

Committee of Professors of Statistics, UK and Ireland

Annual meeting, 1.30pm, 18 May 2007, to finish by 4.30pm

University College, London
Galton Lecture Theatre,
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Agenda

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1. Welcome and apologies
2. Appointment of minute secretary
3. Minutes of 2006 meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Publications
 - (a) Postgraduate publicity
 - (b) Directory of Academic Statisticians
 - (c) COPS web site
6. Domestic matters
 - (a) Membership
Currently running at 177 members (176 last year). If members are aware of colleagues who should be added to the membership, please send me their names and email addresses.
 - (b) Financial report [Paper]
 - (c) Data collection [Paper]
 - (d) COPS executive
7. Research and postgraduate matters
To include Research Council issues, and RAE. (I have not included an explicit RAE2008 item on the agenda as my impression is that, having been so well served by Bernard and other members of the panels at the last two COPS meetings, there is little enthusiasm for one.)
8. EPSRC taught course centres for Ph.D. students [Link]
Representatives of APTS, London Taught Course Centre, MAGIC (tentatively), Scottish Mathematical Training Centre, and the RSS Graduate Training Programme will be present to give brief details of their plans for Statistics, and to answer questions.
9. Teaching matters
To include Bologna update and M.Sc. funding issues.
10. The Teaching of Statistics in UK Universities [Link]
This report is now finalised and will shortly be published in JRSSA. What further actions would COPS members now like to see, both in terms of data-gathering and monitoring and in terms of addressing some of the issues raised in the conclusions to the report? Related to this second point, the RSS has as an item on its current business plan, *The protection of a viable academic sector in Statistics*. However, to date little action has been taken on this. What would COPS members like to see the RSS doing?
11. Any other business