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The International Statistical Institute's section 'International Association for Statistics in Physical Sciences' has been reorganized and transformed into the *Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability*.

The object of the Bernoulli Society is the advancement, through international contacts, of the sciences of probability (including the theory of stochastic processes) and mathematical statistics, and of their applications to all those aspects of human endeavour which are directed towards the increase of national knowledge and the welfare of mankind.

The Bernoulli Society is an open association and anyone interested in the objects of the Society may register as a member. The Statutes provide for the establishment of regional committees and of subject area committees. Three such standing committees have been established so far to continue and further develop the activities which were in the past undertaken by separate groups.

a. *European Regional Committee*

The Committee for the European Meetings of Statisticians has decided to be incorporated as a standing committee in the Bernoulli Society. The next meeting will be held in Grenoble (France), from 6–10 September 1976, while further European meetings are being planned. The Committee will initiate other activities of interest for European statisticians.

The chairman of the Committee is Professor J. Durbin (UK).

b. *Committee for Conferences on Stochastic Processes*

This Committee has in the past successfully organized several conferences and will continue this activity in the framework of the Bernoulli Society. The next conference is scheduled to take place in Israel, 7–11 June 1976.

The chairman of the Committee is Professor N. U. Prabhu (USA).

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