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Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers:

Prague Stochastics 2006

August 21 – 25, 2006, Prague

A joint session of the 7th Prague Symposium on Asymptotic Statistics and the 15th Prague Conference on Information Theory, Statistical Decision Functions and Random Processes, next in a series of international conferences on stochastics organized in Prague since 1956, will be held in Prague, on August 21 – 25, 2006, under the auspices of the Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability. The meeting will be organized by the Department of Probability and Mathematical Statistics of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of Charles University and the Department of Stochastic Informatics of the Institute of Information and Automation of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic with the assistance of Action M Agency.

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held in the Conference rooms in the newly reconstructed historical building of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics. The place is located in the very heart of the City Centre, about 200 meters from Charles Bridge on the left bank of the Vltava River. It is within an easy walking distance from many places in downtown Prague, including the hotels.

The Opening Ceremony, as well as the Plenary Sessions on Monday afternoon, will take place in Karolinum, the historical Charles University building in the city centre.

Scientific Programme

The scientific programme will be aimed at covering a wide range of stochastics, with special emphasis on the topics of this lively field which have been pursued in Prague. There will be

- Plenary Lectures (60 minutes),
- Invited Lectures (40 minutes),
- Contributed Talks (20 minutes inclusive of the time for discussion) and
- Poster Sessions (maximum poster dimensions: 130 cm × 100 cm (height × width)).

The official language of the Conference is English.

The responsibility for the Scientific Programme is taken by the Programme Committee: Martin Janžura, janzura@utia.cas.cz, Marie Hušková, huskova@karlin.mff.cuni.cz together with the Invited Sessions organizers.

Proceedings

Conference Proceedings with full papers will be published by the Conference opening day, and distributed among the participants, together with other conference materials. The Proceedings will be published by MATFYZPRESS, the official Faculty Publishing House, as a hard copy for the Invited Lectures and on a CD disk (attached as an official part of the book with the same ISBN code) for the Contributed Talks and Posters.

All participants are encouraged to send their papers so that they are received not later than February 28, 2006. The papers will be reviewed, and the authors will be notified about their acceptance before May 15, 2006.

Conference Dates and Deadlines

<i>February 28, 2006</i>	Deadline for payment of the Early Registration Fee (discounted) Submission of full papers for the Proceedings
<i>May 15, 2006</i>	Latest date for full paper acceptance notification
<i>May 31, 2006</i>	Deadline for payment of the Regular Registration Fee Submission of abstracts
<i>August 21, 2006</i>	Conference opening day
<i>August 25, 2006</i>	Conference closing day

For more information, see the Conference website at <http://www.utia.cas.cz/pragstoch06/>

2005 American Control Conference Portland, Oregon, USA, June 8–10, 2005

The American Automatic Control Council (AACC) held the 2005 American Control Conference (ACC) on June 8–10, 2005 at the Portland Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon. The conference was held in cooperation with the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC). The aim of the conference was to bring together people in the field of control and automation from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), Association of Iron and Steel Technology (AIST), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), International Society for Measurement and Control (ISA), and the Society for Computer Simulation (SCS).

Quote Technical Program Overview (<http://www.ee.washington.edu/conf/acc2005/>): "The 2005 ACC technical program is an excellent show-case for emerging areas in control as well as traditional control disciplines. This program shows a continuing upward trend in the number of application papers in numerous areas which include aerospace, automotive, industry, power, chemical process, communications, networks, and bio-systems, micro and nano-systems and more. There are many tutorial sessions of two-hour duration on the state of the art work in theory and applications which will provide every attendee with an in-depth understanding of a variety of important current topics. The invited sessions which consist of theme based papers have been organized by well-known experts in topics as diverse as biological modeling, mechatronics, networked systems, MEMS, nano applications, cooperative control etc. This year's program continues to have the valuable forum, called the interactive sessions, as previous ACCs, which facilitates easier and stimulating exchanges between the attendees and the presenter.

The 2005 ACC offers special sessions: technical and informative. These consist of sessions dealing with scanning probe microscopy and synthesis of genetic networks and history of control. There are sessions appealing to attendees young and not too young: NSF funding opportunities and mid-career job change. The 2005 technical program also offers workshops on important and emerging areas of control."

The 2005 ACC confirmed the continuing prestige role of the American Control Conferences in the field of control and automation (<http://www.a2c2.org/conferences/index.php>) (This note has been supported by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MSMT) under Grant 1P04LA209.)

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