

Statutes of the European Regional Committee of the Bernoulli Society

1. The object of the European Regional Committee of the Bernoulli Society, hereafter referred to as the Committee, is to promote European cooperation in the sciences of probability theory and statistics and their applications in accordance with the objectives of the Bernoulli Society. The Committee shall take an active part in arranging European Meetings of Statisticians and can initiate focused conferences on theoretical or methodological developments and fields of application of especial timeliness and importance.
2. The Committee shall consist of the Director of the Permanent Office of the International Statistical Institute and 16 elected members who must be European members of the Bernoulli Society. There shall not be more than two elected members from any one country.
3. Up to three members may be co-opted by the Committee.
4. The period of membership is four years for elected members and two years for co-opted members. An outgoing chairman continues as a supernumerary member of the Committee for two years after the end of his/her chairmanship period, irrespectively of the length of his/her membership on the Committee.
5. Half of the elected members will retire every two years and an election will be held to replace them.
6. No person will be eligible for re-election until at least two years have elapsed since he/she was previously a member.
7. During the year prior to an election the Committee will nominate a number of candidates for election equal to the number of vacancies. The names of these candidates will be published in the ISI Newsletter and Bernoulli News. Any group of at least five European members of the Bernoulli Society is entitled to nominate further candidates who have declared themselves willing to serve on the Committee. The full list of candidates so obtained will be published in the ISI Newsletter and Bernoulli News. If the number of candidates equals the number of vacancies, all candidates will be declared elected. If the number of candidates is greater than the number of vacancies, an election will be held among European members of the Bernoulli Society under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Bernoulli Society.
8. The officers of the Committee will be the Chairman and the Programme Coordinator. The Programme Coordinator is elected by a majority vote by the Committee, while the Chairman is proposed on the basis of a majority vote by the Committee and appointed by the Executive Committee of the Bernoulli Society. The Chairman is appointed one year before his/her term of office. The Programme Coordinator is appointed at the beginning of his/her term of office. The Programme Coordinator represents the Committee on the Programmes Coordinating Committee of the Bernoulli Society.
9. The Committee appoints among its members a Conference Committee. The Conference Committee consists of the Programme Coordinator, who chairs the Conference Committee, and two ordinary members. The ordinary members are elected for two years by majority vote.

10. The term of office of the Chairman and the Programme Coordinator will be two years. A member of the Committee may be elected Chairman or Programme Coordinator from a date which would otherwise conclude his/her term of membership of the Committee. In that case the person in question is automatically a supernumerary member of the Committee for the part of the term of office that is after the expiry of his/her ordinary membership of the Committee.
11. Proposals to amend this constitution may be made in writing to the Chairman of the Committee. An amendment takes effect if it is approved by at least two thirds of the Committee members and by the General Assembly of the Bernoulli Society.