

PREFACE

From March 23–26, 1999 a symposium was held in the Lorentz Center of the University of Leiden in honour of the 65th birthday of Willem van Zwet. On each of the first three days of the symposium, six leading researchers in probability and statistics gave one-hour talks on current developments in these fields. The symposium was closed with two talks addressed to a general mathematical audience.

Following the symposium Willem van Zwet gave a farewell lecture in the “Academie Gebouw” of the university. (See [62] on page xviii.)

This volume contains the proceedings of the symposium plus 13 other papers and serves as a Festschrift for Willem van Zwet. In addition to the 33 refereed articles on a wide range of topics in probability and statistics, we have included a short version of Willem’s vitae and the family tree of Willem’s students. (See the contribution by van Eeden.)

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