ISBA is a newly created International Scientific Society with the objective of interfacing between Bayesian Statistic methods,and scientific areas such as Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Business, Astronomy, Earth Sciences, Education, Psychology, Government Policy-Making, Medicine, and Sociology.

NEW ASSOCIATE EDITORS

As Editor, I am pleased to introduce the new Editorial Board. We hope to provide greater opportunities for member input worldwide.

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Issues concerning students should be sent to Alyson Wilson. Any conference news should be sent to Hiroki Tsurumi. Events occurring around the world can be brought to the attention of your most convenient regional representative. JHD

STUDENTS SPEAK UP
Alyson Wilson

In upcoming issues, the ISBA Newsletter will begin including articles for, by, and about students. Features will highlight student opinions, activities, and research. Sound interesting? Here's how you can help. Upcoming articles will address these questions: (1) What's the most useful book a student (studying Bayesian statistics) can have on his/her shelf? (2) What are the benefits the challenges of studying abroad? We'd like to hear from anyone studying outside his native country, and would be especially interested in personal impressions. (3) What kind of research are students involved in? We'd like to publish several short abstracts of student work in each issue -- a great chance to publicize your work and find collaborators. Please send your ideas and responses to Alyson Wilson by e-mail at alyson@isds.duke.edu or by regular mail at ISDS, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0251, USA. We welcome input from both current and former students.

NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As co-chairs of the Nominating Committee, we have the responsibility of forming a committee and then with them determining names to go on a ballot, from which officers of ISBA will be elected. We have felt somewhat hampered by lack of knowledge of the offices that will exist in ISBA, but we are heartened to know that the Constitutional Committee is making progress toward a suitable definition of our organizational structure. We will fairly soon be forming a Nominating Committee and invite the membership to send us names of potential nominees. The elected officers currently are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, there is a board of twelve international advisors. While these posts are not likely to be identical to the offices under the new

constitution, they will undoubtedly be similar.

With this in mind, we would like to solicit potential nominations from the members of ISBA for the various officers of the Society. You may send your potential nominations to either of us by electronic mail or by hard-copy mail. All candidates will be contacted before their names appear on a ballot.

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ISBA COMPUTER ABSTRACT/ARCHIVE SYSTEM (CAS)

Members of the ISBA Board, along with John Geweke, Chair of the Publications Committee have voted unanimously in favor of instituting an ISBA CAS on a two-year trial basis. Such a WWW system will provide ISBA members with easy computer access to current and recent Bayesian pre-publication papers, abstracts, etc. Also, printed copies of papers, abstracts, lists, etc. can be produced by the system.

Dr. Richard N. Silver, a physicist, charter member of ISBA and Program Chair for the Maxent/Bayes'95 meeting and Dr. Carlos Rodriguez, a Bayesian Statistician and expert on WWW Internet systems have agreed to serve as administrators of the ISBA CAS under the guidance of the ISBA Board and Publications Committee. Silver has indicated that ISBA can link into the existing Los Alamos LANL/NSF system (HTTP://XXX.LANL.GOV) at NO COST to ISBA and be in operation within a very short time. This system has been successful in serving the needs of a number of fields of mathematics and physics for several years and has many users. Several ISBA members will be appointed to assist Silver and Rodriguez.

In the opinion of the ISBA Board members, an ISBA CAS system can provide valuable services to ISBA members and promote the objectives of ISBA. The Board and International Advisors will be kept fully informed of the progress and results of the ISBA CAS project. All important policy issues involved in this project will be brought before the Board and International Advisors. Finally, every effort will be made to make the CAS "user-friendly."

EDITOR'S NOTES

The ISBA Newsletter will now appear in 4 issues per year: March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Deadline for submission will be the 1st of the month of publication. An editorial board will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter. Please note that the March 15, 1995, newsletter will be the last one mailed to members who have not paid 1995 dues. JHD.

CONFERENCES

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON BAYESIAN ROBUSTNESS

Rimini, Italy,
May 22-25, 1995

The Second International Workshop on Bayesian Robustness will be held in Rimini (Italy), May 22-25, 1995. The workshop is being organized by CNR-IAMI and supported by the International Society of Bayesian Analysis and Societa' Italiana di Statistica. To receive a registration form send email to: workshop@iami.mi.cnr.it NSF has provided some funds for U.S. participants to travel to the meeting. To apply for travel funds, write to: larry@stat.cmu.edu before April 15. You must register to be considered for travel funds. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities and young researchers are especially encouraged to apply for travel funds. For more information, see the last issue of the newsletter or use the e-mail addresses above.

The Fifteenth International Workshop on Maximum Entropy and Bayesian Methods
July 31 - August 4, 1995

The Center for Nonlinear Studies at Los Alamos National Laboratory is pleased to host the Fifteenth International Workshop on Maximum Entropy and Bayesian Methods, to be held July 31- August 4, 1995, organized by Kenneth Hanson (kmh@lanl.gov) and Richard Silver (rns@loke.lanl.gov), and coordinated by Barbara Rhodes and Rose Vigil (505) 667-1444, (maxent@cnls.lanl.gov). The workshop is co-sponsored by the Radiographic Diagnostics Program, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the Santa Fe Institute.

LOCATION: Workshop sessions will be held at St. John's College, 1160 Camino Cruz Blanca,

Santa Fe, New Mexico. Workshop participants are invited to attend weekly lectures, concerts, special social events and film showings. The college library, bookstore, coffee shop, athletic fields, tennis courts and mountain hiking trails are open to all college guests. Within walking distance of the college, visitors can explore many of the advantages of Santa Fe, including picturesque adobe neighborhoods, the Old Santa Fe Trail, four major museums, and Canyon Road art galleries.

ABSTRACTS: Organizers will select abstracts for oral and poster presentations following the submission deadline of April 14, 1995. Abstracts may be submitted in LaTeX or ASCII and should be limited to one page of about 400 words. Please include a curriculum vita or a short biographical sketch. You will be notified by May 15 whether your paper has been selected for presentation.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS: Manuscripts of accepted papers will be due at the Workshop, in camera-ready form, on diskette, and one hard-copy, and they must be prepared in LaTeX using a style file that will be made available to authors upon request.

AGENDA: A preliminary agenda for the workshop will be available mid-May. The general schedule is as follows:

Sunday, July 30	Arrival in Santa Fe
	Registration
Monday, July 31	Tutorial Session
	General Sessions
	Reception, Santa Fe Institute
Tuesday, August 1	General Sessions
	Poster Session
Wednesday, August 2	General Sessions
	Tour to Los Alamos
	Dinner
Thursday, August 3	General Sessions
	Buffet Dinner
Friday, August 4	General Sessions
	Close of Workshop

REGISTRATION: Meeting registration will open Sunday, July 30. The registration fee of $250 covers general meeting costs, the reception, 2 dinners, tour, refreshment breaks and proceedings. The fee MUST BE submitted with the registration form by the deadline of June 10 and may be paid by personal or Cashier's check or money order in U.S. dollars, payable to MaxEnt95 Workshop. There are no provisions for payment by credit card or purchase order. Workshop registration and lodging will be confirmed no later than July 10.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Limited financial support will be available to assist graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who wish to attend the workshop. Formal requests for support should be submitted along with registration materials. Funding decisions will be made by the organizers and official notifications will be sent following the registration deadline.

FOOD SERVICES: Participants will dine in the college dining hall. Room and Board rates at St. John's include breakfast and lunch each day. Nonresidents may purchase meals in the dining hall at nominal rates. Dinners may be purchased separately in the dining hall by both residents and nonresidents. A full-service coffee shop is also open on campus. There are also over 200 restaurants in Santa Fe, ranging from delightful down-home cafes to world renowned establishments.

LODGING: Workshop participants will be able to select from two options. Lodging Forms MUST be received by the Registration deadline of June 10! August is the height of the tourist season and the workshop cannot guarantee lodging once the deadline has passed!

St. John's College offers double-occupancy rooms with shared bathroom facilities, which are comfortably furnished with beds, desks, bookshelves, telephones and built-in dressing units. Balconies, common rooms and landscaped courtyards provide additional meeting and living spaces. Laundry facilities are located on campus. A package rate for 6 nights (check-in on Sunday, July 30 and check-out on Saturday, August 5) with breakfast and lunch provided from Monday through Saturday, is $300. This fee must be paid in full by the Registration deadline of June 10. We are unable to pro-rate the lodging fee for less than the full week's attendance. St. John's will accommodate early arrivals on Saturday, July 29 ONLY on a space-available basis, at an extra charge of $45 (no meals) paid to the college at the time of arrival.

The Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta at Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, (1-800-825-9876) is a lovely Southwestern style hotel

within walking distance of downtown Santa Fe. The hotel has guaranteed a special meeting rate of $96.00 (plus taxes, single or double) per room per night from Sunday, July 30 through check-out on Friday, August 4. Rates for additional nights are $129.00, single or double. Additional adults (after two) will be charged $10 per person, per night. Children 17 and under stay free when in the same room with parents. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m., check-out is 12:00 noon. Reservation requests will be confirmed and guaranteed only when accompanied by one night's room deposit by check, money order or by credit card. 48 hours notice is required for cancellation and refund of deposit. Parking at the hotel is free to its guests. Please note: transportation to St. John's College from the Hotel will NOT be provided by the workshop.

TRANSPORTATION: Albuquerque International Airport is the major air terminal nearest to Santa Fe (approximately 60 miles). Most major airlines fly into Albuquerque. There is also a small airport in Santa Fe which is serviced by Mesa Airlines (10 seat planes) from both Albuquerque and Denver; for information call 1-800-637-2247.

You can reach downtown Santa Fe from the Albuquerque airport using a bus service called Shuttlejack which runs approximately every two hours. The cost is $20 each way and reservations are required; call 1-800-452-2665. Be sure to mention when you make your reservation that you will need to be dropped off at St. John's College or the Hotel Santa Fe. If you are calling from outside the U.S., please contact Barbara Rhodes to help you.

If you prefer to rent a car, all major rental car companies are available at the Albuquerque airport. Budget Rental Cars has a contract with the Laboratory which provides liability, collision and loss coverage on all official Laboratory rentals at NO COST to you. If you would like to reserve a rental car under this contract as an official visitor to the Laboratory, please contact Barbara Rhodes.

Santa Fe has limited city bus service. Summer schedules will be available at the Workshop. Taxi service is available 24 hours per day.

WEATHER: Santa Fe is located at an altitude of 7,000 feet. August temperatures typically range from a low of 55 degrees to a high of 85 degrees Fahrenheit, with the possibility of afternoon rain showers.

SANTA FE OPERA: Santa Fe Opera enchants music lovers by the musical quality and the spectacular outdoor theater overlooking a vast panorama. Call the Box Office at (505) 986-5900 (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. mountain time) for ticket information on daily performances scheduled for the week of the workshop.The Fifteenth International Workshop on MAXIMUM ENTROPY AND BAYESIAN METHODS

Hosted by the Center for Nonlinear Studies and Sponsored by the Center for Nonlinear Studies and the Radiographic Diagnostics Program, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Santa Fe Institute July 31-August 4, 1995 to be held at St. John's College Santa Fe, New Mexico

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME
Last_____
First_____
Middle_____

Institution/Affiliation:

Full Business Address:

Telephone: (Work)_____
(Home)_____
Fax:_____
E-Mail Address:_____

U.S. Social Security #_____

Citizenship:_____
City/Country of Birth:_____
Date of Birth:_____
Type of Visa:_____
Visa Expiration Date:_____

Check One:

Faculty/Staff _____
Student _____
Postdoc _____

_____I would like to give a talk.

Audio/Visual equipment needed:

_____I would like to present a poster.

(ABSTRACT DEADLINE IS APRIL 14, 1995!)

LODGING ARRANGEMENTS:
(Please attach your Lodging Form!)

REGISTRATION FEE: Please make check or money order payable to: MaxEnt95 Workshop

_____$250 Registration Fee enclosed only, no lodging.

_____$250 Registration Fee and $300 Lodging Fee for St. John's College ($550 total) enclosed.

Please return this form no later than, 6/10/95 to: MaxEnt95 WORKSHOP: CNLS FAX: (505) 665-2659

For infor. contact: Barbara Rhodes, CNLS at (505)667-1444 e-mail: maxent@cnls.lanl.gov

Maximum Entropy and Bayesian Methods Workshop Santa Fe, NM 7/31-8/4, 1995

LODGING FORM

Name_____

Male _____   Female_____

Date of Arrival _____ ETA in Santa Fe _____

Date of Departure _____
Approximate Departure Time_____

Telephone _____
E-mail Address _____

Please make your selection of lodging arrangements:

___ St. John's College
___ My roommate will be_____
___ Please select a roommate for me.
___ I need a reservation for early arrival on Saturday, July 29 if space is available. I will pay St. John's $45 (no meals) at the time of my arrival.

_____ I will have a rental car and will need a parking permit.

___ Hotel Santa Fe
___ Single Room ___ Double Room
___ My roommate will be_____
_____ No-Smoking Room _____ Smoking Room

_____ I will have a rental car and will need a parking permit for St. John's.

To guarantee my room reservation, I understand the Hotel will charge one night's deposit to my credit card and that I must cancel at least 48 hours prior to arrival to have this charge refunded.

Name of Credit Card

_____
Number_____
Expiration Date_____

_____ I prefer to make my own lodging arrangements.
Comments or Special Requests:*Upcoming Workshop*

SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON BAYESIAN ROBUSTNESS

RENEWAL REMINDER

Anyone wishing to join ISBA or renew their membership should send 1995 calendar year dues of $25.00 with name, address and e-mail address to:

 Professor Gordon M. Kaufman
 ISBA Treasurer
 School of Management
 Rm. 53-375,
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Cambridge, MA 02139

Credit card payment is possible; for VISA, American Express, or MasterCard: include card number, expiration date, name as it appears on the card, then add a signature and date for authorization.

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