

**Minutes of the meeting of the European Regional Committee
of the *Bernoulli Society*
held on the 26th June 2008**

Since no conference could be identified as a suitable occasion for the ERC meeting, it had been decided to hold the meeting in a “virtual” form via an Internet connection. Specifically, the meeting took place via a connection to <http://colin.stat.unipd.it/bs-erc> and use of suitable software.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Present: Marie Hušková (past chair), Sara van de Geer, Antonia Turkman, Adelchi Azzalini (chair), Jon Forster, Martin Janžura (programme coordinator), Juan Romo, Andras Zempleni.

Guests: Jean-Claude Fort (chair of LOC for EMS-2009), Trevor Sweeting (chair of SPC for EMS-2009), Markos V. Koutras (chair of LOC for EMS-2010).

Apologies for absence: Ingrid Van Keilegom, Jürg Huesler, Tobias Rydén, Holger Dette, Aad van der Vaart (incoming chair).

2. Minutes of the meeting in Lisbon (2007)

Accepted

3. Reports on the organisation of EMS-2009 in Toulouse

The next forthcoming event sponsored by the ERC is the European Meeting of Statisticians (EMS) to be held in Toulouse (France) in 2009. Reports on the activity of the SPC and the LOC had been prepared by their chairs, Trevor Sweeting and Jean-Claude Fort, respectively; the reports are attached to the minutes as Annexes A1 and A2.

There was a general appreciation of the work developed by the two committees who have worked intensively and made much progress towards the organisation of the EMS-2009. There was a request from some participants for allowing submissions of papers until a later date than originally proposed, so that people can present the most recent material which they have produced; this request can easily be accommodated by the organisers.

As for the scientific programme, there was a consensus on the high quality of the speakers and session organisers; some concerns were expressed about the geographical distribution of the people involved, since some countries, European and non-European, are strongly represented, while there are portions of Europe completely missing. The SPC chair clarified that the geographical balance was only one of the criteria considered for invitation; furthermore the lack of geographical balance has been partly caused by the fact that some people invited declined invitations, which required the SPC to look for replacements. It was agreed that some lack of geographical balance is present, and some more guidance in this respect for the next EMS programme would be useful. These remarks do not detract from the overall excellent work produced by the SPC.

4. Reports on the organisation of EYMS-2009 in Romania

A report of the current stage of the organisation of the next European Young Statisticians Meeting (EYSM), to be held in Romania in 2009, had been prepared its chairperson, Roxanna Ciumara, and it was circulated beforehand; this report is attached to the minutes as Annex B.

The organisation has already made a good progress, and there was a general appreciation for the work which has gone into it. Since participation is via invitation, the chief organiser is seeking suggestions of potential participants for some countries which do not yet have participants to represent them. Several ERC members promised to send suggestions of names.

One issue for which there is much concern among the ERC is to make any reasonable effort to ensure some financial support to participants from less wealthy countries, and more generally to facilitate participation by keeping expenses as low as possible, for instance by looking for cheap accommodation and meeting venue. The chair of the ERC will write to the chief organiser reporting these remarks.

5. Reports on the organisation of EMS-2010 in Piraeus

In the past meeting of the ERC, held in Lisbon in 2007, it was decided that EMS-2010 is going to take place at the University of Piraeus (Greece) from the 17th (registration) to the 22nd of August 2010.

The chief local organiser, Markos V. Koutras, prepared a report on the current progress of the organisation, which had been circulated among ERC members beforehand; this is attached to the minutes as Annex C1. All required facilities for running the conference appear to be in place, and the general picture is satisfactory.

As for the SPC of the conference, a proposal of its composition had been compiled by the Programme Committee of the ERC, chaired by Martin Janžura; the proposal is attached as Annex C2. There was a unanimous consensus of the ERC on the suitability of the proposed list of SPC members, in terms of quality, diversity of interests and geographical spread; the proposal was therefore accepted. In view of the earlier remarks concerning EMS-2009, it was felt appropriate that the ERC Chair writes to the nominated SPC stressing the importance that these traits of diversity are preserved in the proposed programme which the SPC is expected to produce.

6. Final remarks

The ERC Chair thanked all people that have contributed to committees for their work and the reports, and thanked the participants at the meeting for their contribution to the fruitful discussion. The chair reminded the meeting that, shortly after this meeting, once some ensuing steps are completed, his period as the chairperson would be over, and the nominated chairperson, Aad van der Vaart, will start his period of office. Similarly, there will be a turn-over of the ERC members. A warm 'thanks' was offered to the members who are about to step down for their contribution to the working of the ERC. The meeting was then closed.

Bernoulli Society European Regional Committee

Virtual meeting, 26 June 2008

EMS 2009: Interim Report of the SPC

1. Background information

- The 27th European Meeting of Statisticians (EMS 2009) will be held in Toulouse, France, from July 20th to 24th, 2009.
- The Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) of EMS 2009 is as follows:
Jean-Marc Azaïs, Université Paul Sabatier, France
Petros Delaportas, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
Mathisca de Gunst, Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands
Olle Häggström, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
Peter Imkeller, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany
Gyula Pap, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary
Trevor Sweeting (Chair), University College London, UK
Ingrid Van Keilegom, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

2. Activities of the SPC

- The Chair gave a preliminary verbal report to the ERC at the ISI conference in Lisbon in August 2007.
- The SPC held a one-and-a-half days meeting in Toulouse on 7th and 8th December 2007. All aspects of the scientific programme, along with local arrangements, were addressed at this meeting (agenda appended). All the major decisions were made at this meeting on the Special Invited Lectures (SIL) (including Forum, Opening and Closing Lectures) and the ordinary Invited Paper Session (IPS) topics and Organisers. It was agreed that the general structure should be similar to that of Toruń (draft appended). Note that this structure is provisional and may well change. It was also decided to have, like Toruń, a reasonable number of SILs as it was generally agreed that this would help to make the conference much more attractive. Another decision was to follow through some of the SIL topics into the main IPS programme in order to give a thematic structure. Overall, we felt that we had achieved a good balance of topics and geographical spread of the participants. All aspects of the local arrangements were discussed, such as accommodation, meals, meeting rooms, sponsors, promotion, conference website, conference dinner, excursions. The LOC will report separately on progress with local arrangements.

3. Invited participants

- Following the meeting at Toulouse, approval by the Conference Committee of the ERC, chaired by Eva Vedel Jensen, and some further email exchanges with the SPC, invitations were issued to all the proposed SILs and Session Organisers.

- It was pleasing that we had a high positive response rate from our initial choices. Our first choices for the Forum and Opening Lectures both agreed. Also 5 out of 8 of our first choice Special Invited Lecturers and 21 out of 24 of our first choice session organisers also agreed. (One sad event that should be reported was the death in February of this year of Sándor Csörgő, one of our proposed Special Invited Lecturers.) Of course, some colleagues play hard to get, while finding suitable organisers was problematic for a small number of sessions. Although a number of alternative session organisers had been identified at the meeting, it was necessary to conduct further email correspondence within the SPC.
- All Special Invited Lecturers and Session Organisers are now in place. The main speakers are as follows:

Forum Lecturer: Aad van der Vaart

Opening Lecturer: Emmanuel Candes

Closing Lecturer: Jeff Steif

Special Invited Lecturers:

Nina Gantert

Tillmann Gneiting

Iain Johnstone

Gabor Lugosi

Andrew Majda

Péter Major

Geert Molenberghs

Thomas Nichols

Appendix 3 gives provisional details of their talks while Appendix 4 lists all session topics and organisers.

- Sets of guidelines and deadlines have been sent to all session organisers and speakers. An overall set of deadlines, agreed with the LOC, is given in Appendix 5.

4. Future tasks

- Issue formal invitations and a list of deadlines to all proposed session speakers as they become known to me (24 already issued).
- Chase speakers and session organisers for information (ongoing!)
- Liaise with the LOC over drafting advertisements for EMS 2009 for Information Bulletin 1, the ISI Newsletter and Bernoulli News, the IMS Bulletin and elsewhere.
- Liaise with Chair of LOC over screening and grouping of contributed papers.

Trevor Sweeting
Chair, SPC of EMS 2009

21st June 2008

Appendix 1: SPC meeting agenda

**Meeting of the Scientific Programme Committee
27th European Meeting of Statisticians**

**Friday 7 – Saturday 8 December 2007
Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse**

Schedule and Agenda

Friday morning (9:15 am – 12 noon)

1. Role of the SPC
2. Chairman's report on activities to date
3. Outline of things to be done
4. Structure of the programme
5. Suggestions for topics, session organizers and speakers for invited talks

12 noon - 1:30. Lunch at a restaurant in Toulouse

Friday afternoon (1:30 pm – 5 pm)

6. Presentation by the local OC
7. Inspection of conference facilities
8. Workshops, satellite meetings and short courses
9. Continuation of items 4 and 5. Selection of sessions, organizers and invited speakers

Dinner at a restaurant in Toulouse in the evening

Saturday morning (9:15 am – 12:30 pm)

10. Continuation of item 9, including drawing up a reserve list
11. Setting of deadlines
12. Publicity
13. Delegation of responsibilities (between members of SPC and between SPC and LOC)
14. Next steps

12:30 pm – whenever. Lunch at a restaurant in Toulouse for those still surviving

Trevor Sweeting, Chair, SPC EMS 09

Appendix 2: Draft structure for EMS 2009

XXVII European Meeting of Statisticians, Toulouse 2009					
	<i>MON, 20 July</i>	<i>TUES 21 July</i>	<i>WED 22 July</i>	<i>THU 23 July</i>	<i>FRI 24 July</i>
9:00 - 10:30	OL	FL part I	IPS XIII + IPS XIV + IPS XV + CPS 21-22	FL part II	IPS XIX + IPS XX + IPS XXI
10:30 - 11:00	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB
11:00 - 12:30	SIL I, CPS 1-3 SIL II, CPS 4-6	SIL III, CPS 11-13 SIL IV, CPS 14-16	CPS 23-27 + PS CPS 28-32 + PS	SIL V, CPS 33-35 SIL VI, CPS 36-38	IPS XXII + IPS XXIII + IPS XXIV
12:30 - 14:30	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB
14:30 - 16:00	IPS I + IPS II + IPS III + CPS 7-8	IPS VII + IPS VIII + IPS IX + CPS 17-18	Excursions	IPS XVI + IPS XVII + IPS XVIII + CPS 39-40	CL
16:00 - 16:30	CB	CB	CB	CB	End of conference
16:30 - 18:00	IPS IV + IPS V + IPS VI + CPS 9-10	IPS X + IPS XI + IPS XII + CPS 19-20	Excursions	SIL VII SIL VIII	
20:00 -	Welcome Party	Entertainment	Reception	Social Dinner	
OL - Opening Lecture		IPS - Invited Paper Session			
FL - Forum Lecture		CPS - Contributed Paper Session		CB - Coffee Break	
CL - Closing Lecture		PS - Poster Sessions		LB - Lunch Break	
SIL - Special Invited Lecture					

Appendix 3: Special Invited Lectures

	Lecturer	Country	Affiliation	Possible topic/Provisional title/Final title	Related IPS
OL	Enmanuel Candes	USA	California Institute of Technology	Compressive sensing: a statistical perspective	8
FL	Aad van der Vaart	Netherlands	Vrije University	Frequentist properties of Bayesian procedures for infinite-dimensional parameters	20
SIL I	Geert Molenberghs	Belgium	Hasselt University	Every missing not at random model for incomplete data has got a missing at random counterpart with equal fit	-
SIL II	Nina Gantert	Germany	University of Muenster	Random walks with interactions	14
SIL III	Andrew Majda	USA	New York University	Hybrid stochastic-statistical strategies for climate science	15, 22
SIL IV	Gabor Lugosi	Spain	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Statistical learning	16
SIL V	Thomas Nichols	UK	GlaxoSmithKline	Statistical methods in neuroscience	19
SIL VI	Péter Major	Hungary	Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Estimation of multiple random integrals and U-statistics	
SIL VII	Iain Johnstone	USA	Stanford University	Some statistical applications of random matrices	-
SIL VIII	Tillmann Gneiting	USA	University of Washington	Probabilistic weather forecasting	-
CL	Jeff Steif	Sweden	Chalmers University of Technology	An overview and recent developments in percolation theory	-
	<i>Key:</i>				
OL	Opening Lecture				
FL	Forum Lecture				
SIL	Special Invited Lecture				
CL	Closing Lecture				

Appendix 4: Invited Paper Sessions

IPS number	Related Topic SIL	Organiser	Country	Affiliation
1	Gaussian Markov random fields	Håvard Rue	Norway	Norwegian University of Science and Technology
2	Statistics in forensic science	David Balding	UK	Imperial College London
3	Coding theory/information theory	Stéphane Boucheron	France	Université Denis Diderot, Paris
4	New developments in goodness-of-fit testing	Wenceslao González Manteiga	Spain	University of Santiago de Compostela
5	Auxiliary variable methods in modelling and Monte Carlo methods	Oniros Papanikolaou	Spain	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
6	Quantum statistical theory	Richard Gill	Netherlands	Leiden University
7	Semiparametrics in survival analysis	Valentin Patilea	France	CREST-ENSAI
8 OL	Compressed Sensing	Jared Tanner	UK	University of Edinburgh
9	Statistics of biological networks	Korbinian Strimmer	Germany	University of Leipzig
10	Ill-posed inverse problems	Jan Johannes	Germany	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
11	Statistics of financial mathematics	Yacine Aït-Sahalia	USA	Princeton University
12	Stochastics of population genetics and evolutionary biology	Ellen Baake	Germany	Universität of Bielefeld
13	Confidence bounds	Vidmantas Bentkus	Lithuania	Vilnius University
14 SIL II	Random walks with interactions	Silke Rolles	Germany	Technische Universität München
15 SIL III	Design of computer experiments, sensitivity analysis	Anestis Antoniadis	France	University Joseph Fourier
16 SIL IV	Statistical learning	Gilles Blanchard	Germany	Fraunhofer Institut FIRST
17	Modelling with Lévy and branching processes	ZengHu Li	China	Beijing Normal University
18	OC (TBA) /Applied/industrial statistics'	Fabrice Gamboa	France	Université Paul Sabatier (Toulouse III)
19 SIL V	Statistical methods in neuroscience	Fetsje Bijma	Netherlands	VU University
20 FL	Nonparametric and semiparametric Bayesian procedures	Judith Rousseau	France	Paris-Dauphine
21	Stochastics of complex networks	Maria Deijfen	Sweden	Stockholm University
22 SIL III	Climate models	Richard Smith	USA	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
23	Statistics of biological systems and delay differential equations	Mark Girolami	UK	University of Glasgow
24	Multiscale modelling and inference	Sofia Olhede	UK	University College London

Appendix 5: EMS 2009 Instructions and Deadlines

Instructions for Invited Speakers and Session Organisers

Forum, Opening, Closing and other Special Invited Lecturers

1. Provide title of talk to the Chair of the SPC.
2. When the abstract is ready it should be emailed it to the OC. This should be prepared using the latex template provided by the OC. The abstract should be no more than 300 words.
3. When the presentation material is ready it should be emailed it to the OC.

Organizers of Invited Paper Sessions (IPS)

1. Decide on a tentative plan for the session and communicate this to the Chair of the SPC.
2. When the set of invited speakers and discussants (if applicable) is complete, the session organiser should report their names, addresses and e-mail addresses to the Chair of the SPC.
3. When the titles of the invited papers have been finalised, the session organiser should report them to the Chair of the SPC.
4. When the order and timing of presentations has been finalised, the session organiser should email them to the Chair of the OC.
5. The session organiser must also report on any changes. In particular, any cancellation of invited speakers or discussants should be reported to the Chair of the SPC, along with the names of their replacements.

Invited session speakers

1. Provide title of talk to the organiser of session.
2. When the abstract is ready it should be emailed it to the OC. This should be prepared using the latex template provided by the OC. The abstract should be no more than 300 words.
3. When the presentation material is ready it should be emailed it to the OC.

Contributed paper speakers and presenters of posters

1. Email the title and abstract of proposed talk or poster to the OC. This should be prepared using the latex template provided by the OC. The abstract should be no more than 300 words.
2. For oral presentation, when the presentation material is ready it should be emailed it to the OC.

Deadlines

15 February 2008

Invitations to the Forum Lecturer, the Opening and Closing Lecturers, the Special Invited Lecturers and the Session Organisers sent out by the Chair of the SPC.

30 June 2008

The names of the Forum Lecturer, Opening and Closing Lecturers and Special Invited Lecturers, as well as the majority of the topics and Organisers of the ordinary IPS's, should be known.

Chairs of the SPC and OC to liaise over announcements, to appear in ISI Newsletter and Bernoulli News, IMS Bulletin, Information Bulletin 1 of the EMS (for August) and other outlets to be decided.

31 July 2008

All ordinary invited speakers and discussants (if applicable) to have accepted invitation and provided provisional title of their talk to the Organiser of their IPS.

15 August 2008

Session Organisers to report invited speakers in their session along with provisional titles of all the invited talks to the Chair of the SPC.

29 August 2008

Chair of OC to send letters to any invited speakers or Session Organisers who require a formal invitation.

30 September 2008

Invited speakers to provide final title of their talk to their Session Organiser.

31 October 2008

Session Organisers to confirm final titles of their talks to the SPC Chair.

12 November 2008

Chairs of SPC and OC to liaise over announcements. In particular, details of the invited programme to be included in Information Bulletin 2 of the EMS (for December) and call for contributed papers.

2 January 2009

Registration for EMS 2009 opens. Invited lecturers, discussants and invited paper session organisers to be encouraged to register as soon as convenient.

27 February 2009

Session Organisers to provide the Chair of the OC with a meeting schedule, indicating the order of presentation and time allocated to each author/discussant, for inclusion in the Conference Programme.

20 March 2009

Deadline for submission of contributed paper abstracts (to OC).

1 April 2009

Registration deadline for all speakers in invited sessions and all organisers of invited paper sessions. (Speakers to be accepted only if the speaker has registered as a participant and arranged payment of the registration fee, if applicable.)

Closing date for early bird reduced cost registration.

30 April 2009

Local OC to have notified session organisers and special lecturers of the date and time of their session.

15 May 2009

Chairs of SPC and OC to have liaised over screening and grouping of contributed papers.

29 May 2009

Authors of contributed papers informed that their paper has been accepted for oral presentation or as a poster.

31 May 2009

All invited speakers to have submitted their abstracts.

30 June 2009

All speakers to have submitted their presentation material.

20 – 24 July 2009

EMS 2009

31 August 2009

Chairs of SPC and OC liaise over article for Bernoulli News.

Provisional Budget of the European Meeting of Statisticians 2009 (EMS09)

Expenses	
Travel, accomodation, invited speakers and Scientific comitee (12/07)	20 k€
Conferences Rooms, technical support	12k€
Computer and video rental	3 k€
coffee break	5k€
lunch (5, avec le CROUS)	15k€
Underground transportation	4k€
welcome party	5 k€
Conference diner	19 k€
Web site, assistance for runing the organisation and course of the congress	25k€
mailing	2k€
posters, announcement	5k€
Total	115 k€

Income	
registrations (average 200 €)	80k€
contribution conference diner	16 €
Journal software exhibitions ?	1,2k€
Grants from region	3,8k€
from UPS	3k€
from INSA	1k€
others and sponsors	12k€
Grant from Math institute	3k€
Total	120 k€

Status of European Young Statistician Meeting 2009 Organization

- **Date:** August 24 – 28, 2009

- **Location:** Bucharest, Romania.

- **Accommodation and lunch: Hotel Siqua (***)**, Calea Plevnei, nr. 59A, District 1, Bucharest, Romania.

The hotel is located in the city-center, near University of Bucharest (central building of) and close to one of the most beautiful parks in Bucharest (Cismigiu). Bus and trolley-bus connections close to the hotel and 5 minutes away from subway station.

We discussed to the person in charge (Financial Director) for the hotel, we saw the rooms and the conference room and they look very nice (modern). Participants will be accommodated in twin-rooms.

Internet connection is available, also wireless in the lobby. The hotel has its own restaurant where people could serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We agreed about the price/person and the reservations will be made starting to the 1st of January 2009. We didn't sign yet any contract with them, because, from their point of view (accounting purposes) it is too early.

- **Conference location:** the same Hotel Siqua. The hotel has several conference rooms, with chairs and small tables attached (if necessary; we chose this variant); the logistic (computer, video projector, microphone – if necessary, pointer) will be brought by us from Academy of Economic Studies.

- **Local Organizing Committee** (to be extended when necessary):

- **Roxana Ciumara** – Ph.D. Lect., Department of Mathematics, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest.
- **Vasile Preda** – Ph.D. Prof., Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Bucharest University.
- **Luiza Bădin** – Ph.D. Lect., Department of Mathematics, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest.

Note: Another two or three persons will be also directly involved later when it will be necessary.

Other people from Romanian Academy, Academy of Economic Studies and Bucharest University were/are indirectly involved, facilitating us the organization of the conference.

- **International Organizing Committee** (by far, the most difficult task).

Until now we have IOC members from: Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Portugal, Lithuania, Spain and Turkey and we are waiting for replies from Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Greece, Finland, Sweden, Great Britain, Norway and Netherlands. Obviously, we will invite other countries as well (up to 25 – because of the organizational capacity).

The approach we adopted was to write to a certain professor or senior researcher from different universities' Statistic/Probability departments, informing them about the

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conference and asking them to help us finding an appropriate candidate for International Organizing Committee of EYSM.

- **Sponsor:** We solicited financial help from Patrimoniu Foundation of Romanian Academy and we obtained it. We have a contract for “Financial Help” agreed with them and signed. All the financial transactions will be done through Financial/Accounting Department of University of Bucharest. In this document annexes the whole amount asked for is justified.

- **Conference Program:** even though it is quite early to establish the presentations time, we thought about how the program could look like (the social program is included):

	Monday, 24.08.2009	Tuesday, 25.08.2009	Wednesday, 26.08.2009	Thursday, 27.08.2009	Friday, 28.08.2009
8.30 – 8.45	Registration				
8.45 – 9.15	Registration	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation
9.15 – 9.45	Opening Festivity	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation
9.45 – 10.15	Presentation – Invited Professor	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation
10.15 – 10.45	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation – Invited Professor	Presentation
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break
11.00 – 11.30	Presentation	Presentation	Excursion to Sinaia – visit to Peles Museum; lunch.	Presentation	Presentation
11.30 – 12.00	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	Presentation
12.00 – 12.30	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	Presentation
12.30 – 13.00	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	Presentation
13.00 – 16.00	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
16.00 – 16.30	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	Closing ceremony – certificates of attendance
16.30 – 17.00	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	**
17.00 – 17.30	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	
17.30 – 17.45	Coffee-break	Coffee-break		Coffee-break	
17.45 – 18.15	Presentation	Presentation		Presentation	
18.15 – 18.45	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation		
18.45 – 19.15	Presentation	Presentation	Presentation		
20.30 -	Welcome drink	Guided excursion– “Bucharest by night”		Farewell party/dinner	

Obviously, depending on the number of participants the program could be modified. We also think about a visit to **Parliament Palace** in Bucharest if it will be time for this and if people will be interested.

- **Invited professors:** we intend to invite 2 or 3 professors. We decided upon one of them – Valentin Patilea from (IRMAR-)INSA de Rennes – who also participated to European Young Statistician Meeting some years ago (therefore he could make not necessarily a comparison to what it was before, but a bridge from the past to current days, and share this with the participants) and who is a very good statistician.

Considering the other guests, we have to decide upon them.

- **Website:** A first version of the website is available – launch as soon as possible.
- **Conference participation fee:** we didn't decide the amount yet, because we want to keep it at minimum possible. Probably this will be established in autumn (September-October). Paying the fee, the participant will benefit of: accommodation (5 nights), coffee-breaks, lunches (5 days), excursions, farewell dinner and welcome drink, the conference bag (including the conference volume of abstracts and CDs with the papers).

Preliminary details for EMS 2010

Venue: University of Piraeus (UoP). The University main building is in walking distance (10-15 minutes) from a terminal stop of the Athens underground network (metro). Frequent tram and bus services are also available to spots close to the UoP site.

Date: August 17th (registration) - August 22, 2010

Available facilities: UoP has a large auditorium which can accommodate more than 500-600 persons and a smaller conference room (for 250-300 persons). Besides that there are numerous lecture rooms of size 30, 70, 150 seats which can all be used since the conference dates fall within summer holidays, and no other activities (lectures or exams) are scheduled in the university building at that time.

IT facilities: Overhead projectors and more than 10 laptops and data projectors that can be used for PowerPoint presentations (besides the portable ones, many lecture rooms have data projectors installed).

Accommodation: Since UoP is located in the downtown Piraeus area, there are a lot of accommodation facilities nearby, ranging from cheap to luxurious hotels. Besides, a participant may choose to stay in hotels downtown Athens and commute to UoP by metro or Taxi.

Official Approval: An official approval from the University administration has already been obtained for using the UoP facilities at the referenced period.

Local Organizing Committee:

Professor M. V. Koutras (chair)

Assoc. Professor D. L. Antzoulakos

Assistant Professor M. Boutsikas

Assistant Professor K. Politis

Assistant Professor M. Kateri

(faculty members of UoP)

Assoc. Professor S. Meintanis

(faculty member of University of Athens)

More members will enter the LOC in the future

Chair :

Enno Mammen (Mannheim, D),

Current Research Projects

1. Semiparametric modelling of GARCH models
2. Nonparametric estimation of nonseparable models for heterogeneous populations. (Project
3. Nonparametric analysis of implied volatilities
4. Kernel smoothing in generalized structured models
5. Nonparametric smoothing in case of correlated data
6. Panels of time series
8. Comparison of bootstrap methods and surrogate data methods

Other members :

1)Gerda Claeskens (Leuven, B),

Research Interests:

- * Lack of fit tests and Goodness of fit tests
- * Model selection and model averaging
- * Nonparametric estimation (kernel smoothers, local polynomials, regression splines)

2)Andy Wood (Nottingham, UK),

Research interests include

- * asymptotic techniques
- * bootstrap methods
- * likelihood inference
- * statistical aspects of fractals
- * wavelets

3)Pascal Massart (Paris, F)

Research interests:

Empirical processes
Concentration inequalities
Nonparametric statistics
Model selection

Statistical learning theory

4) Adam Jakubowski (Torun, PL)

Research interests :

My research deals mainly with limit theorems of probability theory and stochastic processes, in particular with:

Limit theorems for stochastic integrals and stability problems for stochastic differential equations;

Functional convergence, including nonmetric topologies on functional spaces;

Limit theorems for sums of dependent random variables, including heavy-tailed random variables and stable and generalized Poisson limits;

Limit theorems for order statistics of dependent random variables.

My recent interest concerns also Digital Image Processing, in particular image denoising and image segmentation.

5) Arno Frigessi (Oslo, Norway)

Highly Structured Stochastic Systems - HSSS

Markov chain Monte Carlo methods;

Bayesian process-based modeling;

space and space-time models;

extreme value theory and its applications;

multiple comparisons and testing;

merging of complex data sets;

statistical genomics;

population dynamics

6) Viktor Benes (Praha, CZ)

Spatial-temporal point processes

**7) M.V. Koutras
representative of Greece**