

Preface

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The Brazilian School of Probability is organized each year since 1997 around the first week of August. The goals of the conference include

- to provide a balanced and broad overview of current research in probability and areas of application,
- to bring together distinguished scholars from all over the world,
- to provide a forum for junior researchers who will help shape future directions in the field.

The program is a mix of short courses accessible to Ph. D. students on areas in probability where recent and important developments were made, plenary invited lectures delivered by prominent scientists, and parallel sessions for contributed talks. Since its first edition, the school has been a recognized forum for new developments and trends in theoretical and applied probability.

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