS web site) and by mail to maximize the response rate.

Preamble

The purposes of this survey is to obtain basic demographic information on our members, in order better to support them, to further the profession, and to enable the IMS to track changes in the profession over time.

We will start with a preamble stating that individual's identities will be kept confidential, that the data will only be used on summary form, etc. On the web site there will be a button for checking if a member wishes to receive email from IMS, or release their information for specified purposes, etc.

The on-line survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

Demographic information.

1. Name. How would you like to be addressed? (Check boxes for Dr Mr Ms Mrs Prof Other).
2. Please indicate the year in which you got your highest degree, the kind of degree you received, and the university from which you received it.
3. Please indicate the kind of job you currently hold. (Check box listing academic, industry, government, student, retired, private consultant, etc.) Which of the following best describes your primary role? (check box with administrator, data analyst, educator, researcher, etc.)
4. (Optional) Please indicate your race and gender. (Use the Census list, that allows people to check more than one race category.)

Other information.

5. Please indicate topics upon which you have worked during the last three years (a short list of two or three items will help us more than a long list of minor themes).

(Here we might give a list of topics covering all major areas of prob and stat, together with the option to add others. We will seek advice from our editors on the nature of this list.)

6. Please indicate the societies in which you are an elected fellow or an elected member. (The check box should include IMS, ASA, ISI, with a write-in possibility for national academies, societies, and other similar bodies.)

7. Are you willing to serve on any IMS's committees?

8. What suggestions do you have for improving the IMS? We are especially interested in feedback on any of the following: ways to improve refereeing systems, our journals, our meetings, possible new awards, programs, and our activity as an advocate for the statistics profession. (open-ended)

9. What do you see as the major challenge for statistics over the next five years? (open-ended)

10. What do you value most from your IMS membership?

All of these check-boxes should have “not applicable” or write-in capability.

- The Council approved the creation of a journal on applied statistics and to establish a task force that will outline the scope of the new journal, recommend the appointment of a founding editor and select a name for the journal.

Second Council Meeting, August 10, 2005

- The Council approved the fiscal year 2005 budget.
- The Council approved the following provisions regarding membership:
 - Continued Joint IMS/Bernoulli Membership – offered at a rate of 25% membership, if joining/renewing with both societies. Joint IMS/ISI/BS membership also planned for 2006. Rates will be 25% off for all membership categories. Joint IMS/BS members would receive full benefits from both societies.
 - Proposed to drop joint IMS membership (this is available to two individuals living at the same address.) This option was initially set up to allow members to share print versions. IMS no longer requires purchasing of print journals and most members use the electronic access, this makes the concept obsolete. Current joint members (~40) would be able to continue joint membership, but it would not be offered in the future.
 - Continue to offer a discount of 20% off for all members who renew IMS only membership (not IMS/BS or IMS/ISI/BS membership) by December 31. Discount for early renewal encourages members to renew in a timely manner and will save IMS expenses, this in turn is returned to the member via the discount.
 - Students are kept at \$0 dues rate plus they would receive one gratis print journal of their choice. Additional journals can be purchased at the student rate. This would give them true free membership. We still require that they “renew” annually and they submit proof of student status (department head name/email).
 - The Institute aims to recover the marginal costs of manufacturing and mailing each member’s copy of the *Annals* and *Statistical Science* through membership prices for these journals. Similarly, IMS attempts to recover editorial, production and mailing expenses for the *Bulletin*, primarily distributed to members, through membership dues. Other direct expenses associated with running the Institute are shared by members and subscribers.
 - No membership dues or subscription increases for 2006
- Council approved Institutional member rates at \$680. Corporate rates to remain the same. Electronic access to all journals is included in the rate.
- The Council approved the following motion:
 - The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The IMS

Bulletin is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin. Members pay annual dues of \$75. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30), *The Annals of Probability* (\$30), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$28 is allocated to the Bulletin and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received.

- The Council approved the formation of a Finance Committee with the following specifications:
 - The Committee shall consist of the Past President, serving as chair, the Treasurer, and three members of the elected Council, one from each class. Additional members from outside the Council may be appointed to provide needed expertise. The Committee will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the investment policy adopted by the Council, monitoring financial procedures, recommending any needed changes in the policy and procedures and in the form of financial reports, and receiving and reviewing audit reports and communicating the results to the Executive Committee and Council.
- The Council approved the formation of a Subcommittee on Meeting Co-sponsorship with the following specifications:
 - Requests for IMS co-sponsorship of meetings shall be reviewed by a committee consisting of the Program Secretary, serving as chair, and three members of the Council. If the committee is unanimous in its decision regarding the request, no further action by the Council will be necessary.
- The Council tabled the following motion:
 - To allocate up to \$15,000 per year for small grants to groups of researchers from multiple universities or other research centers to support the preparation of proposals that, if successful, would provide substantial new resources supporting research in statistics and probability. The program will be reviewed annually to ensure it is meeting goals.
- The Council approved the following new guidelines for the Committee on Special Lectures::

The Committee on Special Lectures arranges for papers of unusual interest to be given at regular meetings by distinguished scientists. It also selects the Wald Lecturer and, in alternating years, the Neyman, Rietz and LeCam Lecturers. The names of the selected lecturers are usually announced at the IMS Annual Meeting at least one year in advance.

The *Annals* and *Statistical Science* Editors are ex-officio members of the Committee on Special Lectures, since special papers are usually published in one of these journals. The Program Secretary and Associate Program Secretary for Probability serve as ex-officio members of the Committee on Special Lectures. The ex-officio members are voting members of the committee.

Medallion Lectures

Each year, the committee invites eight individuals to deliver Medallion Lectures. No one who has given a Medallion Lecture (or a Special Invited Paper) is eligible to be chosen as a Medallion Lecturer, although they may be chosen as a Named Lecturer.

Medallion Lectures are distinct from Invited Papers, which are chosen by the various Program Committees for specific meetings. Each Medallion Lecturer will receive a Medallion in a brief ceremony preceding the lecture.

The IMS Program Secretary will provide the chair of the Committee on Special Lectures with a list of sessions available for medallion lectures during the time frame for which the Medallion Lectures are being selected. The list will consist of specific IMS sponsored and co-sponsored meetings and the number of potential Medallion sessions available at those meetings.

The Committee on Special Lectures will assign each Medallion nominee and alternate to a specific meeting that is appropriate to his/her research area. The assignment should be consistent with the availability of Medallion sessions.

The Chair of the Committee will submit the final slate of Medallion lectures and alternates to the Council for approval. Following approval by Council, individual Medallion nominees will be contacted by a member of the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Special Lectures should include in its selections at least two in probability, at least two in statistics and at least one interdisciplinary. If this requirement conflicts with the available Medallion Sessions, the composition of the Medallion slate will be set by the Chair of the Committee and the Program Secretary.

Because more statisticians than probabilists are usually on the committee and each group tends to vote for people with whom they are familiar, probabilists maybe less likely to be chosen. To overcome this problem, some committee chairs have devised voting schemes in which the number of Medallion Lectures in probability is fixed in advance, and then separate votes are taken in probability and statistics.

The chair of the Special Lectures Committee should be provided with a list of the past Medallion Lecturers (or SIPs).

Named Lectures

All named lectures are selected by the Committee on Special Lectures and are given at the Annual meeting. Details for each lecture follow.

The Wald Memorial Lectures

The Wald Memorial Lectures honors Professor Abraham Wald. The Wald Lecturer gives two, three or four one hour talks on one subject. This gives sufficient time to develop material in some detail and make it accessible to nonspecialists. The Wald Lecturer need not be an IMS member.

The Rietz Lectures

The Rietz Lectures are named after the first President of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Professor Henry L. Rietz. The Lectures are intended to be of broad interest and are given every third year alternating with the Neyman and LeCam Lectures. The Rietz Lectures serve to clarify the relationship of statistical methodology and analysis to other fields. In the past, a special committee was appointed to select a Rietz Lecturer.

The Neyman Lectures

The Neyman Lecture is to be given every third year, alternating with the Rietz and LeCam Lectures. The Neyman Lecture ordinarily will emphasize the interactions between statistical theory and scientific research.

The LeCam Lectures

The LeCam Lecture is to be given every third year, alternating with the Rietz and Neyman Lectures. The lecturer should be an individual whose contributions have been or promise to be fundamental to the development of mathematical statistics or probability. An endowment was set up by friends of LeCam to cover the cost of travel and a plaque for the lecturer.

Process for approval and contact of Medallion and Named Lecturers:

The Council must first approve the list of Medallion and Named Lectures. Once approved, the President or Program Secretary will contact each lecturer congratulating them and confirming their ability to participate.

- The Council agreed that the guidelines for the Fellows Committee be revised to prohibit nominations by members of the Committee. Council agreed that the committee should look for those that should have been considered for Fellows and encouraging people to nominate them.

- The Council approved the creation of a Committee on Strategic Planning with the following details:
 - Primary responsibilities
 - Monitor the state of the IMS, periodically reporting to the Executive Committee and Council on such matters as
 - a) The range and quality of scientific programs
 - b) The size and demography of the membership
 - c) The availability of needed resources
 - 2. Evaluate specific IMS policies and programs either at the request of the Executive Committee or on its own initiative.
 - 3. Develop specific proposals for new programs and policies and the revision or elimination of existing programs and policies regarding
 - a) Publication of journals and monographs and other modes of scientific communication
 - b) Organization, sponsorship, and cosponsorship of scientific meetings
 - c) Membership
 - d) Resource development
 - Committee structure - The Committee shall consist of eight members: Two members appointed each year for a three-year term with the possibility of reappointment for a second three-year term, the President-elect, and the Chair of the Publications Committee, ex-officio with vote.

Electronic Council Meeting August 22, 2005

- The following meeting was approved for IMS co-sponsorship:
 - Meeting Title: Statistical Models for Biomedical and Technical Systems
 - Meeting Dates: May 29 - 31, 2006
 - Meeting Location: Limassol, Cyprus
 - www.ucy.ac.cy/biostat2006

Electronic Council Meeting August 31, 2005

- The Council approved the appointment of Krzysztof (Chris) Burdzy <http://www.math.washington.edu/~burdzy/> as IMS Web Editor for Jan 2006-Dec 2008 as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors.

Electronic Council Meeting November 3, 2005

- The Council approved the appointment of the following editors:
 - Andreas Greven, Editor, Electronic Journal of Probability
 - David Nualart, Editor, Electronic Communications in Probability

Electronic Council Meeting November 4, 2005

- The Council approved the following motion:

- As a benefit of membership, IMS should provide technical assistance to encourage its members to create and maintain machine-readable bio-bibliographies to be used for a number of purposes:
 1. for members to provide high quality easily maintained web-renderings of their biobib data, such as the bibs provided at <http://bibserver.berkeley.edu/>
 2. to assist automated acquisition of bibliographic content by Current Index of Statistics, in particular for CIS to provide author name authority in its bibliographic records (Math Reviews already does this, and has agreed in principle allow extension of their identifiers to CIS)
 3. to assist editing and presentation of biobib data in memorial volumes and festschrifts
 4. to assist in creation of an attractive online compilation of collected works of IMS members, such as the Dutch Cream of Science project

<http://www.creamofscience.org/en/page/language.view/keur.page>

In the first instance, this should be done for IMS Fellows, then expanded to broader membership. Specifically, IMS should get its tex contractor VTEX to prepare suitable latex/bibtex/xml templates for management of biobib data, so these templates can be used routinely in preparation of memorial volumes and festschrifts. As a benefit of membership, IMS should provide a service to its members whereby VTEX would convert their biobib data from legacy formats into the latex/bibtex/xml standard. It is to be expected that most of the bib data would be acquired by scripting from the MR and CIS databases. But some further work is necessary to finish the job.

BACKGROUND.: Jim Pitman has done this sort of work for approximately 50 bibliographies displayed at <http://bibserver.berkeley.edu/>, but professional help is needed to do it on a wider scale. VTEX is already using software which Pitman developed for this purpose, and VTEX should be able to manage an expansion of Pitman's efforts to the scale of IMS membership. After initial development of a largely automated arXiv-like bib management system, which is in place already on a small scale at bibserver.berkeley.edu, the long term data management cost should very small, likely on the order of \$10K a year.

It is to be hoped that the cost of conversion of biobib data from legacy to machine-readable form should be low enough to be subsidized as a benefit of membership. Likely it would be on the order of \$20 per member, or at least could be kept down to this level if members were required to convert themselves a small fraction of data which could not be converted by scripting over the MR and CIS databases. IMS could certainly afford to do it for its approx 250 fellows even at \$50 per fellow. That pilot project should be adequate to determine costs of doing it on a wider scale.

Electronic Council Meeting December 3, 2005

- The Council approved the following motion:
 - With the agreement of the Applied Probability Society (APS), IMS will offer its members membership in the APS at the same discounted rate available to INFORMS members (currently \$10).

BACKGROUND:

Offering IMS members membership in the Applied Probability Society
<http://appliedprob.society.informs.org/>

The Applied Probability Society is a subdivision of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS). The Society is concerned with the application of probability theory to systems that involve random phenomena, for example, manufacturing, communication network, computer network, service, and financial systems. The Society promotes the development and use of methods for the improvement of evaluation, control, and design of these systems. Such methods include (stochastic) dynamic programming, queueing theory, Markov

decision process, discrete event dynamic systems, point processes, large deviations, reliability, and so on. Our members include practitioners, educators, and researchers with backgrounds in business, engineering, statistics, mathematics, economics, computer science, and other applied sciences. (From the APS web page.)

The APS sponsors and cosponsors conferences, organizes sessions at INFORMS meetings, and supports a web page and newsletter. The APS does not currently sponsor a journal, but is considering founding an electronic journal.

Electronic Council Meeting December 6, 2005

- The Council agreed to provide \$10,000 of first year funding to assist IMS members in placing their articles on ArXiv.

BACKGROUND:

This motion comes from the 2004 Committee on Publications. IMS is now in the position to provide the service and is bringing to Council for approval.

IMS Publications proposal:

To promote the initial use of arXiv as an eprint repository in probability and statistics, and provide a novel benefit of membership, IMS staff and contractors, coordinated by the IMS editorial office, should assist IMS members to a reasonable extent in depositing their eprints (preprints + postprints) on arXiv, for an experimental period of a year in the first instance after creation of an ST section arXiv. As members become more familiar with the use of arXiv, it is expected that the need for this service should diminish. The value and need for this service should be reviewed after a year, and the service continued or not on a year to year basis at the discretion of the executive. The executive will also monitor the system to ensure it is not being abused; for example if a member uses the IMS to arxiv an inordinate amount of work.

Such arXiv deposits made with IMS assistance should not be regarded as 'publications' of IMS, and neither should IMS journal content placed on arXiv be regarded as IMS publications.

Rather, such deposits should have the same professional and legal status as if they had been placed there directly by the author. IMS assistance would be technical only, and no acknowledgment of the service would be expected or required.

Discussion. Ideally, authors should learn to self-archive their papers, and IMS staff should not have to do it for them. In practice however, authors often do not bother with self-archiving, and authors unfamiliar with the arXiv system will appreciate assistance. In particular, statisticians may have difficulties with file formats for graphics and data sets, which might put them off use of arXiv. For IMS staff already familiar with handling arXiv deposits, help with this process should be easy to provide. Note that authors of preprints should be asked to provide links back to a version on their own homepage which could be updated as frequently as authors wish. The same service might later be enhanced to allow redirection of submissions to other journals, so IMS members would have a kind of one-stop submission process. Just register an article at the central editorial office, then point and click to place it on arXiv or submit it to any one of a list of participating journals whose publication policies are regarded as beneficial to IMS members. IMS might also receive a service fee from other publishers for handling their submissions.

Electronic Council Meeting December 18, 2005

- The Council approved the appointment of Ed Waymire <http://www.math.oregonstate.edu/?q=people/view/waymire> Annals of Applied Probability Editor for Jan 2006-Dec 2008 as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors.

Electronic Council Meeting February 14, 2006

- The Council approved the following amendment to the bylaws. The IMS Membership must vote on this item during the annual election. A proposed amendment shall require for its adoption a favorable vote of a

majority of the Members voting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Add Section 5 to Article II:

Section 5. Motions may be presented to the Council between regular meetings. Presentation of a motion shall be followed by a 7-day discussion period before the vote is called. After the vote is called, Council members have 10 days to vote. A motion passes once affirmative votes are received from a majority of the Council. If sufficient affirmative votes are not received within the 10 voting days, the motion is defeated. After the 10 day voting period, the vote tally (number of votes for, against and abstaining) will be reported to the Council.

Electronic Council Meeting March 3, 2006

- The Council agreed to create a new IMS journal with the following provisions:

Name of Journal. The Annals of Applied Statistics.

Medium of Publication. Both paper and electronic versions beginning in 2007 initially with four issues per year not to exceed a total of 1000 pages. The first volume will be distributed without charge to all subscribers to the Annals of Statistics.

Administrative structure of the journal. The journal will be edited by an editor-in-chief, who will oversee the whole journal and the area editors. The editor-in-chief (who may also serve as an area editor) will make the final decision as to which area editor handles a submitted paper. From that point, the area editor will be in full charge of the submitted manuscript, including choosing an associate editor and making the final editorial decision.

Areas of Interest. Initially, the journal aims to address the following areas:

- (a). Engineering/Computer Sciences/Informatics
- (b). Physical/environmental/ecological/agriculture
- (c). Biological and Medical Sciences
- (d). Economics/Finance/Business
- (e). Social Science and the Humanities

Future evolution. These guidelines are adopted with the understanding that the Areas of Interest may evolve based on the experience of the Editorial Board. For example, the Board may wish to consider adding Government Statistics and/or Interdisciplinary to the list of areas.

Electronic Council Meeting March 12, 2006

- The Council approved the following amendments to the IMS Constitution and Bylaws <http://www.imstat.org/handbook/structure.htm>. The amendments will allow for the addition of an Information Technology Secretary. These amendments will be submitted to the membership with the annual election for approval.

INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS CONSTITUTION

Article IV. Officers

Section 2.

Add the following: "the Information Technology Secretary"

Amended it will read:

"Section 2. Administrative Officers. The Administrative Officers of the Institute shall be the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, the Program Secretaries, the Information Technology Secretary and the Managing Editors."

Article VI. Executive and Officers Committees

Section 1.

Add the following: "the Information Technology Secretary"

Amended it will read:

"Section 1. The Elective Officers, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Information Technology Secretary and Program Secretaries under the Chairmanship of the President shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Council, and following the general policies established by the Council, shall conduct all the affairs of the Institute between meetings of the Council."

INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS BY LAWS

Article I. Officers

Add the following text:

"Section 1.5. The Information Technology Secretary shall arrange and coordinate all activities concerned with information management for the Institute."

Renumber current 1.5 to 1.10 to 1.6 to 1.11 to allow for above item.

JUSTIFICATION

The executive agreed at its last meeting that IMS should make a significant commitment to management of professional information in probability and statistics. Already, the IMS plays a role in this through the publication of its journals, support of Current Index of Statistics, and to a lesser extent through the IMS website. Much more could be done to enhance the quality and quantity of professional information now becoming available electronically. Developments beyond IMS such as arXiv, the Probability Abstract Service, and Google Scholar, have far reaching implications on the role of IMS in professional information management. We want to see IMS play a central role as an aggregator and disseminator of many kinds of professional information, both through free services to raise its visibility on the web, and through subscription services to attract individual and institutional memberships. IMS will need to employ more staff or contractors to provide such services. We think IMS will have a continuing need for an executive member familiar with modern IT developments such as databases, web portals, digital libraries, web services and web search, to advise the executive about allocation of IMS resources to such developments.

Electronic Council Meeting March 27, 2006

- The Council agreed to suspend IMS members who did not renew their dues for 2005. Those who renew their dues will be reinstated.

Electronic Council Meeting April 6, 2006

- The council approved the appointment of David Van Dyk <http://www.ics.uci.edu/~dvd/> as Editor of the Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics <http://www.amstat.org/publications/jcgs/index.cfm?fuseaction=main>

Electronic Council Meeting April 21, 2006

- The Council approved the slate of 2007 Named Lectures and the 2008 Medallion Lectures as proposed by the IMS Committee on Special Lectures.

REPORT

The SL Committee has been working since last November and we have now concluded our task involving the selection of

* One Wald Lecturer (for 2007)

- * One Rietz Lecturer (for 2007)
- * Eight Medallion Lecturers (for 2008)

According to new rules the committee should also propose an assignment to sessions for each ML, with some flexibility.

Here is the conclusion of our work and all indications from the SL Committee, that I now submitted to you and to the IMS Council:

2007 WALD LECTURE
Jim Berger (Duke)

2007 RIETZ LECTURE
David Siegmund (Stanford)

2008 MEDALLION LECTURES
Probability:
Martin Barlow (British Columbia),
Zhi-Ming Ma (Inst. Applied Math, CAS, Beijing),
Wendelin Werner (Paris-Sud)

Statistics:
George Casella (Florida),
Mark Low (Pennsylvania)

Interdisciplinary:
Peter Bartlett (Berkeley),
Mary Sara McPeck (Chicago),
Alistair Sinclair (Berkeley)

ML Backups:
Olle Haggstron (P) Gothenburg
Anestis Antoniadis (S) Univ. Joseph Fourier
Donald A. Berry (I)- Anderson Cancer Center

ML Sessions assignments. Taking into account adequacy between typical audience and research areas of the speakers, we arrived to the following suggestion:

08 IMS Annual Meeting (Joint with BWC08):
July 20-26, Singapore
Martin Barlow(P), Zhi-Ming Ma (P), Wendelin Werner (P), M. Low (S)

JSM 08: 2 sessions
August 3-7, Denver, Colorado
G. Casella (S) , A. Sinclair (I)

ENAR 08: 1 session
March 16-19, Arlington, VA
Mary Sara McPeck (I)

WNAR 08: 1 session
Peter Bartlett (I)

Electronic Council Meeting April 30, 2006

- The Council approved the appointment of Philippe Carmona as the Managing Editor for the Electronic Journal of Probability (EJP) and Electronic Communications in Probability (ECP).

Electronic Council Meeting May 8, 2006

- The Council approved the appointment of Susan Murphy and Bernard Silverman as co-editors of the Annals of Statistics as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors.

Electronic Council Meeting May 16, 2006

- The Council approved the slate of Fellows as presented by the 2006 IMS Committee on Fellows:
Naray Balakrishnan
Peter Bühlmann
Andreas Buja
Tony Cai
Alicia Carrquiry
Kung-Sik Chan
Rong Chen
Marie Davidian
Ronald Doney
Chris Genovese
Subashis Ghosal
Irene Gijbels
James Hobert
Susan Holmes
Wai-Keung Li
Wenbo Li
David Madigan
Naisyin Wang
Martin Wells
Heping Zhang

Electronic Council Meeting June 1, 2006

The Council approved the appointment of Xuming He as Editor of the IMS Bulletin as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors. Xuming He's term is Jan-Dec 2007, to fill the unexpired term of Bernard Silverman, who will be stepping down as Bulletin Editor to fulfill his obligations as AOS co-editor.

Electronic Council Meeting June 18, 2006

- The Council agreed to the following institutional rates for 2007 as approved by the IMS Executive Committee

The increase in total general subscription rates for all IMS journals is 8.0%. The increased rates will cover expenses for electronic access; archiving; increased costs of paper and postage; use of color; and increases in total printed pages.

Increases suggested address elasticity of the particular subscriptions, current market conditions and expenses to publish each journal.

Internationally, 10% is the average expected increase in subscription rates for scholarly journals.

TABLE 6

General Subscription Prices for 2007

Journal	Price	% increase
AAP	\$186	9.4%
AOP	\$270	7.4%
AOS	\$270	7.4%
STS	\$150	9.3%
Bulletin	\$75	7.1%

Electronic Council Meeting July 8, 2006

- The Council approved the appointment of Brad Efron as Editor in Chief of the new IMS journal the Annals of Applied Statistics as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors. Brad Efron's term begins immediately and ends Dec 31, 2009.

First Council Meeting, August 1, 2006

- The Council approved the appointment of Nicholas Hengartner from August 3, 2006 to Business Meeting 2009 as Program Secretary <http://www.stat.lanl.gov/people/NHengartner.shtml> .
- The Council made the following changes to the guidelines for the Committee on Fellows
 - The Committee should be enlarged. (The By-Laws only state a minimum size, so this can be done without changing the By-Laws.) A larger committee would have broader knowledge of the community and more capacity for a careful review of the nominations. Committee will enlarge to 12.
 - The number of letters of support should be restricted to three, in addition to the letter of nomination.
 - Each letter writer should only submit letters for 2 nominees.
 - The nominator is expected to provide a CV which includes a list of publications.
 - Committee will finalize the citations for presentation to Council.
 - The following procedures are intended to ensure all nominees receive careful consideration. Recommended procedures for the Committee on Fellows:
 - Each nominee should be assigned for review to two committee members who do not have a direct personal or professional relationship with the nominee. These committee members are responsible for evaluating the professional standing of the nominee, the service of the nominee to the profession, and the service of the nominee to the IMS. The members should base their evaluations on the nomination materials and other publicly available information. The members will report to the full committee that the nominee is “Highly Qualified,” “Qualified,” or “Not Qualified” to be a Fellow and will be prepared to defend this evaluation.
 - Allowing time for follow-up discussion, the Committee will then vote on the ratings of “Highly Qualified,” “Qualified,” or “Not Qualified” for each nominee. Nominees receiving a plurality of Not Qualified votes will be dropped from further consideration.
 - The chair of the Committee will propose a list of nominees for final action by the full committee, taking into account the Committee ratings, a running average of 10-25 new fellows each year, and the balance of the list by various factors. The Committee may

amend the proposed list by adding, deleting, or replacing names on the list before final action on the recommendations to the Council.

- The Council agreed to adopt a revised investment policy as follows:
 - The IMS is committed to a policy of low-cost long-term indexed investing with minimal intervention.
 - IMS investment funds (that is, the funds other than the operating funds or the operating reserve) should be invested as follows:
 - 60% in domestic and international equities
 - 40% in fixed-income instruments.
 - The equity investment should be placed in low-cost index funds
 - 45% of the equity pool should be invested in an index fund with the SP500 index as the benchmark.
 - 40% of the equity pool should be invested in an index fund with the Russell 2000 or Wilshire 4500 index as the benchmark.
 - 15% of the equity pool should be invested in an index fund with the MSCI-EAFE index as the benchmark.
 - The equity investment should be placed in low-cost index funds
 - The fixed income investments should also be invested in low-cost index funds.
 - Of the fixed income investment pool, 50% should be invested in a low-cost index fund with the benchmark of the Lehman Brothers 5-10 Year Government/Credit Index.
 - Of the fixed income investment pool, 50% should be invested in a low-cost index fund with the benchmark of the Lehman Brothers 1-5 Year Government/Credit Index.
 - The distribution of funds should be reviewed annually and should be rebalanced if the actual allocations differ from the targets given here by more than 5%.
- The Council agreed to create categories of Departmental and Contributing Memberships, Departmental memberships to be offered to academic departments and contributing memberships offered to other organizations of interests to statisticians and probabilists. Initially, these memberships will carry the following privileges:
 - Individual Membership for one person in organization. This person will be the organization's representative to IMS.
 - \$100 off first job advertisement for the year on IMS Web Page and/or in IMS Bulletin. 10% off further advertisements.
 - Each Departmental and Contributing Member will be listed on the IMS Web Site with links to its home page.
 - Current institutional members will receive a 1-year free Departmental or Contributing Membership.

Second Council Meeting, August 3, 2006

- The Council agreed to split the current Lecture Notes and Monograph Series into the IMS Proceedings, Festschriften, and Memorial Volumes or some other appropriate name for the series, which includes volumes having multiple papers; and the IMS Lecture Notes and Monographs (typically, single-authored volumes).

Comment: In addition the Executive Committee will explore the possibility of cooperating with a commercial publisher to create a series of high-quality monographs of broad interest.

- The Council approved the creation of the refereed open access journal - Electronic Journal of Statistics. The IMS will seek co-sponsorship of the journal by other societies. The IMS Committee to Select Editors with approval of the Council will find the first editor. The editor will serve a three year term. Subsequent editors will be approved by the IMS Council. The IMS will fund up to \$5,000 per year for the journal.
- The Council agreed that the IMS will co-sponsor the open access electronic journal Statistics Surveys and will provide funding up to \$5,000 annually to support the journal. The IMS President will appoint a representative to the governing body for Statistics Surveys. This representative is the IMS Editor who will then be responsible to appoint additional IMS Editors editors in the same way Annals editors are responsible for appointment of their editors.
- The Council approved the hiring an IT Project Manager. The person may be hired as an employee or contracted.
- The Council approved the following for IMS Dues and Rates for 2007:
 - Continued Joint IMS/Bernoulli Membership – offered at a rate of 25% membership, if joining/renewing with both societies. Joint IMS/ISI/BS membership also to continue 2007. Rates will be 25% off for all membership categories. Joint IMS/BS members would receive full benefits from both societies.
 - Continue to offer a discount of 20% off for all members who renew IMS only membership (not IMS/BS or IMS/ISI/BS membership) by December 31. Discount for early renewal encourages members to renew in a timely manner and will save IMS expenses, this in turn is returned to the member via the discount.
 - Students are kept at \$0 dues rate plus they would receive one gratis print journal of their choice. Additional journals can be purchased at the student rate. We still require that they “renew” annually and they submit proof of student status (department head name/email).
 - The Institute aims to recover the marginal costs of manufacturing and mailing each member’s copy of the Annals and Statistical Science through membership prices for these journals. Similarly, IMS attempts to recover editorial, production and mailing expenses for the Bulletin, primarily distributed to members, through membership dues. Other direct expenses associated with running the Institute are shared by members and subscribers. Subscription rates for members are adjusted to reach current marginal costs for journals.
 - The adoption of the following resolution by the Council is required by the US Postal Service regulations. **Resolved:** The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The IMS Bulletin is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin Members pay annual dues of \$75. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$20), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$40), *The Annals of Probability* (\$40), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$30). Of the total dues paid, \$24 is allocated to the Bulletin and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received.
 - Individual subscriber prices are, in part, determined by individual membership dues as required by provisions of our periodicals postal permits. An individual subscriber price schedule is provided in

the table below. No electronic access is available to individual subscribers. The IMS currently has 5 nonmember individual subscribers.

Individual Membership Dues for 2007

	Regular	Reduced	New Graduate	Student	Life	Retired Life
IMS membership w/Bulletin	\$75	\$30	\$25/\$50	\$0	\$900	\$240
Joint IMS/BS Membership	~\$125 (exact \$ to be set)	TBD	~\$90/\$115	TBD	~\$65 to add BS annually	~\$65 to add BS annually
AAP	\$30	\$12	\$30	\$12	\$360	\$96
AOAS (free to AOS subscribers)	\$20	\$8	\$20	\$8	\$240	\$64
AOP	\$40	\$16	\$40	\$16	\$480	\$128
AOS	\$40	\$16	\$40	\$16	\$480	\$128
STS	\$20	\$8	\$20	\$8	\$240	\$64

Individual Subscription Prices for 2007

Title	Member Price	Max. Allowed	2007 Rates
Bulletin	\$0	\$70	\$70
AAP	\$30	\$186	\$115
AOAS	\$20	\$150	\$105
AOP	\$40	\$270	\$125
AOS	\$40	\$270	\$125
STS	\$20	\$150	\$105

Electronic Council Meeting September 14, 2006

- The Council approved the re-appointment of George Styan as abstracting editor of the Current Index to Statistics. The term is January 1-December 31, 2007.

Electronic Council Meeting September 30, 2006

- The Council approved the appointment of Anthony Davison as Editor of the IMS Lecture Notes - Monograph Series and the IMS Collections as recommended by the Committee to Select Editors. The term of appointment is Jan 2007-Dec 2009.

Electronic Council Meeting October 14, 2006

- The Council agreed to set up an Open Access Fund to which individuals and organizations can donate. The fund will be used to support the establishment and ongoing operation of open access publications and ventures to foster the development and dissemination of the theory and applications of statistics and probability.

BACKGROUND:

IMS currently has several open access publications, including; Probability Surveys, Statistics Surveys, Electronic Journal of Probability, Electronic Communications in Probability and Electronic Journal of Statistics. Each journal has modest expenses including typesetting, electronic platform placement and Arxiv posting. Three further IMS open access ventures are the posting of all IMS journal articles to ArXiv, assistance to members in posting to ArXiv, and the IMS biobibs project.

The hope is that an Open Access Fund will assist the IMS in defraying these expenses and provide an

opportunity for individuals and organizations to support such efforts. The above named publications and ventures and future ventures will be supported by the fund. Future ventures might include for example: an online encyclopedia of probability and statistics comparable to Wiley's Encyclopedia of Statistical Science, open access repositories for other professional content such as data, interactive graphics, teaching materials and software, and integration of such diverse content through a web portal.

Funds will be elicited from members and subscribers with the annual renewals both via email and by regular mail. The fund will be promoted in the IMS Bulletin, on the IMS Web Page and in the IMS e-bulletin. We expect to send a fund appeal annually.

Electronic Council Meeting October 22, 2006

- The Council approved Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics (CLAPEM), February 25 to March 3, 2007 in Lima, Peru for IMS sponsorship.