

Minutes of the section meeting

Place, date Zurich, November 11, 2005, 16.15-17.05
Chairman Andreas Ruckstuhl
Secretary Theo Gasser

1. Agenda

There were no objections to the proposed agenda

2. Minutes of last year's annual meeting

- Hard copies distributed
- Published on web page (<http://www.stat.ch/en/ssser/>)
- All participants agree

3. Annual report (published in the SSS Bulletin Nr. 52, October 2005)

- The good participation at today's seminar is appreciated
- It is generally considered important that the ER seminar fits well into the whole framework of the annual meeting
- More emphasis should be put on teaching at the university level with mutual information on plans and changes
- Teaching statistics at high schools is considered problematic; there is too much focus on combinatorics and too little on transferring the concept of variability (the US are stepping up efforts)
- The last point should be put on the agenda of a future meeting.

4. Elections

- A. Ruckstuhl steps down as President of the section ER as incoming president of SSS
- Werner Stahel is elected President with acclamation
- Eva Cantoni and Anthony Davison are elected members with acclamation
- Lutz Duembgen, Jacques Zuber and Theo Gasser are re-elected as members with acclamation.

5. Miscellaneous

- The Swiss Statistical Meeting 2006 is in Lugano
- Academy: "science and society" is a strong topic"

Theo Gasser