

Minutes of the ERC Meeting

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July 25, 2017

When: Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 12.30-14.30

Where: Helsinki, room Palmu at restaurant Sunn

Attendees: Anne Gégout-Petit, Tatiana Krivobokova, Ulrike Schneider, Rosa Lillo (representing Jesus Lopez Fidalgo), Emilija Perkovic (representing Marloes Maathuis), Maarten Jansen (representing Davy Paindaveine), Piotr Pokarowski (representing Jan Mielniczuk), Richard Samworth, Angelo Mineo (EMS 2019 organization committee chair), Niels Richard Hansen (Chair)

1. Introductions

- Everybody introduced themselves
- NRH welcomed the 2016 elected members of the ERC:

Andreas Basse-O'Connor, Aarhus University, Denmark

Geurt Jongbloed, Delft University, The Netherlands

Peter Kevei, University of Szeged, Hungary

Tatyana Krivobokova, Goettingen, Germany

Marloes Maathuis, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Davy Paindaveine, ULB Brussels, Belgium

Laura Sangalli, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Ulrike Schneider, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

- NRH gave a brief orientation of what ERC does. Additional information can be found online:

www.bernoulli-society.org/index.php/organization/erc/home-erc

2. Minutes of last meeting

- Minutes from the Skype meeting, December 15, 2015 was approved without comments.

3. ERC Statutes

- NRH informed about the recent minor changes of the ERC Statutes to reflect a revision of the Bernoulli Society Statutes. The changes, which had already been approved, concerned point 8 (election of chair) and point 11 (change of ERC Statutes).

4. Election of ERC Programme Coordinator and Conference Committee

- Anne Gégout-Petit was elected as Programme Coordinator.
- Tatiana Krivobokova and Ulrike Schneider were elected as members of the Conference Committee.

5. EMS 2015 report

- The report from Marc Halin (Scientific Programme Committee chair) has now been distributed to the ERC members. According to the report, "The whole process was quite smooth and efficient", and "a small but well chosen program Committee is by far preferable to a larger one". The report did not give rise to any further comments.

6. EMS 2019 in Palermo

- Angelo Mineo gave a brief orientation of the plans for the organization of EMS 2019. Possible dates were discussed, and the current plan is that the meeting is organized in the last weeks of July. This will have to be coordinated with other scientific meetings.
- Election of Scientific Programme chair and Scientific Programme Committee.

The following three were elected, and have already accepted.

Lutz Dümbgen (chair)

Angelo Mineo (Local Organizing Committee)

Anne Gégout-Petit (ERC Programme Coordinator)

A list of tentative additional members of the committee was compiled.

Action points: AGP will contact the suggested committee members.

7. EMS 2021, call for bid

- According to [A scenario for the arrangement of the European Meetings of Statisticians](#), the conference should be organized in 2021 provided that the ISI World Statistics Congress will **not** be in Europe in 2021, in which case EMS 2021 is postponed to 2022. (It cannot be organized in 2020, since the World Congress in Probability and Statistics will be in 2020). The ERC needs to invite interested countries to submit a bid. The deadline for bids will be January 31, 2018.

Action points: NRH will make the official bid invitation and announce it via the various official channels (web page, Bernoulli News, etc) during the fall. All ERC members should use their network to make as many as possible aware of the bid invitation.

8. EYSM

- 20th EYSM will be arranged in Uppsala, Sweden, August 14-18, 2017. Web: www.eysm2017.eu
- THE EYSM is organized according to the *guidelines* and *remarks* found here: www.bernoulli-society.org/index.php/organization/erc/eysm. The International Organizing Committee (IOC) for the next meeting in 2019 is decided at EYSM 2017. The organization, and especially the selection process of the participants, was discussed. It was decided that an official list of named EYSM-contacts should be constructed with one representative from each European country. The representative should be a senior member of the Bernoulli Society and he or she could be a member of ERC. The contact person should serve two purposes. First, the contact person should assist the IOC in the invitation of young statisticians from their respective country. Second, the contact person should help informing young statisticians about the meeting.

Action point: NRH will compile an initial list of EYSM-contacts. All ERC-members should help finding appropriate contact persons, especially for countries not represented in the ERC.

9. SemStat

- Ernst Wit is currently in charge of SemStat, and he acts as editor of the *Cambridge Elements - SemStat* series by Cambridge University Press, which will publish books by SemStat lecturers.
- SemStat 2017, March 7-10, *Statistical Network Science*. Books by the two lecturers Eric Kolaczyk and Alberto Roverato will be published in 2017.
- SemStat 2018, *Causal Inference*. Marloes Maathuis has agreed to be one of the lecturers.

Action point: NRH will contract Ernst Wit for an update on SemStat 2018 and any plans for future SemStat meetings. All ERC members are encouraged to suggest topics and lecturers for a SemStat meeting.

10. Election of the ERC Chair for the period 2019-2020

- NRH informed that the next chair of the ERC should be elected by the end of 2017.

Action point: NRH will organize the election via email later this year.

11. Election of ERC members in 2018

- ERC members elected in 2014 step down by the end of 2018. Eight members need to be elected in 2018, and the ERC should suggest eight candidates.

Action point: If you step down in 2018, you should suggest a candidate to replace you, who can be elected in 2018. Suggested candidates should be known early in 2018.

12. Any other business

None