

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONFERENCE

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This third Sheffield conference, organised by the University of Sheffield, Department of Probability and Statistics, with the support of the local group of the Royal Statistical Society, will be held in Sheffield, U.K., in the period 22–25 March 1983.

The conference will cover the various aspects of studying and formally fitting relationships, including diagnostic procedures. In addition to single invited lectures on specific topics there will be a number of sets of coordinated lectures of an instruction/review type. Moreover there will be limited possibilities for presenting short contributed papers.

Those who have agreed to speak include:

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The Applied Probability Trust has now issued a supplementary volume No. 19A of the *Journal of Applied Probability* (JAP). Entitled *Essays in Statistical Science*, this book consists of a collection of papers on a range of topics including statistical theory, stochastic processes, time series, geometric probability and mathematical genetics. It has been published as a Festschrift in honour of the sixty-fifth birthday of Professor P. A. P. Moran FAA, FRS, of the Department of Statistics, Australian National University, Canberra, an editor of JAP since its first volume in 1964.

This special volume is edited by J. Gani and E. J. Hannan and contains contributions from the following colleagues and students of Professor Moran: M. S. Bartlett, B. Benjamin, V. Cane, H. Cohn, D. J. Daley, H. E. Daniels, A. W. Davis, P. Erdős, W. J. Ewens, P. D. Finch, J. Gani, J. M. Hammersley, E. J. Hannan, A. M. Hasofer, C. R. Heathcote, C. C. Heyde, D. G. Kendall, J. F. C. Kingman, R. McNamee, D. R. McNeil, R. J. Maillardet, R. E. Miles, B. H. Neumann, M. Osborne, D. K. Pickard, D. Pollard, B. C. Rennie, E. L. Scott, E. Seneta, C. A. B. Smith, D. Vere-Jones, I. Vincze, G. S. Watson, G. A. Watterson, M. Westcott, P. Whittle, E. J. Williams and S. R. Wilson.

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In addition to these review papers, *Advances* is also designed to be a medium of publication for (1) longer research papers in Applied Probability, which may include expository material, (2) expository papers on branches of mathematics of interest to probabilists, (3) papers outlining areas in the biological, physical, social and technological sciences in which probability models can be usefully developed, and finally, (4) papers in Applied Probability presented at conferences which do not publish their proceedings.

In short, the main function of *Advances* is to define areas of recent progress and potential development in Applied Probability. As with the *Journal of Applied Probability*, *Advances* undertakes to publish papers accepted by the Editors within 15 months of their submission.

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ORSA/TIMS SPECIAL INTEREST MEETING: APPLIED PROBABILITY IN ENGINEERING AND BIOLOGY

This is the second in the Series of Special Interest Meetings sponsored by the TIMS College/ORSA Technical Section on Applied Probability. It is to be held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington from 18 to 20 July 1983. The Organizing Committee consists of E. Cinlar, R. B. Cooper, R. Disney, J. Gani (Chairman), M. F. Neuts, N. U. Prabhu, P. Purdue and T. Ott.

There will be 6 sessions on:

1. Recent Developments in Queueing
2. Computers and Simulation
3. Control Mechanisms
4. Stochastic Hydrology
5. General Models in Biology
6. Epidemic and Genetic Models

At these sessions, invited speakers will review their fields and report recent research. There will also be several Contributed Paper Sessions on these and related topics.

The Organizing Committee invites papers for the Contributed Sessions. A title and abstract should be sent to Dr. J. Gani, Department of Statistics, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506 by not later than 1 April 1983. Details of accommodations and other facilities available at Lexington will be circulated at a later date.

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