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National Academy new member

The **US National Academy of Medicine** (NAM) has announced the election of 70 regular members and 10 international members. Among them is Nicholas Patrick Jewell, University of California, Berkeley.

Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine, recognizing individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care, and public health. A diversity of talent among NAM's membership is assured by its Articles of Organization, which stipulate that at least one-quarter of the membership is selected from fields outside the health professions, for example, from law, engineering, social sciences, and the humanities—and statistics.

Nicholas P. Jewell

The newly elected members bring NAM's total membership to 2,127 and the number of international members to 172.

IMS Fellow Nicholas P. Jewell is Professor of Biostatistics and Statistics at the University of California, Berkeley. Since arriving at Berkeley in 1981, he has held various academic and administrative positions, most notably serving as Vice Provost from 1994 to 2000. He has also served as an Assistant Professor of Statistics at Princeton University (1979–1981), and held academic appointments at the University of Edinburgh, Oxford University, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and at the University of Kyoto. In 2007, he was a Fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study Center in Italy.

Dr. Jewell is a Fellow of IMS, the American Statistical Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received the 2012 Marvin Zelen Leadership Award in Statistical Science from Harvard University. He is the 2005 winner of the Snedecor Award from COPSS, and won the Distinguished Teaching Award from UC Berkeley's School of Public Health in 2004. In 2000, he was honored by the Director's Award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for providing "extraordinary leadership and vision in implementing strategies that enhance the disaster resistance of the University of California, Berkeley, and universities throughout America." In addition the 2005 Alfred E. Alquist Award was given to UC Berkeley's SAFER program that he launched and led for many years.

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IMS Members' News

American Association for the Advancement of Science announces 2017 Fellows

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has awarded the distinction of Fellow to 396 of its members for 2017 in recognition of their contributions to science and technology, scientific leadership and extraordinary achievements across disciplines. The new AAAS Fellows will be recognized on February 17, 2018, during the Fellows Forum at the 2018 AAAS Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. At the forum, the new Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a unique rosette pin, the emblem of Fellowship. The gold and blue colors of the AAAS Fellows' rosette signify science and engineering, respectively.

In the AAAS Section on Statistics were five IMS members and Fellows. Congratulations to Nicholas Jon Horton, Amherst College; Eric D. Kolaczyk, Boston University; Hongzhe Li, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine; Runze Li, Pennsylvania State University; and Douglas G. Simpson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

See the full list at the American Association for the Advancement of Science website: https://www.aaas.org/news/2017-aaas-fellows-recognized-advancing-science

ICM 2018 Plenary Speakers Lawler, Jordan


Greg Lawler


Michael Jordan

The International Congress of Mathematicians 2018 (ICM 2018) takes place August 1–9, 2018, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (see http://www.icm2018.org/). The organizing committee have announced 21 plenary lectures, among which are two by IMS Fellows, Gregory Lawler and Michael I. Jordan (you can read the complete list at http://www.icm2018.org/). The remaining part of the program, which includes short communications and poster presentations, will be released later.

Celebration of 2017 World Statistics Day at Ball State University

On October 26, Ball State University Statistics Group celebrated the 2017 United Nations World Statistics Day. The Colloquium Speaker was Dr. Mir Masoom Ali, the George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Statistics Emeritus, who founded the Statistics program at Ball State in 1971. He talked about the history of the Statistics program: among other things, he specifically talked about the success of the students and growth of the statistics program, now in its fifth decade. The day ended with a discussion session between Professor Ali and the statistics faculty and students.


Mir Masoom Ali

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Journal News

New editors for co-sponsored journals

We announce the new editors of three of our co-sponsored journals. Andreas Kyprianou will take over as editor of the *Electronic Journal of Probability* (from January 1, 2018 for three years), replacing Brian Rider. Giambattista Giacomin becomes the editor of *Electronic Communications in Probability*, replacing Sandrine Péché. Ben Hambly will serve a second term as the editor of *Probability Surveys*.

The *Electronic Journal of Probability* (*EJP*) publishes full-length research articles in probability theory. Short papers should be submitted first to its sister journal, *Electronic Communications in Probability* (*ECP*). *EJP* and *ECP* share the same editorial board, but with different Editors in Chief. *EJP* and *ECP* are open access official journals of IMS and the Bernoulli Society. Donations to the IMS Open Access Fund help to keep the journal free: https://secure.imstat.org/secure/orders/donations.asp. Read EJP and ECP online at https://projecteuclid.org/euclid.ejp and https://projecteuclid.org/euclid.ecp. These two journals have their recent papers listed in this issue, on pages 6–9.

Probability Surveys publishes survey articles in theoretical and applied probability. The style of articles may range from reviews of recent research to graduate textbook exposition. Articles may be broad or narrow in scope. The essential requirements are a well specified topic and target audience, together with clear exposition. See http://www.imstat.org/ps/.

OECD releases Guidelines

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has released two new publications: *Guidelines on Measuring Trust* (http://www.oecd.org/std/oecd-guidelines-on-measuring-trust-9789264278219-en.htm) and *Guidelines on Measuring the Quality of the Work Environment* (http://www.oecd.org/std/oecd-guidelines-on-measuring-the-quality-of-the-working-environment-9789264278240-en.htm).

Trust, at the interpersonal and institutional level, is a key ingredient of growth, societal well-being and governance. To improve existing measures of trust, these new Guidelines are a first attempt at providing international recommendations on collecting, publishing, and analyzing trust data to encourage their use by national statistical agencies. They also include a number of prototype survey modules on trust that national and international agencies can use in their household surveys.

Quality of the working environment depends on a wide range of factors that ultimately determine workers' well-being at the workplace. These new Guidelines aim to improve the measurement of these factors by taking stock of current data availability, reviewing the analytic and policy uses of these measures, proposing a conceptual framework, assessing the statistical quality of measures, and providing guidance on methodological challenges. They also include a number of prototype surveys modules that national and international agencies can use in their surveys.

A fully cooperative effort between the OECD, BIS, ECB, Fondazione AIB, the IMF, national central banks (Austria, Italy and Portugal), national statistical offices (Australia and Canada), and the Treasury of Canada, these publications are intended for young statisticians, students, journalists, economists, policymakers and citizens who want to know more about the statistics that are at the heart of the analysis of financial developments in OECD economies.

Takis Tackles Mathematical Education

Introducing **Takis Konstantopoulos**, one of our Contributing Editors. Takis did his basic studies at NTUA in Greece where he learned a lot about many subjects ("from complex analysis to quantum mechanics, signal processing, control…") and his MSc (on Lévy's Brownian motion) and PhD (in stochastic networks) at UC Berkeley. He says, "I have a tremendous curiosity about everything and enjoy connections. This is probably what made me an academic random walker from INRIA in France, UT Austin, Heriot-Watt in Edinburgh, to Uppsala in Sweden as a chair in Mathematical Statistics, always leaving a tenured position to go to the next one. I love honest applications as much as I love theory."

A student walked into my office to say hi, a couple of years after graduating with an MSc degree, and asked, "Why didn't you teach us the central limit theorem for dependent random variables, e.g., martingales? These are the kind of things we need at work." (He was working in the late 90's for an internet company on the East coast.) I replied that he was right but there's a limit to what can be covered in a one-semester course of graduate-level probability for a mixed student audience. I was, however, very pleased to realize, once again, that it is often applications that demand more theory.

I would like to talk here about stochastics (in its all-encompassing sense), mathematics and applications, and about teaching and learning.

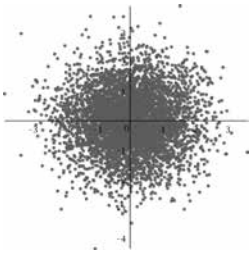
I do not understand the distinction between teaching and research, or the difference between theory and applications. How can one teach without being curious to discover something? What's wrong with having an honest applied viewpoint but also being interested in theory *per se*? David Blackwell once said, "Basically, I'm not interested in doing research and I never have been. I'm interested in understanding, which is quite a different thing. And often to understand something you have to work it out yourself because no one else has done it." This is a great attitude. If you have this attitude then, undoubtedly you also think about how to explain what you do. Unfortunately, we are told that differences ought to exist, but who says so, and for what purpose?

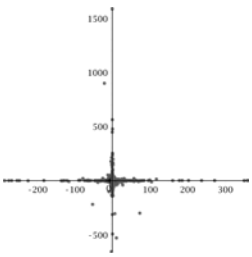
One problem with stochastics is that undergraduate education in "natural sciences and engineering" follows by and large the Newtonian tradition. Sets are things that a student visualizes, functions are smooth, rules and regulations are taught. (And yet, crime of crimes, geometry is gone! In Sweden and perhaps elsewhere, high school students do not learn—see below—any demonstration of the Pythagorean theorem.) When entering the realm of stochastics, therefore, a student comes with preconceived ideas that are hard to break. So we end up teaching in a way that leaves the interesting math for later (or for never). Stochastics needs, at a fundamental level, intuition that is distinct from "Newtonian math". And one has to work hard if one is to pass the message properly to the uninitiated. For example, when we want to argue that $\mathbb{P}(A)$ is less than or equal to $\mathbb{P}(B)$ then we really are working at the logic level: A implies B. This innocuous thing, something that we may smile at, is not something we teach at the Newtonian level.

As for measure theory, why not have it as part of a beginning course, just like we have some elements of analysis as part of a calculus course? I'm not suggesting proving Carathéodory's theorem, but merely present a way for a student to become familiar with the language, some tools, and usage of the subject. Too controversial? Perhaps, but it can be done if we steal some time from endless calculus drills. Because stochastics is more fundamental to the whole of mathematics than ever before.

Learning:

I must insist that nothing can be learned unless understood, at some level. If a proof is possible at the student's level, one must learn it (or them). For more advanced topics, there is always something that we can explain, even when we teach "stats for poets". Say a student tells you that a normal density is a bell-shaped curve and you wish to convince him or her that that's not good enough. Well, do a scatter plot of 5000 points (x, y) drawn from the product normal density. You see a fuzzy circle [*right*]. Repeat with, say, a Cauchy density which, to me, looks like a bell-shaped curve too. You get a fuzzy cross [*below left*]. At this point, sub-exponentiality can also be invoked or explained: if $x+y$ is big, then chances are that either x or y (but not both) is big. This should trigger the students' curiosity, and the better ones will ask questions. The point is always to trigger curiosity and to provide constructive challenges.





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Proofs:

Do you do proofs, or not? For me, it depends on the level, background, and goal. For example, schoolchildren must learn a proof of the Pythagorean theorem in order to learn it. I insist that every undergraduate probability course have a proof of the strong law of large numbers for an easy case (Bernoulli variables). That's instructive and not hard at all. (After all, we are talking about the fundamental theorem of probability.) A proof is not just a means of establishing the veracity of a statement. Each proof tells its own story and gives new light. Algebra colleagues do proofs in their courses right away. A student ought to know not only the formula for the geometric sum $p^1 + p^2 + \ldots + p^n$, but also why it is so. Here is a personal story again: A student once thought he had to compute $1^p + 2^p + \ldots + n^p$ instead of the above sum. "That's harder," I said, "but, if p is a positive integer then it's also a geometric sum, if you view it the right way". Well, the student turned out to be a bright one so I could show him what the "right way" was. (Question to the reader: do you see what I mean? And do you see why this sum is relevant to probability?)

At a more advanced level, I advocate rigor but also perspective. In particular, give a perspective of why stochastics is important both in applications and in other fields of "deterministic" mathematics. Persi Diaconis told me once that a famous analyst had asked him what's so special with a probability measure. This sort of thing can be discussed in a more advanced class, as a starting point for giving connections. The usual remark that probability is just measure theory together with independence is as misleading as saying that Erdős's probabilistic method is just the first axiom of probability theory (the empty set always has probability 0 or, equivalently, if there exists a $\mathbb{P}$ such that $\mathbb{P}(A) > 0$ then A is nonempty). Because this does not convey the struggle, for example, of Yitang Zhang (and of Daniel Goldston, János Pintz and Cem Yıldırım) who showed, essentially using this method, that there is a c such that there are infinitely many successive primes at a distance less than c (which is probably 2). Probability measures come with a whole bag of intuition, new ideas, new techniques, new problems and new ways of thinking. Who would have thought that coupling can be useful in analysis? For example, (regular) conditional probability provides a means for constructing a natural measure on a manifold by "restricting" the natural uniform measure sitting in the ambient space through a procedure called disintegration (see, e.g., J.T. Chang and D. Pollard, Conditioning as disintegration, *Statistica Neerlandica* **51**, 287–317, 1997). The statistical way of thinking offers a lot to many fields of mathematics. At the minimum, it often guides one to ask the right questions. The list is very big but I'm constrained here by space.

In closing, I am reflecting on Yoram Gat's column in the October/November 2017 issue, "Learning as the replication of knowledge," (http://bulletin.imstat.org/2017/10/pro-bono-statistics-learning-as-the-replication-of-knowledge/) in which he rightly wonders, *inter alia*, if there are lessons devoted to how learning occurs. In several countries in Europe, younger faculty members are supposed to be trained by attending very lengthy pedagogical courses. However, I have not met any single individual (in mathematical sciences) who has found these courses useful at all, other than learning some practical matters. Those courses advocate the point of view that learning is independent of the subject or the discipline. I do not agree with this. In my opinion, and experience, learning mathematics is very different from learning literature, although I would be the first to recommend to a mathematician to spend some time reading good literature.

A question

A question to all of you, then: what is your opinion and experience of pedagogical courses? In my accumulated experience, I have observed that independent thought is increasingly discouraged. And that the system of rewards (exams) is very little correlated with knowledge obtained. In a large number of universities, students receive vocational training, they learn by rote and are merely being taught how to pass exams. Last but not least, let us take a look at how students are prepared in schools. In the Swedish educational system, mathematics has virtually been eliminated from schools. Some more daring schools offer courses in gaming (https://www.thelocal.se/20160224/swedish-school-starts-elite-training-for-gamers) while others make it mandatory that students take a class in playing Minecraft (https://www.thelocal.se/20130109/45514) as they think that this encourages thinking. *Does it?*

Does teaching Minecraft in schools encourage children to develop their thinking skills?

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12th International Vilnius Conference on Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics

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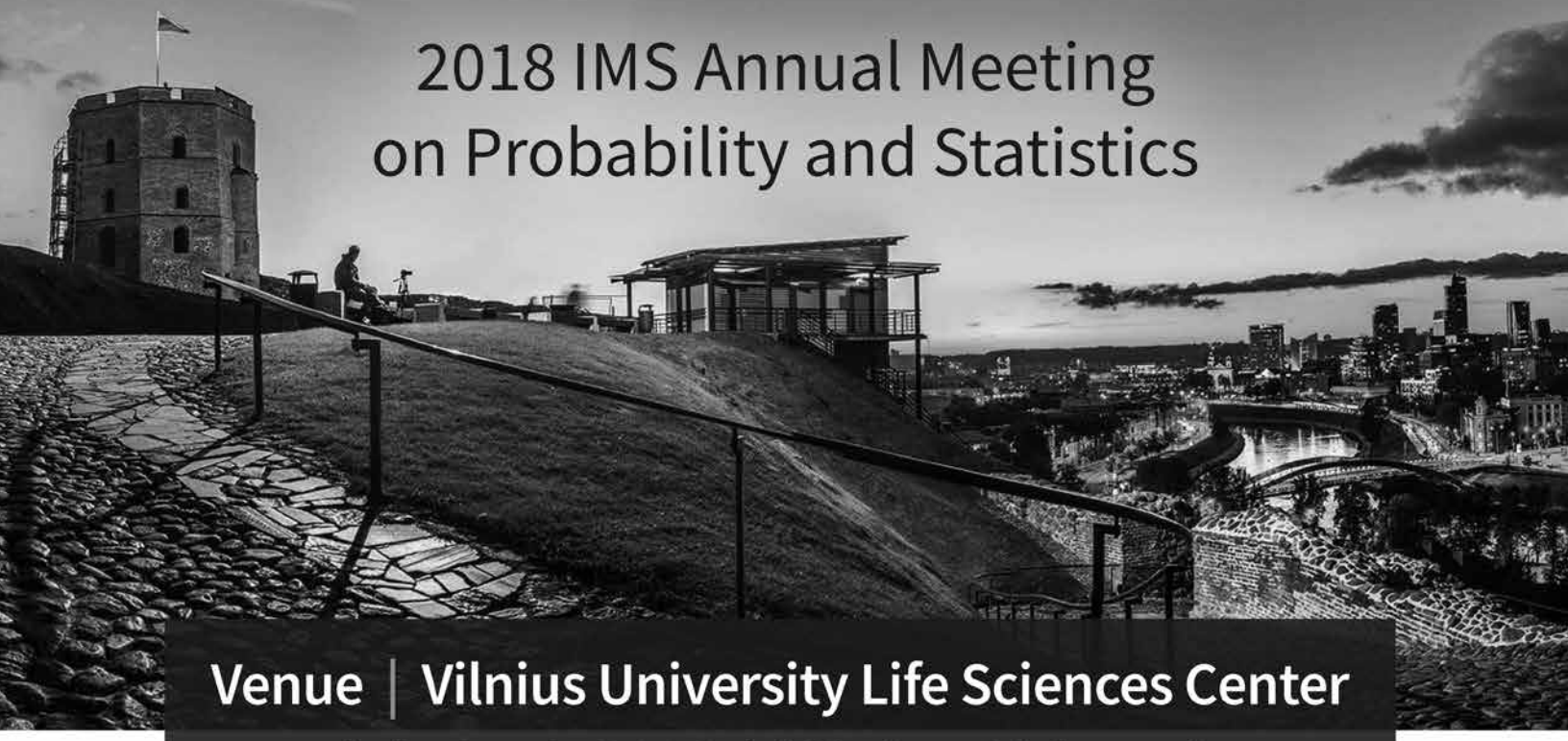

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- **Wald Lectures – Luc Devroye**
  (McGill University Montreal)
- **Le Cam Lecture – Ruth Williams**
  (UC San Diego)
- **Neyman Lecture – Peter Bühlmann**
  (ETH Zurich)
- **Schramm Lecture – Yuval Peres**
  (Microsoft Research Redmond)
- **Vilnius Lecture – Liudas Giraitis**
  (Queen Mary University of London)

- **Medallion Lecture – Jean Bertoin**
  (University of Zurich)
- **Medallion Lecture – Svante Janson**
  (Uppsala University)
- **Medallion Lecture – Thomas Mikosch**
  (University of Copenhagen)
- **Medallion Lecture – Sonia Petrone**
  (Bocconi University Milan)
- **Medallion Lecture – Richard Samworth**
  (University of Cambridge)

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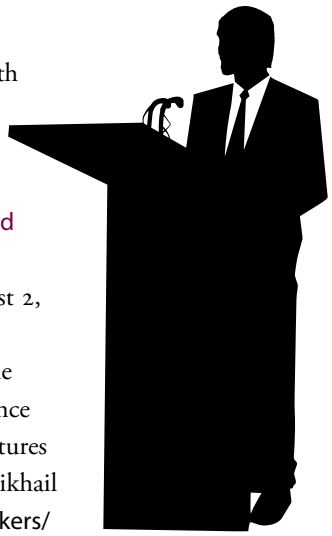
IMS Special Invited Lecturers in 2018



Coming up in 2018, we have a number of special lectures at IMS sponsored and co-sponsored meetings.

Most of these will be delivered at the **IMS Annual Meeting in Vilnius**, held in conjunction with the 12th International Vilnius Conference on Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics (July 2–6, 2018). The Wald Lectures will be delivered by Luc Devroye; the 2018 Le Cam Lecturer is Ruth Williams; the Neyman Lecturer is Peter Bühlmann, and the Schramm Lecturer is Yuval Peres. Six Medallion lectures will also be given at this meeting, by Jean Bertoin, Svante Janson, Thomas Mikosch, Sonia Petrone, Richard Samworth and Allan Sly. See http://ims-vilnius2018.com/plenary-speakers/

Anthony Davison and Ming Yuan will give their Medallion lectures at JSM in Vancouver (July 28–August 2, 2018). See https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2018/index.cfm

SPA 2018, the 40th Stochastic Processes and their Applications conference in Gothenburg, Sweden (June 11–15, 2018) will feature two Medallion lectures, by Anna De Masi and Davar Khoshnevisan. (The conference will also feature a Lévy lecture from Alison Etheridge, a Doob lecture from Jeffrey Steif, and ten Plenary lectures from Robert Adler, Francois Baccelli, Mia Deijfen, Patricia Gonçalves, Kurt Johansson, Olav Kallenberg, Mikhail Menshikov, Annie Millet, Asaf Nachmias and Nike Sun.) See http://spa2018.org/programme/plenary-speakers/

Obituary: Ronald K. Getoor

1929–2017

Ron Getoor

Ronald Kay Getoor, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Mathematics at the University of California, San Diego, died peacefully at his home on October 28, 2017. He was 88.

Getoor was born in Royal Oak, Michigan, on February 9, 1929. He attended the University of Michigan, receiving an A.B. in Mathematics in 1950, an M.S. in Mathematics in 1951, and a PhD in Mathematics in 1954 under the direction of Arthur H. Copeland. Getoor spent two post-doctoral years (1954–1956) at Princeton University as a Fine Instructor. At Princeton, he came in contact with William Feller, Kiyoshi Itô, and Henry P. McKean, Jr. (then Feller's student). Itô had a profound impact on Getoor, influencing the direction of his research in the years that followed. Getoor was appointed Assistant Professor at the University of Washington in 1956, arriving in the same year as his future collaborator Robert M. Blumenthal. Getoor had advanced to Full Professor by the time he moved south to the nascent Mathematics Department at UC San Diego in 1966. He spent the rest of his career at UC San Diego, achieving the highly distinguished rank of Professor Above-Scale. Although he formally retired in 2000, he continued an active research program until about 2010. Getoor visited various other institutions over the years, including MIT in 1959-60 under an NSF postdoctoral fellowship and Stanford University on a sabbatical.

Getoor was one of the leaders in the growth of Probability Theory that began in the 1950s and continues to this day. His research career spanned more than 50 years, and during that time he focused on the study of stochastic processes, principally Markov processes. In the late 1950s, Getoor and Blumenthal set out to understand the then-recent work of Gilbert Hunt on the connection between Markov processes and potential theory (extending the connections between Brownian motion and Newtonian potential theory that were known to Perron, Wiener, Kakutani, and others). They succeeded in this mission, and developed a detailed theory of the "additive functionals" of such Markov processes, resulting in the foundational work *Markov Processes and Potential Theory*, which appeared in 1968. Offshoots of this program were illuminating and groundbreaking work on stable processes and on the local times of Markov processes. This work has had a lasting impact on the field, and is frequently cited even today.

Shortly after moving to San Diego, Getoor started a second long-term collaboration with Michael J. Sharpe, who joined the UC San Diego mathematics faculty in 1967. Their joint work covered an impressive stretch, from abstract results on general Markov processes to detailed investigation of the intricate behavior of Bessel processes. Perhaps the most important of this work was the influential paper "Conformal Martingales" and their extensive work on last-exit times and excursions.

Starting in the early 1980s, Getoor became interested in the so-called Kuznetsov process, which is the stationary version of a given strong Markov process, with time extending to infinity in both directions. Such a process provides a probabilistic embodiment of the analytic duality relationship that was a cornerstone of the earlier work with Blumenthal. This path-wise view of "time reversal" became a key tool in the detailed study of the excessive measures of a Markov process. These studies, some in collaboration with Patrick J. Fitzsimmons, culminated in Getoor's definitive monograph on the subject *Excessive Measures*, which appeared in 1990.

Over his career, Getoor published more that 100 research articles and three books. Two of these books have been mentioned above; the third is the brief Markov processes: Ray processes and right processes (1975), which describes with admirable lucidity how the "Ray-Knight compactification" can be used in the study of strong Markov processes. Getoor's papers are notable for their clarity of exposition and attention to detail.

Getoor was elected a Fellow of the IMS in 1971, and was among the inaugural class of Fellows of the American Mathematical Society, in 2013. He was an invited speaker at the 1970 International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) in Nice.

Getoor was a dedicated teacher and mentor. Over the years he taught mathematics courses at all levels. He supervised the Ph.D. theses of nine students at UC San Diego, and he hosted post-doctoral visits to UC San Diego of several other mathematicians. Along with Kai Lai Chung and Erhan Çinlar, he founded in 1981 the "Seminar on Stochastic Processes," a yearly gathering of "kindred spirits working on stochastic processes" with the aim of stimulating discussion and collaboration. The "Seminar" has continued uninterrupted for more than 35 years.

As one of the senior members of the mathematics department, Getoor helped shape the growth of the department and

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especially of the probability group, as UC San Diego grew over the years. He was known within the department and around campus for his sage advice and was tapped to serve on the all important Academic Senate Committee on Academic Personnel (then called the Budget Committee). Once the faculty club was built in 1988, Getoor enjoyed lunching at Euclid's table with mathematics colleagues and mathematics buffs from around campus; he also helped advise the club by serving on its Board of Directors.

As a young man Getoor was a competitive table tennis player and won a state championship. Throughout his life, Getoor enjoyed the outdoors, including hiking, body surfing (particularly at Scripps, Torrey Pines and Del Mar), and he enjoyed road trips to wine country, the California and Pacific Northwest coasts, and national parks. He was an avid fan of classical music and the opera, attending the San Diego Opera as a season subscriber for many years.

Ron is survived by his second wife Anne Westbrook Getoor, his daughter Lise Getoor who is a professor in the Computer Science department at UC Santa Cruz, his brother Richard Getoor of Cincinnati, OH, his sister Jackie Kuthy of Fort Lauderdale, FL, stepchildren Thomas Westbrook and John Westbrook, step grandchildren Emma, Lilli, Marian, and Philip, and nieces and nephews including Donna Beshgetoor of San Diego.

Those wishing to honor Ron Getoor's memory are asked to donate to the Ronald Getoor Memorial Fund for Mathematical Probability Research at UC San Diego. Donations can be made online at http://bit.ly/GetoorMemorialFund. A memorial gathering will be scheduled at a later date for family, friends and colleagues.

Patrick J. Fitzsimmons, Michael J. Sharpe and Ruth J. Williams, University of California, San Diego

Awards: Nominate or apply now!

Nominate for Carver Award or Fellowship

The **Carver Medal** was created by the IMS in honor of Harry C. Carver, for exceptional service specifically to the IMS. It is open to any IMS member who has not previously been elected President. See http://imstat.org/awards/carver.html. Deadline **February 1**.

IMS Fellows demonstrate distinction in research in statistics or probability, by publication of independent work of merit; alternatively, as well-established leaders whose contributions to the field of statistics or probability other than original research is judged of equal value; or whose work has contributed greatly to the utility of and the appreciation of these areas. Candidates for fellowship should have been members of the IMS for at least two years. See http://imstat.org/awards/fellows.htm. Deadline **January 31**.

Apply for a Travel Award

Applications are open for two types of travel awards. The **IMS Hannan Graduate Student Travel Award** funds travel and registration to attend (and possibly present a paper/poster at) an IMS sponsored or co-sponsored meeting, and are for *IMS members who are graduate students (seeking a Masters or PhD degree) studying some area of statistical science or probability*. If you are a New Researcher (awarded your PhD in 2012–17) looking for travel funds, you should apply for the **IMS New Researcher Travel Award** to fund travel, and possibly other expenses, to present a paper or a poster at an IMS sponsored or co-sponsored meeting. See http://www.imstat.org/awards/hannan.html and http://www.imstat.org/awards/travel.htmlSee http://imstat.org/awards/travel.html. Deadline **February 1**.

IMS Child Care Initiative

The purpose of the IMS Child Care Initiative is to encourage and support the participation at IMS Annual Meetings of IMS members who have child care responsibilities. The next one is in Vilnius, Lithuania, July 2–6, 2018: http://ims-vilnius2018.com/.

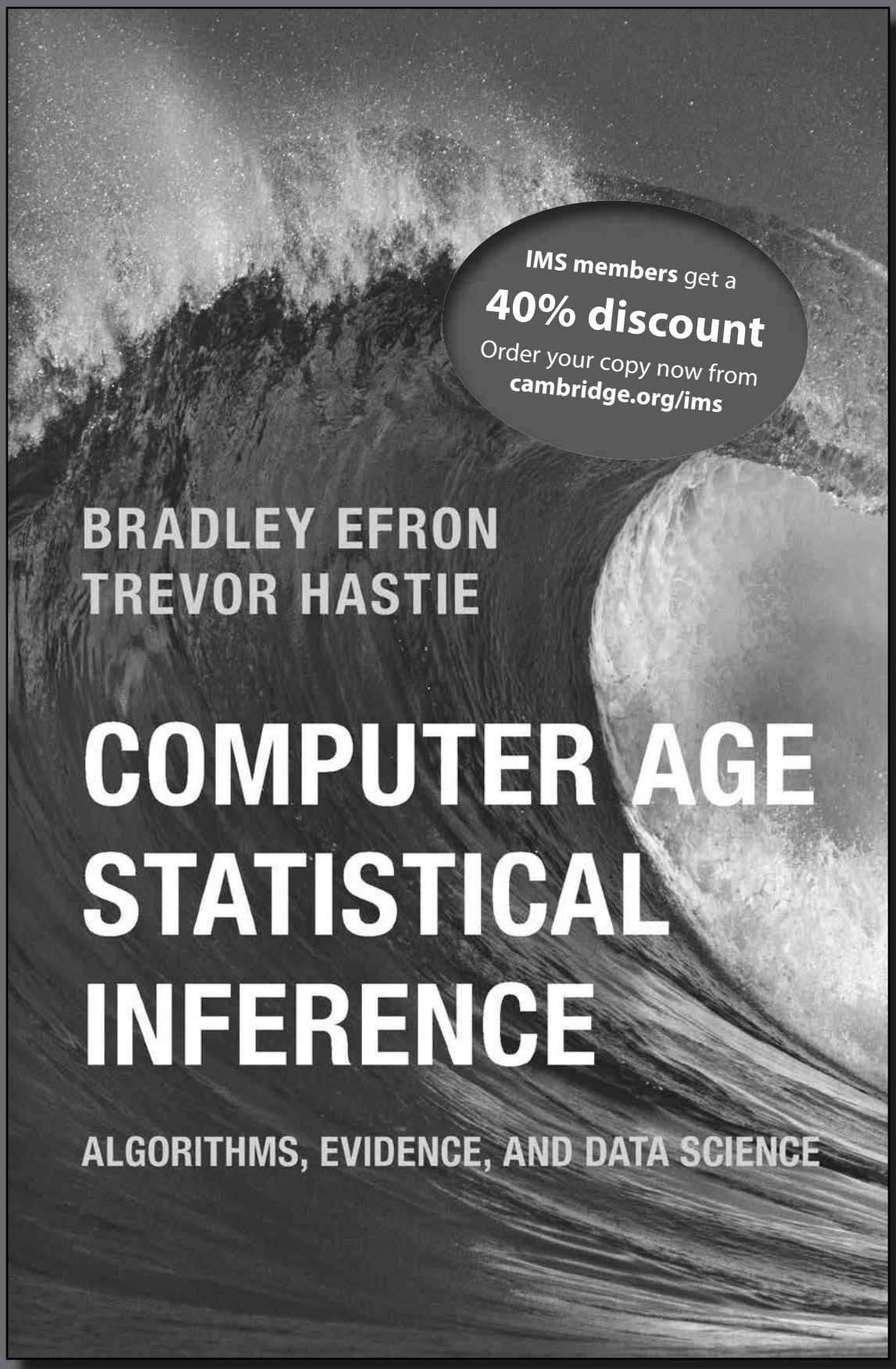
The IMS will reimburse members 80% of the costs of privately arranged child care* (for a dependent under the age of 13) at the IMS Annual Meeting, up to a maximum of US$250 per family. Priority will be given to those presenting papers or posters at the meeting. Not more than 40 grants may be awarded. For details, see http://imstat.org/meetings/childcare.htm

A letter requesting funds must be submitted to IMS Executive Director, Elyse Gustafson, at the IMS office (see panel on page 2 for address) by **June 1**. The letter should include the following:

- The member's name and email address
- Copy of registration, and copy of receipt for abstract submission (if applicable)
- Projected amount of child care expenses for the time of the meeting.

After the meeting, please submit a complete receipt showing total amount of child care expenses, dates of care and names and birth dates of dependents, together with the claiming member's name and address.

* If, instead of hiring a child care provider, the member chooses to bring an unpaid family member or friend to the meeting to provide child care, the IMS can reimburse 80% of the cost of their travel, up to $250.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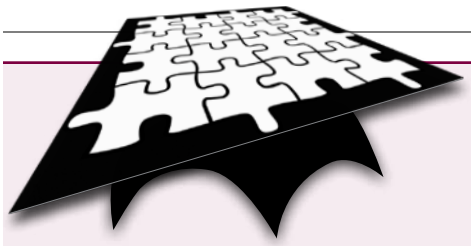
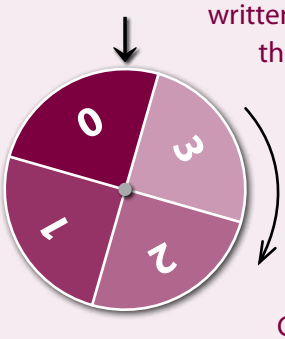


Student Puzzle Corner 19

A reminder of last issue's puzzle, posed by guest contributor Stanislav Volkov, Centre for Mathematical Sciences at Lund University in Sweden:

Suppose that you have a rotating wheel with $M = 4$ numbers 0, 1, 2 and 3 equidistantly written on it, and a sequence of probabilities $p_1, p_2, \ldots$. At time $n = 0$ the wheel has "0" on the top. Let $Y_n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ be the number which is shown on the top of the wheel at time n. For each time $n \geq 1$, with probability p_n, independently of the past, you rotate the wheel 90 degrees clockwise, so that Y_{n+1} becomes (Y_n+1) mod 4. With the remaining probability you do nothing.



Now assume also that p_n is summable; then by the Borel–Cantelli Lemma you rotate the wheel only finitely many times; consequently $Y_n = Y_\infty$ for all sufficiently large n.

Question:
Given $Y_0 = 0$, what is the probability that $Y_\infty = 0$?

The answer should be quite a simple formula as a function of p_n. In particular, if $p_n = \frac{1}{2n^2+1}$, show that this probability is just barely smaller than ½, namely

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}\cosh(\pi/2) + \sin(\pi/\sqrt{2})}{4\sinh(\pi/\sqrt{2})}.$$

The Student Puzzle Corner contains problems in statistics or probability. Solving them may require a literature search.

Student IMS members are invited to submit solutions (to bulletin@imstat.org with subject "Student Puzzle Corner"). The deadline is **January 15, 2018**.

The names and affiliations of student members who submit correct solutions, and the answer, will be published in the following issue. The Puzzle Editor's decision is final.

Deadline: January 15, 2018

Bernoulli Society New Researcher Award

The Bernoulli Society welcomes submissions to the New Researcher Award. Each awardee will deliver a 30-minute talk during the ISI World Congress in Malaysia in 2019 (August 18–23, 2019, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: see **http://www.isi2019.org/**), and will receive funding of up to 1000€ (roughly US$1150) to offset their travel and other expenses. *Bernoulli News* will publish their pictures and a paragraph about their work.

Interested candidates should submit a three-page synopsis of their presentation, along with their CV, to **ber.soc.yra@gmail.com** by **February 28, 2018.**

Eligible candidates are active researchers in Mathematical Statistics who, at the time of submission, are regular members of the Bernoulli Society and are within five years of receiving their PhD. Female candidates get one extra year for each child born since receiving their PhD.

IMS meetings around the world

Joint Statistical Meetings: 2018–2023

IMS sponsored meeting

JSM 2018

July 28–August 2, 2018. Vancouver, Canada

w http://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2018/

Abstract submission is open for contributed papers/posters, speed presentations, topic-contributed papers/panels, and roundtable discussions. http://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2018/submissions.cfm#abstracts Join us in Vancouver, for one of the biggest statistical events of the year: with more than 6,000 attendees (including over 1,000 students) from 52 countries, and over 600 sessions, it's a busy few days! The theme is *"Lead with Statistics."*

IMS sponsored meetings: JSM dates for 2019–2023

IMS Annual Meeting @ JSM 2019	**JSM 2020**	**IMS Annual Meeting @ JSM 2021**	**2022 Joint Statistical Meetings**	**IMS Annual Meeting @ JSM 2023**
July 27–August 1, 2019, Denver, CO	**August 1–6, 2020 Philadelphia, PA**	**August 7–12, 2021, Seattle, WA**	**August 6–11, 2022 Washington, D.C.**	**August 5–10, 2023 Toronto, ON, Canada**

IMS co-sponsored meeting

ISNPS2018: The 4th Conference of the International Society for Non-Parametric Statistics

June 11–15, 2018. Salerno, Italy

w http://www.isnps2018.it/

The ISNPS (International Society of Non-Parametric Statistics) conferences take place biennially. The Fourth Conference of ISNPS is scheduled to take place in Salerno, southern Italy, next June, and is co-sponsored by the IMS, the ISI, and other organizations.

The conference will bring forth recent advances and trends in several areas of nonparametric statistics, in order to facilitate the exchange of research ideas, promote collaboration among researchers from all over the world, and contribute to the further development of the field. The program will include plenary talks, special invited talks, invited talks, contributed talks and posters on all areas of nonparametric statistics. A roundtable discussion on the constitution of ISNPS and future conferences will also take place.

Researchers who are interested in ISNPS and/or would like to participate in its Fourth Conference by giving a contributed talk or poster are encouraged to register online or contact ISNPS at the email: isnps2018@unisa.it.

IMS co-sponsored meeting

Frontier Probability Days

Corvallis, OR, USA. March 29–31, 2018

w TBC

IMS co-sponsored meeting

2018 IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meeting

June 26–29, 2018

Singapore

w https://ims-aprm2018.stat.nus.edu.sg/

The fifth IMS Asia Pacific Rim meeting (IMS-APRM) will be held in Singapore from June 26–29, 2018. It will provide an excellent forum for researchers in Asia and the Pacific Rim, and promote communications and collaborations between researchers in this area and those from other parts of the world.

The program, covering a wide range of topics in statistics and probability, includes **Plenary Lectures** from Rick Durrett and Bin Yu, and many Distinguished Speakers.

IMS co-sponsored meeting NEW

Elastic Functional and Shape Data Analysis

July 16–20, 2018

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

w https://stat.osu.edu/cbms-efsda

NSF is funding one CBMS Regional Conference in statistics in 2018. The lecturer is Anuj Srivastava, Florida State.

At a glance:

forthcoming IMS Annual Meeting and JSM dates

2018

IMS Annual Meeting: Vilnius, Lithuania, **July 2–6, 2018**

JSM: Vancouver, Canada, **July 28–August 2, 2018**

2019

IMS Annual Meeting @ JSM: Denver, CO, **July 27–August 1, 2019**

2020

IMS Annual Meeting/ 10th World Congress: Seoul, South Korea, **August 17–21, 2020**

JSM: Philadelphia, **August 1–6, 2020**

2021

IMS Annual Meeting @ JSM: Seattle, **August 7–12, 2021**

2022

IMS Annual Meeting: TBC

JSM: Washington, **August 6–11, 2022**

IMS co-sponsored meeting

40th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA)
June 11–15, 2018. Gothenburg, Sweden

NEW w http://spa2018.org/

The 40th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA 2018) will be held June 11–15, 2018, at the Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Submission of proposals for contributed sessions, contributed talks and posters are welcomed! The organizers encourage early submissions to leave the accepted speakers plenty of time to make travel and funding arrangements. The submissions will be assessed and good proposals are accepted on a regular basis. Accepted contributed talks will be grouped into additional contributed sessions after the submission deadline, March 2, 2018.

Plenary speakers: Robert Adler, Francois Baccelli, Mia Deijfen, Alison Etheridge (Lévy lecture), Patricia Gonçalves, Kurt Johansson, Olav Kallenberg, Davar Khoshnevisan (IMS Medallion lecture), Anna De Masi (IMS Medallion lecture), Mikhail Menshikov, Annie Millet, Elchanan Mossel, Asaf Nachmias, Jeffrey Steif (Doob lecture), and Nike Sun.

IMS co-sponsored meeting

NEW

The 6th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
May 4–6, 2018. Atlanta, GA

w https://math.gsu.edu/yichuan/2018Workshop/

The 6th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics will take place May 4–6, 2018, in Atlanta. The goal of the workshop is to stimulate research and to foster the interaction of researchers in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics. It will provide the opportunity for faculty and graduate students to meet with top researchers in small groups, identify important directions for future research, and facilitate research collaboration.

The keynote speaker is Hongyu Zhao, the Ira V. Hiscock Professor of Biostatistics and Professor of Statistics and Genetics at Yale University, and recipient of the Mortimer Spiegelman Award. Invited sessions and a poster session are also part of the workshop.

Partial travel awards will be awarded to select conference participants as priority will be given to senior graduate students, post-graduate, recent PhDs, junior faculty, and under-represented groups.

IMS co-sponsored meeting

41st Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA)
July 8–12, 2019
Evanston, IL, USA

w TBC

The 2019 Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications will be held in Evanston, Illinois. Details to follow.

IMS sponsored meeting

WNAR/IMS Meeting
June 24–27, 2018
Edmonton, Canada

w http://www.wnar.org/Meetings

Next summer's WNAR/IMS meeting will be held June 24–27, 2018, at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. The local organizers are Bei Jiang and Linglong Kong. Details coming soon.

IMS sponsored mtg

2018 IMS Annual Meeting & 12th Vilnius Conference on Prob. Theory & Math. Statistics
July 2–6, 2018
Vilnius, Lithuania

NEW w http://ims-vilnius2018.com/

Program Co-chairs Peter Bühlmann (IMS) and Vygantas Paulauskas (Vilnius). Local Chair is Remigijus Leipus.

IMS co-sponsored meeting

SAE2018: Small Area Estimation and Other Topics of Current Interest in Surveys, Official Statistics, and General Statistics
June 16–18, 2018
East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

w www.sae2018.com

This conference includes a celebration of Professor Danny Pfeffermann's 75th Birthday.

IMS sponsored meetings

ENAR dates, 2018–2020
March 25–28, 2018: in Atlanta, GA
March 24–27, 2019: in Philadelphia, PA
March 22–25, 2020: in Nashville, TN

w http://www.enar.org/meetings/future.cfm

Register by February 1, 2018 to receive early bird rates. Preliminary program is online.

IMS co-sponsored meeting

Bernoulli/IMS 10th World Congress in Probability and Statistics
August 17–21, 2020. Seoul, South Korea

w TBC

The next World Congress in Probability and Statistics will be in Seoul, South Korea.

Other meetings and events around the world

Meeting the Statistical Challenges in High Dimensional Data and Complex Networks
February 5–16, 2018
National University of Singapore
NEW WEBSITE:
w http://ims.nus.edu.sg/events/2018/wstat/index.php
The program of this two-week workshop aims at showing the role of modern statistical methods in complex data and serves to support interactions among mathematicians, statisticians, engineers and scientists working in the interface of experiment, computation, analysis and statistics. Two workshops with a few special lectures will focus on the development of new statistical methods in high dimensional data and complex networks with their interactions in scientific and social sciences. It seeks to foster activity and collaboration on all aspects of the effects of the high dimensional data analysis and social networks.

Please note the new meeting website.

11th International Conference on Extreme Value Analysis NEW
July 1–5, 2019
Zagreb, Croatia
w http://web.math.hr/eva2019
The 11th International Conference on Extreme Value Analysis will take place in Zagreb, Croatia. It will schedule presentations on all Probabilistic and Statistical aspects of Extreme Value Analysis and applications in Climate and Atmospheric Science,Industrial Risks, Geosciences, Hydrology, Finance, Economics and Insurance, Biosciences, Physics, and Telecommunications and Stochastic Networks. All students, researchers, practitioners, and scientists with interests in statistics of extremes are welcome.

International Total Survey Error Workshop (ITSEW) NEW
June 4–6, 2018
Durham, NC, USA
w https://dism.ssri.duke.edu/itsew-2018
Contact: Alexandra Cooper cooper@duke.edu
The 2018 ITSEW, hosted by the Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology and the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina is aimed at statisticians, survey managers and methodologists, pollsters, public opinion researchers, and marketing research professionals focused on survey quality and the challenges of combined data products. Through presentations and exchange of information the workshop aims to support a better understanding of total survey error.

The 7th Symposium on Conformal and Probabilistic Prediction with Applications (COPA 2018) NEW
June 11–13, 2018
Maastricht, The Netherlands
w http://clrc.rhul.ac.uk/copa2018/index.html
Conformal prediction was developed originally at the end of the 1990s and summarized in the monograph "Algorithmic Learning in a Random World", Springer, New York, 2005. The main purpose of this method is to complement predictions delivered by various algorithms of Machine Learning with provably valid measures of their accuracy and reliability under the assumption that the observations are independent and identically distributed. Conformal prediction is a universal tool in several senses; in particular, it can be used in combination with any known machine learning algorithm, such as SVM, Neural Networks, Ridge Regression, etc. It has been applied to a variety of problems from diagnostics of depression to the behaviour of bots.

A sister method of Venn prediction was developed at the same time as conformal prediction and is used for probabilistic prediction. The COPA series of workshops/symposia is a home for work in both conformal and Venn prediction, as reflected in its full name "Conformal and Probabilistic Prediction with Applications". The aim of this symposium is to serve as a forum for the presentation of new and ongoing work and the exchange of ideas between researchers on any aspect of Conformal and Probabilistic Prediction and their applications to interesting problems of any field.

ISBA World Meeting NEW
June 24–29, 2018. Edinburgh, UK
w https://bayesian.org/isba2018/
The world meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) will take place in Edinburgh, a beautiful and historical location closely associated with Thomas Bayes, who studied logic and theology at the University of Edinburgh as an undergraduate (circa 1719–1722).

The meeting will include foundational lectures presented by Alan Gelfand, Anthony O'Hagan, Judith Rousseau, and Ed George. In addition, keynote speakers include Nicolas Chopin, Montse Fuentes, Steve MacEachern, and Michael Jordan.

ISBA 2018 is the continuation of the traditional Valencia/ISBA Meetings regularly held since 1979. They represent a unique event where the Bayesian community gathers together to discuss recent advances and the future of the profession.

Recent Trends in Continuous and Discrete Probability
NEW

June 18–21, 2018
Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA.
w https://pwp.gatech.edu/rtip/

The purpose of the conference is to bring researchers, including graduate students and postdocs, together to share recent results at the front of many areas of probability. The topics include spatial stochastic systems, like percolation and spin systems, growth models, random matrices, stochastic differential equations, and stochastic homogenization. The conference is supported by the NSF.

Main courses (four one-hour lectures each) are given by: Marek Biskup (UCLA) and Jonathan Mattingly (Duke).

Invited speakers include: Louis-Pierre Arguin (CUNY); Rodrigo Bañuelos (Purdue); Fabrice Baudoin (Connecticut); Gerandy Brito (Georgia Tech); Shirshendu Ganguly (Berkeley); Jack Hanson (CUNY); David Herzog (Iowa State); Jessica Lin (McGill); Firas Rassoul-Agha (Utah); and Philippe Sosoe (Cornell).

We will have several 15-minute talks by graduate students, selected by application. We ask that students submit applications to give talks and to obtain support for lodging by **February 1, 2018**. To do so, please send your name, address, affiliation, whether you would like to give a 15-minute talk, and a reference letter from your supervisor, to organizers Michael Damron (mdamron6@math.gatech.edu) and Christian Houdré (houdre@math.gatech.edu).

Attendees, please register at the website by **March 1, 2018**.

Harmonic Analysis for Stochastic PDEs
NEW

July 10–13, 2018. Delft, The Netherlands
w http://fa.its.tudelft.nl/spde/

We have limited space for contributed talks. If you want to contribute a talk, please send us your preliminary title and abstract. Registration fee includes conference dinner and excursion.

Model Selection, Regularization and Inference
NEW

July 12-14, 2018
University of Vienna, Austria,
w http://www.univie.ac.at/seam/inference2018/

The workshop is centered around the general theme of estimation and inference in situations where shrinkage methods based on model selection or regularization are employed, including high-dimensional scenarios where the number of parameters exceeds the sample size.

Invited speakers include Alexandre Belloni (Duke), Yoav Benjamini (Tel Aviv), Rudy Beran (UC Davis), Larry Brown (UPenn), Noureddine El Karoui (UC Berkeley), Lucas Janson (Harvard), Adel Javanmard (USC), Hannes Leeb (U. Vienna), Ian McKeague (Columbia), David Preinerstorfer (ULB), Lukas Steinberger (U. Freiburg), Jon Taylor (Stanford), and Ryan Tibshirani (Carnegie Mellon).

Contributed presentations are welcome! Please submit your extended abstract or paper to benedikt.poetscher@univie.ac.at before **March 15, 2018**.

Symposium on Data Science and Statistics
Beyond Big Data: Leading the Way

May 16–19, 2018. Reston, Virginia, USA
w https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/sdss/2018/

Abstract submission by **January 18, 2018.**

Each presentation to focus on one of the following six tracks: Data Science; Statistical Machine Learning; Computational Statistics; Data Visualization; Computing Science; Applications.

The 2018 Symposium on Data Science and Statistics (SDSS) will be held in honor of Edward J. Wegman, who has done seminal work in many areas within the interface of statistics and computing science—as well as data visualization—and has been a driving force in creating the SDSS and its predecessors.

CHAOS2018: International Conference on Non-Linear Analysis and Modeling, Theory and Applications
NEW

June 5–8, 2018
Rome, Italy
w http://www.cmsim.org/

You are kindly invited to participate and to submit an Abstract, Paper, Invited Talk and/or an Invited Session (3-6 papers) to the forthcoming Nonlinear Systems Conference titled: 11th Chaotic Modeling and Simulation International Conference (CHAOS2018, 5-8 June 2018). The submissions page is now open.

Chaos theory is developed rapidly the last decades. With CHAOS2018 International Conference we celebrate 11 years of active presence in the field via the annual conference, the proceedings and publications in books and the CMSIM Journal (www.cmsim.eu).

For more information please visit the conference website above or send email to Secretariat@cmsim1.org.

Looking forward to welcome you in Rome for the Conference,

Prof. Christos H Skiadas,
Conference Co-Chair

2018 European Meeting of Statisticians
NEW

July 22–26, 2018
Palermo, Italy
w TBC

The next European Meeting of Statisticians, sponsored by the European Regional Committee (ERC) of the Bernoulli Society, will be held in Palermo, Italy, from July 22nd to July 26th. The programme committee is composed of: Lutz Dümbgen (chair), Anne Gégout-Petit (ERC Programme coordinator), Angelo Mineo (Local organizing committee representative), Holger Dette, Ingrid Glad, Irène Gijbels, Omiros Papaspiliopoulos and Qiwei Yao.

Statistics Annual Winter Workshop: Semi-Parametric & Non-Parametric Statistics in the Era of Big Data
January 19–20, 2018
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
w https://informatics.institute.ufl.edu/event/statistics-annual-winter-workshop-semi-parametric-non-parametric-statistics-in-the-era-of-big-data/

In recent years, the availability of high-throughput data from genomic, finance, environmental, marketing applications (among others) has created an urgent need for methodology and tools for analyzing high-dimensional data. The explosion of data, due to advances in science and IT, has left almost no field untouched. It is not uncommon to see datasets of sizes in terabytes and/or with millions of covariates. The field of nonparametric and semi-parametric statistics is quickly evolving and expanding to adapt to the challenges posed by big data. A variety of new techniques have been developed. Some of these techniques leverage the recent developments in the parallel and distributed computing, while others rely on appropriate sparsity assumptions to reduce the effective number of covariates. In addition, recent work has shown that many of these methodologies drastically reduce computation time while retaining the optimality properties of the standard non-parametric and semiparametric methods. Despite important breakthroughs in the last few years, a lot of unanswered questions remain. In an effort to address this, the proposed workshop will bring together individuals who have done path-breaking work in this field.

Guest speakers:

Moulinath Banerjee, University of Michigan: *Intelligent Sampling for Estimating Change Points in Very Long Sequential Data*

Guang Cheng, Purdue University: *Can We Do Statistical Inference in a Non-Asymptotic Way?*

Subhashis Ghoshal, North Carolina State University: *Bayesian Analysis of Brain Connectome Data for Studying Alzheimer Disease*

Yanyuan Ma, Pennsylvania State University: *On Estimation of General Index Model for Survival Data*

Hans-Georg Mueller, University of California at Davis: *Frechet Regression and Applications*

Annie Qu, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: *Cluster Analysis of Longitudinal Profiles with Subgroups*

Bodhisattva Sen, Columbia University: *Spatial Adaptivity in Trend Filtering*

Wei Biao Wu, University of Chicago: *Testing for Trends in High-dimensional Time Series*

Cun-Hui Zhang, Rutgers University: *Simultaneous Bootstrap Inference with High-Dimensional Data*

Applications of Spatial Data: Ecological Niche Modeling NEW
May 16–18, 2018, at NIMBioS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
w http://www.nimbios.org/tutorials/SpatialDataENM

Now accepting applications.

Objectives: The distribution of a species may be influenced by an array of factors. The combination of these factors results in the ecological niche, the set of conditions that allow a species to exist in a geographic area. However, defining these conditions is difficult, due to the complexity of natural systems. One approach to characterizing the ecological niche uses spatial data GIS software. The objectives of this tutorial are to teach participants the concepts of ecological niche modeling, introduce them to select analytical techniques (formatting data in GIS; running Maximum Entropy (MaxEnt) models), and present how to interpret and apply spatial analyses. Participants will further be familiarized with several commonly-used and/or newly-available online spatial data resources. Participants will be provided datasets to use in hands-on simulations, but can also bring their own data if desired.

This tutorial is intended for advanced graduate students, postdocs, and faculty who are interested in learning how to incorporate ecological niche modeling into their research. Some basic knowledge of GIS software and ecology is preferred. Little to no programming will be involved, with ecological niche modeling and spatial analysis conducted using existing applications (MaxEnt) and packages in QGIS and R.

Application deadline: February 15, 2018

NIMBioS Tutorial: The Search for Selection NEW
June 18–22, 2018, at NIMBioS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
w http://www.nimbios.org/tutorials/selection

The intended audience is advanced graduate students, postdocs, and faculty with an interest in searching for targets of selection, be they particular genomic sequences or particular traits. Given the breadth of this topic, we expect students from functional genomics, population and evolutionary genetics, ecology, paleobiology, functional morphology, and statistics (as well as other fields). The background required is some basic introduction to population and/or quantitative genetics.

Application deadline: February 1, 2018

2018 Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference NEW
October 18–20, 2018
Cincinnati, Ohio
w https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/wsds/2018/

Visit the website to join the mailing list. Concurrent & Speed abstract submission will be March 1–April 19, 2018.

Employment Opportunities around the world

Canada: Toronto, ON
University of Toronto, Department of Statistical Sciences
Assistant Professor, Data Visualization
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37925175

Hong Kong: Shatin
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Professors / Associate Professors / Assistant Professors
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37696386

Netherlands: Rotterdam
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Tenure-Track Assistant Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38029005

New Zealand: Auckland
The University of Auckland
Lecturer in Statistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38501042

New Zealand: Wellington
Victoria University of Wellington
Lecturer / Senior Lecturer Statistics and Data Science
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38317882

Saudi Arabia: Thuwal
KAUST (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology)
Faculty Position in Data Science
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38294586

Sweden: Stockholm
KTH, Royal Institute of Technology
Postdoc
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38183763

Switzerland: Lausanne
Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
Tenure Track Assistant Professorship in Stochastic Analysis
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37699609

Switzerland: Lausanne
Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
Professorship in Statistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37699323

Taiwan: Taipei
Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica
Regular Research Positions
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=36872809

UK: Cambridge
University of Cambridge, Pure Mathematics & Mathematical Statistics
Research Associate in Statistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37847199

UK: Coventry
University of Warwick
Assistant/Associate Professor of Statistics, Reader, Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38447146

UK: London
Imperial College London
Senior Lecturer/Reader/Chair in Biostatistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38457345

United States: Berkeley, CA
UC Berkeley
Visiting Assistant Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=36708773

United States: Berkeley, CA
UC Berkeley
Lecturer
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38181129

United States: Stanford, CA
Stanford University Department of Biomedical Data Science
Open Rank Faculty Search
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37849507

United States: Stanford, CA
Stanford University, Statistics Department
Associate or Full Professor in Statistics and Probability
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=36858848

United States: Stanford, CA
Stanford University, Department of Statistics
Assistant Professor in Statistics or Probability
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=36858837

United States: Fort Collins, CO
Colorado State University, Department of Statistics
Tenure Track Faculty Position
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37948387

United States: New Haven, CT
Yale School of Public Health
Tenure-track Faculty Positions in Biostatistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37728965

United States: New Haven, CT
Yale University
Joint Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor of Statistics and Data Science
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37723750

United States: Washington, DC
Georgetown University, Department of Mathematics & Statistics
Director of Graduate Studies, Mathematics & Statistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38297180

United States: Grinnell, IA
Grinnell College
Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics - Two-year Position
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38180071

United States: West Lafayette, IN
Purdue University, Department of Statistics
Assistant Professor of Statistics - Data Science and Machine Learning
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38146760

United States: West Lafayette, IN
Purdue University - Department of Statistics
Continuing Lecturer of Statistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38414690

United States: Lawrence, KS
Department of Mathematics, University of Kansas
Black-Babcock Visiting Assistant Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38173842

United States: Cambridge, MA
Harvard Data Science Initiative
Data Science Postdoctoral Fellow
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37874665

United States: Ann Arbor, MI
University of Michigan Statistics
RTG Postdoctoral associate
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37685748

United States: Detroit, MI
Wayne State University, Department of Mathematics
Assistant/Associate Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37744527

United States: Duluth, MN
University of Minnesota-Duluth Mathematics and Statistics Dept.
Assistant Professor Statistics
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38012717

United States: Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota, School of Statistics
Tenure-track Assistant Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=36748331

United States: Saint Louis, MO
Washington University in Saint Louis
Assistant Professor
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37683494

United States: Saint Louis, MO
Washington University in Saint Louis
Lecturer
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38069323

United States: Durham, NC
Fuqua School of Business, Duke University
Tenure Track Faculty Position in Decision Sciences
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=35757055

United States: Princeton, NJ
Princeton University
Senior Lecturer
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37707208

United States: Ithaca, NY
Computing and Information Science at Cornell University
Lecturer
http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37744886

United States: Corvallis, OR

Oregon State University, Department of Statistics

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37914461

United States: Philadelphia, PA

Statistical Science, Fox School of Business, Temple University

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor Tenured, Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure Track Positions

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37729061

United States: Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Department of Statistics

Assistant Professor of Statistics

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=21030738

United States: Philadelphia, PA

Wharton Department of Statistics, University of Pennsylvania

Postdoctoral Researcher with Professor Eric Tchetgen Tchetgen

The Department of Statistics of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, is seeking candidates for a Postdoctoral Researcher position under the supervision of Professor Eric Tchetgen Tchetgen. The position is designed to be a career-building step for new scholars. The primary focus is for the scholar to develop her/his research program. The position will start in January 2018, or soon thereafter, and continue for two years with a possible extension to three years. A competitive salary will be provided.

Candidates should show outstanding capacity for research in the development of statistical and epidemiologic methods. There is a particular interest in applicants with a focus on semi-parametric efficiency theory with applications in causal inference and missing data problems. Successful candidates will have opportunities to submit papers to top statistical, biostatistical, and epidemiological journals, as well as present their research at statistical and scientific meetings. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in statistics, biostatistics, epidemiology, or a related field from an accredited institution.

Please visit our website, https://statistics.wharton.upenn.edu/recruiting/eric-tchetgen-tchetgen-postdoc-position, for a description of the department and a link to submit a CV and other relevant material. Any questions should be directed by e-mail to ett.postdoc@wharton.upenn.edu.

The University of Pennsylvania is an EOE. Minorities / Women / Individuals with disabilities / Protected Veterans are encouraged to apply.

United States: Philadelphia, PA

Wharton Department of Statistics, University of Pennsylvania

Departmental Postdoctoral Researcher

The Department of Statistics of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, is seeking candidates for a Departmental Postdoctoral Researcher position in the area of statistics and/or probability. The position is designed to be a career-building step for new scholars. The primary focus is for the scholar to develop her/his research program. A light teaching load will also be part of the position. The position will start in Summer 2018 and continue for two years with a possible extension to three years. A competitive salary will be provided.

Candidates should show outstanding capacity for research, as well as excellent communication skills. Applicants must have a Ph.D. from an accredited institution.

Please visit our website, https://statistics.wharton.upenn.edu/recruiting/dept-postdoc-position, for a description of the department and a link to submit a CV and other relevant material. Any questions should be directed by e-mail to stat.postdoc.hire@wharton.upenn.edu.

The University of Pennsylvania is an EOE. Minorities / Women / Individuals with disabilities / Protected Veterans are encouraged to apply.

United States: Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Department of Statistics

Postdoctoral Researcher with Professor Eric Tchetgen Tchetgen

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37925109

United States: Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Department of Statistics

Departmental Postdoctoral Researcher

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=21031133

United States: Memphis, TN

The University of Memphis

Assistant Professor, Statistics

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=38481800

United States: Fairfax, VA

George Mason University, Department of Statistics

Tenure-Track Assistant or Associate Professor of Statistics

http://jobs.imstat.org/c/job.cfm?site_id=1847&jb=37877101

International Calendar of Statistical Events

IMS meetings are highlighted in maroon with the ims logo, and new or updated entries have the NEW or UPDATED symbol.
Please submit your meeting details and any corrections to Elyse Gustafson: erg@imstat.org

January 2018

January 2–4: Kolkata, India. **International Conference in Statistics and Probability** w http://www.isid.ac.in/~pcm125spconf

January 8–12: Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. **2nd Bangkok Workshop on Discrete Geometry and Statistics** w http://thaihep.phys.sc.chula.ac.th/BKK2018DSCR/

January 17–19: NIMBioS, Knoxville, TN, USA. **Stoichiometric Ecotoxicology** w http://www.nimbios.org/workshops/WS_ecotox

NEW January 19–20: Gainesville, FL, USA. **Statistics Annual Winter Workshop: Semi-Parametric & Non-Parametric Statistics in the Era of Big Data** w https://informatics.institute.ufl.edu/event/statistics-annual-winter-workshop-semi-parametric-non-parametric-statistics-in-the-era-of-big-data/

January 22–24: Lunteren, The Netherlands. **17th Winter School on Mathematical Finance** w https://staff.fnwi.uva.nl/p.j.c.spreij/winterschool/winterschool.html

February 2018

UPDATED February 5–16: Singapore. **Meeting the Statistical Challenges in High Dimensional Data and Complex Networks** NEW w http://ims.nus.edu.sg/events/2018/wstat/index.php

February 15–17: Portland, OR, USA. **Conference on Statistical Practice** w https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/csp/2018/index.cfm

March 2018

March 2–3: Athens, Greece. **ICQSBEI'18: 2nd International Conference on Quantitative, Social, Biomedical and Economic Issues with emphasis on New Technologies** w http://icqsbei2018.weebly.com/

March 4–8: Spreewald, Germany. **6th Spring School: Structural Inference in Statistics** w https://www.mathematik.hu-berlin.de/de/for1735/spring-school-2018

ims March 25–28: Atlanta, GA, USA. **ENAR Spring Meeting** w http://www.enar.org/meetings/future.cfm

March 26–28: Barcelona, Spain. **Bayes Comp 2018** w https://www.maths.nottingham.ac.uk/personal/tk/bayescomp/

March 26–29: Barcelona, Spain. **Bayes Comp 2018** w https://www.maths.nottingham.ac.uk/personal/tk/bayescomp/

March 27–29: Giza, Egypt. **30th Annual Conference on Statistics and Modeling in Human and Social Sciences** w http://www.feps.edu.eg/en/departments/statistics/conference/index.html

ims March 29–31: Corvallis, OR, USA. **Frontier Probability Days** w TBC

April 2018

April 24–26: Leiden, The Netherlands. **Survival Analysis for Junior Researchers 2018 (SAfJR2018)** w http://safjr2018.com

May 2018

NEW ims May 4–6: Atlanta, GA, USA. **6th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics** w https://math.gsu.edu/yichuan/2018Workshop/

May 7–8: Ames, Iowa, USA. **Conference on Predictive Inference and Its Applications** w https://predictiveinference.github.io/

NEW May 16–18: NIMBioS, Knoxville, TN, USA. **Applications of Spatial Data: Ecological Niche Modeling** w http://www.nimbios.org/tutorials/SpatialDataENM

NEW May 16–19: Reston, VA, USA. **Symposium on Data Science and Statistics** w https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/sdss/2018/

May 17–20: Gainesville, Florida, USA. **IISA-2018: From Data to Knowledge, Working for a Better World** w http://iisa2018.biostat.ufl.edu/

May 29–30: Munich, Germany. **Econometrics in the Castle: Machine Learning in Economics and Econometrics** w http://tiny.cc/econ-in-the-castle

June 2018

June 3–6: McGill University, Montreal, Québec, Canada. **Statistical Society of Canada 2018 Annual Meeting** w https://ssc.ca/en/meetings/2018-annual-meeting

NEW June 4–6: Durham, NC, USA. **International Total Survey Error Workshop (ITSEW)** **w** https://dism.ssri.duke.edu/itsew-2018

NEW June 5–8: Rome, Italy. **CHAOS2018: International Conference on Non-Linear Analysis and Modeling, Theory and Applications** **w** http://www.cmsim.org/

June 6–7: Chicago, IL, USA. **Midwest Machine Learning Symposium** **w** http://midwest-ml.org/

NEW June 11–13: Maastricht, The Netherlands. **The 7th Symposium on Conformal and Probabilistic Prediction with Applications (COPA 2018)** **w** http://clrc.rhul.ac.uk/copa2018/index.html

ims June 11–15: Salerno, Italy. ISNPS2018: The 4th Conference of the International Society for Non-Parametric Statistics **w** http://www.isnps2018.it/

ims June 11–15: Gothenburg, Sweden. **40th Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA 2018)** **w** http://spa2018.org/

ims June 16–18: Shanghai, China. **SAE2018: Small Area Estimation and Other Topics of Current Interest in Surveys, Official Statistics, and General Statistics** **w** www.sae2018.com

June 17–20: Boulder, CO, USA. **International Symposium on Forecasting** **w** https://isf.forecasters.org

NEW June 18–21: Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA, USA. **Recent Trends in Continuous and Discrete Probability** **w** https://pwp.gatech.edu/rtip/

NEW June 18–22: NIMBioS, Knoxville, TN, USA. **NIMBioS Tutorial: The Search for Selection** **w** http://www.nimbios.org/tutorials/selection

ims June 24–27: Edmonton, Canada. WNAR/IMS Meeting **w** http://www.wnar.org/Meetings

June 24–29: Edinburgh, UK. **ISBA 2018 World Meeting** **NEW WEBSITE** **w** https://bayesian.org/isba2018/

ims June 26–29: Singapore. **2018 IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meeting (IMS-APRM)** **NEW** **w** https://ims-aprm2018.stat.nus.edu.sg/

June 27–29: Edgbaston, UK. **Sixth IMA Conference on Numerical Linear Algebra and Optimization** **w** https://ima.org.uk/7149/6thIMANLAO/

July 2018

ims July 2–6: Vilnius, Lithuania. **Joint 2018 IMS Annual Meeting and 12th International Vilnius Conference on Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics** **w** http://ims-vilnius2018.com/

July 2–6: St Andrews, UK. **Sixth International Statistical Ecology Conference** **w** http://www.isec2018.org

July 8–13: Kyoto, Japan. **ICOTS10: Tenth International Conference on Teaching Statistics** **w** http://icots.info/icots/10/

NEW July 10–13: Delft, The Netherlands. **Harmonic Analysis for Stochastic PDEs** **w** http://fa.its.tudelft.nl/spde/

NEW July 12-14: University of Vienna, Austria. **Model Selection, Regularization and Inference** **w** http://www.univie.ac.at/seam/inference2018/

NEW ims July 16–20: Columbus, OH, USA. CBMS Regional Conference: **Elastic Functional and Shape Data Analysis** **w** https://stat.osu.edu/cbms-efsda

July 16–20: Bristol, UK. 33rd International Workshop on Statistical Modelling **w** http://www.statmod.org/workshops.htm

July 16–21: Guanajuato, Mexico. **28th Conference of the International Environmetrics Society (TIES 2018)** **w** http://ties2018.eventos.cimat.mx/

NEW July 22–26: Palermo, Italy **2018 European Meeting of Statisticians** **w** TBC

ims July 28–August 2: Vancouver, Canada. **JSM 2018** **w** http://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2018/

August 2018

August 1–9: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **International Congress of Mathematicians 2018 (ICM 2018)** **w** http://www.icm2018.org/

August 25–27: Shahrood, Iran. **ISC14: Fourteenth Iranian Statistics Conference** **w** http://isc14.shahroodut.ac.ir

August 26–30: Melbourne, Australia. **Joint International Society for Clinical Biostatistics and Australian Statistical Conference 2018** **w** http://iscbasc2018.com/

September 2018

September 3–6: Cardiff, UK. **Royal Statistical Society International Conference** **w** www.rss.org.uk/conference2018

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International Calendar *continued*

September 2018 *continued*

September 8–10: St Louis, Missouri, USA. **Third Workshop on Higher-Order Asymptotics and Post-Selection Inference (WHOA-PSI)** w http://www.math.wustl.edu/~kuffner/WHOA-PSI-3.html

September 24–28: São Pedro, Brazil. **Brazilian Symposium on Probability and Statistics** w http://www.sinape2018.com.br/

October 2018

NEW October 18–20: Cincinnati, OH, USA. **2018 Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference** w https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/wsds/2018/

October 25–27: Barcelona, Spain. **Big Data Meets Survey Science** w https://www.bigsurv18.org/

December 2018

December 17–20: Jerusalem, Israel. **Jerusalem Joint Statistical Event 2018** w https://www.emr2018.com/

March 2019

ims March 24–27: Philadelphia, PA, USA. **ENAR Spring Meeting** w http://www.enar.org/meetings/future.cfm

July 2019

July 1–9: Zagreb, Croatia. **11th International Conference on Extreme Value Analysis** w http://web.math.hr/eva2019

ims July 8–12: Evanston, IL, USA. **41st Conference on Stochastic Processes and their Applications (SPA 2019)** w TBC

July 14–18: Leuven, Belgium. **40th Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics** w http://www.icsb.info

ims July 27–August 1: Denver, CO, USA. **IMS Annual Meeting at JSM 2019** w http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Meetings/Joint-Statistical-Meetings.aspx

August 2019

NEW August 18–23: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **ISI2019: 62nd International Statistical Institute World Statistics Congress 2019** w http://www.isi2019.org/

March 2020

ims March 22–25: Nashville, TN, USA. **ENAR Spring Meeting** w http://www.enar.org/meetings/future.cfm

July 2020

July 5–11: Portoroz, Slovenia. **8th European Congress of Mathematics.** w http://www.8ecm.si/

August 2020

ims August 1–6: Philadelphia, PA, USA. **JSM 2020** w http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Meetings/Joint-Statistical-Meetings.aspx

ims August 17–21: Seoul, Korea. **Bernoulli/IMS World Congress on Probability and Statistics** w TBC

August 2021

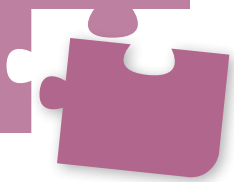
ims August 7–12: Seattle, WA, USA. **IMS Annual Meeting at JSM 2021** w http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Meetings/Joint-Statistical-Meetings.aspx

August 2022

ims July/August: Location TBC. **IMS Annual Meeting** w TBC

ims August 6–11: Washington DC, USA. **JSM 2022** w http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Meetings/Joint-Statistical-Meetings.aspx

Are we missing something? If you know of any statistics or probability meetings which aren't listed here, please let us know. You can email the details to Elyse Gustafson at erg@imstat.org, or you can submit the details yourself at http://www.imstat.org/submit-meeting.html We'll list them here in the Bulletin, and on the IMS website too, at www.imstat.org/meetings/



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Journals

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