The Local Organising Committee has finalised details of IWMS-2005 to be held at Massey University, Albany Campus, Auckland, New Zealand over the period March 29 - April 1, 2005. All intending participants are advised to consult the website http://iwms2005.massey.ac.nz and pre-register online.

The conference will have a wide variety of invited and contributed papers involving matrices in statistics, including applied probability. The following have accepted invitations to present Keynote Lectures: C.R. Rao (USA), Shayle Searle (USA), Eugene Seneta (Australia) and George Seber (New Zealand).

Invited Speakers include Stephen Haslett (New Zealand), Moshe Haviv (Israel), Nye John (New Zealand), Charles Johnson, (USA), A. Krishnamoorthy (India), Tõnu Kollo (Estonia), Alan Lee (New Zealand), Shuangzhe Liu, (Australia), Augustyn Markiewicz (Poland), Carl D. Meyer (USA), Robin Milne (Australia), Alastair Scott (New Zealand), Jennifer Seberry (Australia), Garry Tee (New Zealand), Götz Trenkler, (Germany), Keith Worsley (Canada).

The deadline for early registration and the submission of titles and abstracts of invited and contributed papers is February 11, 2005. A \LaTeX template is available on the workshop website.

The early registration fee is $NZ395 (includes participation in all sessions, workshop materials including book of abstracts, refreshments during the session breaks, lunches, opening reception, Workshop dinner). There is a reduced fee for students of $NZ145. Payment by Visa or Mastercard credit card is available with details being accepted by secure fax.

An excursion will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 30th. This will involve a ferry trip to Waiheke with participants choosing either a visit to a Vineyard for wine tasting or a visit to a local Museum. The fee for the excursion (which includes transport from the Workshop venue to the ferry, the ferry fare, afternoon refreshments and return to the conference hotels) is $NZ85.00.

An accompanying persons programme has also been arranged involving an outing on the first day of the workshop with a guided tour of the Auckland Museum, a Maori cultural concert, a lunch, and returning to the conference venue for the opening reception. The programme also includes the Workshop dinner.

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