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Agenda for APTS Advisory Committee meeting (AC7) on 12th September, 2013

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Location: A1.01, Zeeman Building, University of Warwick

Meeting Begins: 14:00

Overview of topics

1 Minutes of Advisory Committee meeting on 13th September 2012

2 Matters arising

2.1 From Advisory Committee Meeting AC6

2.1.1 AC6-2.2.3: Linked-in Group

APTS: Academy for PhD Training in Statistics – Alumni: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4819679

2.1.2 AC6-4.1: Questions on core material in the preliminary material

2.1.3 AC6-6: Sponsorship

Sponsors for 2013–2014: JMP and ATASS

2.2 From Executive Committee Meeting EC7

2.2.1 EC7-4: Dividing attendance between two years / attending in second year

Seven students were registered for APTS weeks during both 2011/12 and 2012/13.

2.2.2 EC7-4: Changes to Constitution

The constitution, *Member Institutions*, second paragraph, now reads:

> The *minimum* level of commitment expected of a member institution is to make use of at least $\min(8, 2n)$ units of participation during the membership year, where n is the number of first-year research students—as declared to APTS by the institutions in October of the membership year— who could reasonably benefit from APTS courses, and to which individuals in which of years one or two of their degrees those students are likely to be ready to undertake APTS. There are two conditions for this a) the student has an IELTS average below 6.5 or has less than 5.5 in any component or b) that the student has insufficient background in the core statistical material as identified by the APTS team.

3 Report of APTS 2012–2013

4 Programme for APTS 2013–2014

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1. Cambridge 16-20 December, 2013
     Statistical Computing (Finn Lindgren & Simon Wood)
     Statistical Inference (Jonty Rougier)
2. Warwick 7-11 April, 2014
     Statistical Asymptotics (Andy Wood)
     Statistical Modelling (Dave Woods)
3. Leeds 4-8 August, 2014
     Applied Stochastic Processes (Stephen Connor & Christina Goldschmidt)
     Computer Intensive Statistics (Adam Johansen)
4. Oxford 1-5 September, 2014
     Nonparametric Smoothing (Adrian Bowman & Ludger Evers)
     Spatial and Longitudinal Data Analysis (Peter Diggle)
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5 Dates and Locations for APTS 2014–2015

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1. Cambridge 15-19 December, 2014
2. Southampton 23-27 March, 2015
3. Warwick 6-11 July, 2015
4. Glasgow 31 August -- 4 September, 2015.
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6 Arrangement for Computer Laboratories

Might it be possible to move to a system in which participants are expected to bring laptops, perhaps in small groups?

7 Elections

AC Representative on EC for 2013-2015, replacing Carl Donovan.

8 Any other business and general feedback

8.1 Date of Next Meeting

Planned date 11th September 2014.