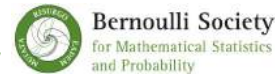


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The 34th European Meeting of Statisticians: July 3-7, 2023, Warsaw, Poland



The 34th European Meeting of Statisticians took place from July 3 to 7, 2023, in Warsaw (Poland). The main conference in statistics and probability in Europe, sponsored by the European Regional Committee of the Bernoulli Society, was organized by the University of Warsaw, the Warsaw University of Technology, and the Polish Mathematical Society under the auspices of the Committee of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The 33rd conference was to be held in Moscow in 2022 but was cancelled due to the Russian aggression against Ukraine. In September 2022, the organization of the next conference was entrusted to the community of Polish statisticians, which decided that it would be held in Warsaw in July 2023. Moreover, it has been decided that the Warsaw meeting would be number 34 and not 33 – this one will remain as if without cover, so as not to forget about the awful war still taking place beyond the Polish eastern border. As mentioned above, the organization of the conference was entrusted to us less than 10 months before the conference began, which was a very short time, considering the rank and size of the event. However, we joined the organization with commitment, although not without fear of whether we would be able to meet the requirements and whether the news that it would take place in Warsaw would meet with a positive response. Fortunately, we managed to gather a group of enthusiasts who spared no effort and time to host all those who accepted our invitation to Warsaw.

Finally, 270 participants registered for the conference, of which 251 people appeared in Warsaw.

The conference program featured 6 keynote speakers. The opening lecture on “Bootstrapping high-dimensional sample covariance matrices” was given by Angelika Rohde (University of Freiburg). The Forum Lecture, in two parts, was delivered by Gérard Biau (Sorbonne University, Paris) – part 1: “Recur-

rent and Residual Neural Networks as differential equations”, and part 2: “Recurrent and Residual Neural Networks as differential equations”. The European Mathematical Society Cooperation Lecture was given by Arnaud Doucet (University of Oxford) on “From Denoising Diffusion Models to Dynamic Transport Models – Generative Modeling and Inference”. There were two Special Invited Lectures: Po-Ling Loh (University of Cambridge) told us about “Robust regression revisited”, whereas Jonas Peters (ETH Zurich) delivered a lecture on “Invariance in practice: dynamical systems and falsifiability”. Finally, Marta Blangiardo (Imperial College, London) gave a closing lecture on “Spatio-temporal Bayesian models for environmental epidemiology: methods and examples” on the last day of the conference.

Moreover, the scientific program included 18 Invited Sessions and 35 Contributed Sessions sessions during which 195 papers were presented. Additionally, a Poster Session was also organized.

The scientific part was complemented by a social program with several attractions: a Welcome Reception, the New Researchers Meeting, a guided tour around the Warsaw Old Town, The Conference Dinner with a string trio concert, and the Closing Ceremony. An important part of the EMS opening ceremony was the awarding of the Bernoulli Society Medal. Adam Jakubowski, the President of the Bernoulli Society, delivered the laudation and presented the Willem van Zwet Medal to Thomas Valentin Mikosch (University of Copenhagen).



However, the conference is not only about lectures, presentations, and other official events. It is primarily an opportunity to talk and discuss, but a chance



From the left: Adam Jakubowski and Thomas Mikosch

also to meet old friends and make new ones. We trust that the Warsaw conference EMS 2023 contributed to this and will remain a pleasant memory for all its participants. Those who would like to read the detailed conference program are invited to visit the website:

<https://ems2023.org>.

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