

REPORT ON THE BERKELEY MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE

The thirty-ninth meeting and fifth regional West Coast meeting of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics was held on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, from Thursday June 16 through Saturday June 18, 1949. The session on June 17 was held jointly with the Biometrics Section of the American Statistical Association and the Biometric Society (Western N. A. Region). Sixty-six persons registered, including the following fifty members of the Institute:

Jane F. Andrian, G. A. Baker, Z. Wm. Birnbaum, Colin R. Blyth, Albert H. Bowker, Paul T. Bruyere, Chin Long Chiang, Edwin L. Crow, John H. Curtiss, R. C. Davis, Carl H. Denbow, W. J. Dixon, Mary Elveback, Mark Eudey, Edward A. Fay, Evelyn Fix, William R. Gaffey, H. H. Germond, M. A. Girshick, Jack Gysbers, Max Halperin, J. L. Hodges, Jr., John M. Howell, Harry M. Hughes, Cuthbert Hurd, Terry A. Jeeves, Mark Kac, H. S. Konijn, George M. Kuznets, Erich L. Lehmann, Richard F. Link, Michel Loève, Frank Massey, Lincoln E. Moses, Edith Mourier, Stanley W. Nash, J. Neyman, Edward Paulson, Stefan Peters, Raymond P. Peterson, Robert I. Piper, Gladys Rappaport, Mina Rees, David Rubinstein, Elizabeth L. Scott, Esther Seiden, Charles M. Stein, John E. Walsh, John Wishart, Zivia S. Wurtele.

Those attending were welcomed at the Thursday morning session by Edward W. Strong, Associate Dean of the College of Letters and Science, University of California. Professor Z. William Birnbaum of the University of Washington presided.

The program was as follows:

1. *Recent advances in the theory of the Wishart distribution.* (Invited paper.) John Wishart, Cambridge University.
2. *Bayes, minimax, and other approaches to the multiple classification problem.* (Invited paper.) M. A. Girshick, Stanford University.
3. *Some problems in sequential analysis.* Charles M. Stein, University of California, Berkeley.

Professor Jerzy Neyman of the University of California, Berkeley, presided at the Thursday afternoon session. Midway in the program there was an intermission for a tea given by the Statistical Laboratory, University of California. The program was as follows:

1. *Completeness in the sequential case.* E. L. Lehmann and C. M. Stein, University of California, Berkeley.
2. *Some large sample tests for the median.* John E. Walsh, The Rand Corporation.
3. *Continuous sampling plans from the risk point of view.* Zivia S. Wurtele, Stanford University.
4. *Some problems in point estimation.* J. L. Hodges, Jr. and E. L. Lehmann, University of California, Berkeley.
5. *Minimum variance in non-regular estimation.* R. C. Davis, U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern.
6. *Some aspects of links between prediction problems and problems of statistical estimation.* Erling Sverdrup, University of Oslo.