

THE TWENTIETH NEW ENGLAND STATISTICS SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, April 22, 2006

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The Department of Mathematical Sciences of Worcester Polytechnic Institute is proud to host The Twentieth New England Statistics Symposium on Saturday, April 22, 2006. The symposium is sponsored by the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC; for more information, see www.wpi.edu/News/Conf/NESS/.

Keynote speakers are Lawrence Cox of the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC, and Soren Bisgaard of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. There will be invited sessions on various areas of statistics (e.g., government, business, industry and education). In addition, we welcome contributed talks of 15-20 minutes on all aspects of statistics and probability. Reports on work in progress are welcomed. Participation of graduate students is encouraged. Please send an abstract as soon as possible to insure a place on the program. March 24, 2006, is the closing date for abstracts. We anticipate the following schedule:

9:30 - 10:00 Registration begins.
10:00 - 10:15 Welcome (Dr. Dennis Berkey, President of WPI)
10:15 - 11:15 Keynote Presentation (Dr. Lawrence Cox)
11:15 - 11:30 Break
11:30 - 12:45 Invited/Contributed Sessions
12:45 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Keynote Presentation (Dr. Soren Bisgaard)
3:00 - 3:15 Break
3:15 - 4:30 Invited/Contributed Sessions
4:30 - 6:00 Informal Party
6:30 - 7:30 Dinner

Please note that we will ask, either prepaid or at registration, for a contribution of \$10 from students and retirees, \$20 all others to help defray expenses for refreshments. No fees are required from students or retirees who give a talk. We are arranging a lunch for \$10. Dinner will be at a local restaurant with full menu selection on your own cost. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. The program will be finalized by April 11, 2006, and will be distributed at registration.

If you plan to attend, please fill out the attached form and return it as soon as possible to Professor Jayson Wilbur, Department of Mathematical Sciences, WPI, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609, telephone: (508) 831-5031, email: jwilbur@wpi.edu, fax:(508) 831-5824.

We hope you will be able to join us for this special day.

Organizing Committee: Balgobin Nandram (Chair), Jayson Wilbur, Joseph Petrucci, Corinne Burgos, Ashley Moraski and Jai Won Choi.