



SECOND RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON SUBJECTIVE PROBABILITY

AMSTERDAM 2,3,4 APRIL 1970

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PROGRAM

P R O G R A M

IInd Research Conference on Subjective Probability

Amsterdam 2,3,4 April 1970

The aim of the conference is threefold :

- (1) to refresh and extend participants knowledge of research on subjective probability and related problems ;
- (2) to convey to participants the results of recent as yet unpublished theoretical and empirical work ;
- (3) to develop new ideas and plans concerning future work in the area of subjective probability and related areas.

Organizing Committee :

Gerard de Zeeuw, Amsterdam

Charles Vlek, Leiden

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T I M E T A B L E

For details on the scientific program , see page 7,8 and 9.

Wednesday , April 1 , 1970

Participants arrive. A Reception Center is organized in " The Old Bell ", an english-styled pub on the Rembrandtsplein. See map on page 11 , and for further details page 6.

Thursday , April 2 , 1970

9.10 - 9.15 Opening of the Conference
9.15 - 10.35 Review Session
11.00 - 12.20 Review Session
12.25 - 14.00 Lunch ; See page 10
14.00 - 15.20 Review Session
15.45 - 17.05 Review Session
Evening : informal get-togethers. See page 6

Friday , April 3 , 1970

9.15 - 10.25 Paper Session
11.00 - 12.45 Paper Session
12.50 - 14.15 Lunch ; See page 10
14.15 - 15.25 Paper Session
15.50 - 17.00 Paper Session
19.00 - 23.30 Dinner. See page 6

Saturday , April 4 , 1970

9.15 - 10.25 Paper Session
11.00 - 12.10 Paper Session
12.15 - 14.00 Lunch ; See page 10
14.00 - 16.30 Planning Session
16.30 Closing of the Conference

Introduction

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The Scientific Program of the conference consists of three different parts :

- A. Review Sessions
- B. Paper Sessions
- C. Planning Session

- A. Reviews of pertinent research on a problem area are written by invited contributors. The aim is to present participants with a general, well-documented overview of the essentials of the problem area, which can act as a framework for paper sessions and discussions during the later parts of the conference. To provide the context of discussion, each review will be introduced by the Discussant in a 45 minute talk, followed by a 30 minute discussion with participants. The reviewwriter may wish to join in this discussion. The Discussant will bring to the session his experience and skill to indicate the most fruitful lines of research. He will give his evaluative reactions to the problems mentioned in the review.
- B. In the Paper Sessions recent research of theoretical or experimental character will be presented. There are six sessions. Each speaker will present his views or results in a 20 minute paper. Fifteen minutes discussion time will be available to participants after the presentation of each paper.
- C. One session is organized so as to give participants maximum opportunity for creative interchange with fellow researchers. Time will be spent to prepare Project plans for research, to stimulate cooperative and concentrated research efforts. Participants will enumerate their on-going or planned research.

Proceedings

Reviews, Discussion papers and Papers will be published in the Proceedings. The Organizing Committee is thinking of publication as a special feature of a journal, or a booklet. Participants are requested to provide two type written copies of their contributions to the Organizing Committee preferably at the time of the Conference, but not later than April 30, 1970.

Last minute papers

There is some time left for last minute papers, about ongoing research.

Social Events

1. Reception Center. Wednesday, April 1, 1970.

In " The Old Bell " , a pub on the Rembrandtsplein the members of the Organizing Committee can be found from 6.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. to receive participants and associates, and to give information when necessary. Participants will have an excellent opportunity to meet each other over a drink.

2. Informal exploration of Amsterdam. Thursday, April 2, 1970.

Nothing is as yet planned for Thursday's evening.

Explorations of interesting recreational areas are considered.

3. Dinner for all participants and associates.

Friday, April 4, 1970. 19.00 - 23.30.

In the city's center, in an atmosphere of old seventeenth century hospitality an inexpensive dinner is planned.

(about \$ 4.00 - \$ 5.00)

The Organizing Committee tries to arrange that in games of chance and decision participants and associates will explore subjective and objective probabilities.

S C I E N T I F I C P R O G R A M

Thursday, April 2, 1970. Conference Room

- 9.15 - 10.35 Review Session
 Probabilistic Information Processing
Discussant : Gordon F.Pitz, Illinois, U.S.A.
Reviewer : Wolfgang Manz, Köln, Germany
- 11.00 - 12.20 Review Session
 Logical Foundations and Measurement of Subjective Probability
Discussant : Allan H. Murphy, Michigan, U.S.A.
Reviewer : (emphasis on foundations)
 Bruno de Finetti, Rome, Italy
Reviewer : (emphasis on techniques of measurement)
 Carl-Axel Stael von Holstein, Stockholm
 Sweden
- 14.00 - 15.20 Review Session
 Utility and Risk
Discussant : ^{Hans} Helmut D.Schmidt, Berlin, D.D.R.
Reviewer : Dirk Wendt, Hamburg , Germany
- 15.45 - 17.05 Review Session
 Multiple Probability Learning
Discussant : David M. Messick
Reviewer : Charles A.J.Vlek

Friday, April 3, 1970. Conference room

- 9.15 - 9.35 Jozef Koziokcki, Warsaw, Poland
 ' decision and Diagnosis'.
- 9.35 - 9.50 Discussion
- 9.50 - 10.10 Folkert Beenen, Amsterdam, Holland
 ' Medical diagnosis and subjective probability '.
- 10.10 - 10.25 Discussion
- 11.00 - 11.20 John B.Kidd, Birmingham, United Kingdom
 ' A management information system based upon subjective probability estimates.'
- 11.20 -11.35 Discussion

- 11.35 - 11.55 A.D. Lovie and Ann D.M. Davies, Liverpool, U.K.
' An application of Bayes' Theory to Person Perception : the effect of rate of revision and initial revision on the Perception of Another's Age '.
- 11.55 - 12.10 Discussion
- 12.10 - 12.30 Allan H. Murphy, Michigan , U.S.A. and Robert L. Winkler, Bloomington, U.S.A.
' Scoring rules in probability assessment and evaluation '.
- 12.30 - 12.45 Discussion
- 14.15 - 14.35 James A. Wise , Ohio, U.S.A.
' Origins of subjective probability '
- 14.35 - 14.50 Discussion
- 14.50 - 15.10 Charles A.J.Vlek and Lex van der Heyden, Leyden , Holland
' Probabilistic discrimination learning as an information processing task '
- 15.10 - 15.25 Discussion
- 15.50 - 16.10 David M. Messick and Steven P. Mc Neel, Santa Barbara, U.S.A.
' An analysis of subjective probabilities of interpersonal relationships '
- 16.10 - 16.25 Discussion
- 16.25 - 16.45 Willem Albert Wagenaar , Soesterberg, Holland
' Appreciation of conditional probabilities in binary sequences '
- 16.45 - 17.00 Discussion

Saturday, April 4, 1970, Conference room

- 9.15 - 9.35 Amnon Rapoport, Chapel Hill, U.S.A.
' Minimization of risk and maximization of expected utility in multistage betting games '
- 9.35 - 9.50 Discussion
- 9.50 - 10.10 Brigitte Hochauer, Salzburg, Österreich
' Decision making in roulette '
- 10.10 - 10.25 Discussion

- 11.00 - 11.20 Gernot Kleiter , Salzburg, Österreich
' Trend-control in a dynamic decision-making-task'
11.20 - 11.35 Discussion
11.35 - 11.55 Johan Koerts, Rotterdam, Holland
' Economics and subjective probability '
11.55 - 12.10 Discussion

14.00 - 16.30 Planning Session

GENERAL INFORMATION

Place

The Conference will take place in the recently rebuilt University Building , Oudemanhuispoort, Amsterdam.

For details of location, see map on page II

The Conference Room is on the ground floor, room number C 017, which will be signposted.

The building is an old people's home, in use since 1880 by the Municipal University of Amsterdam.

Hotels

A hotel booking form is sent to participants.

By processing this form the Amsterdam tourist bureau will arrange lodgings.

Participants are advised to do this as soon as possible.

There might be lack of hotelcapacity, due to the bulbflower tourists.

No responsibility for hotelreservation will be accepted by the Organizing Committee.

Meals and Lunches

A list of lunchrooms, cafetaria , etc will be provided at the time of the Conference, all located within a few hunderd yards of the Conference Room.

Tourist Information

A 60-page booklet on Amsterdam will be presented to participants at the time of the Conference . In it all kinds of information on things to see, things to do, will be available.

Financial Aid

No money is available to assist participants with travel or lodging expenses. In some cases lodgings with Dutch colleagues may be arranged.

Projection facilities

Overhead-projectors and slideprojectors will be available.

Centraal Station



tram nr. 4,9,16,24,25,
to Rembrandtsplein

AMSTERDAM

conference rooms
Oudemanshuispoort 4-6
Entrance via
covered passage

Reception Center
in "The Old Bell"
Rembrandtsplein 46
tel. 24 76 82

open from 6 p.m.
till 11 p.m.
wednesday April 1



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Supplementary Information

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Miss H.C. van der Meer

Social Events

The Burgermaster and Aldermen of the City of Amsterdam kindly invite participants and associates to join in a boattrip through the famous canals. They warmly welcome the Research Conference on Subjective Probability within the walls of their City.

The boattrip will take place after the morning session of Thursday, April 2, 1970 at 12.30. Duration : 1 h. 15'.

Place of departure : will be announced later.

The Organizing Committee will see to it that coffee and a simple lunch can be bought on board the ship.

Hotels

Participants are urged to see in time to their hotelaccomodation.

Supplementary list of participants

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Change of address

- 10. F.Faulbaum, Rechenzentrum der Universität Mannheim, 68 Mannheim 1,
Germany.

Suggestions for lunch, dinner, drink, etc.

In the area, where the Conference rooms are located, many small and inexpensive places to eat and to drink (even 'typically Dutch', 'Old Dutch', or rustic) can be found. To help start looking for the right place the following are listed, as a sample.

(Numbers correspond with their counterparts on the map).

A. Lunchplaces/ inexpensive restaurants.

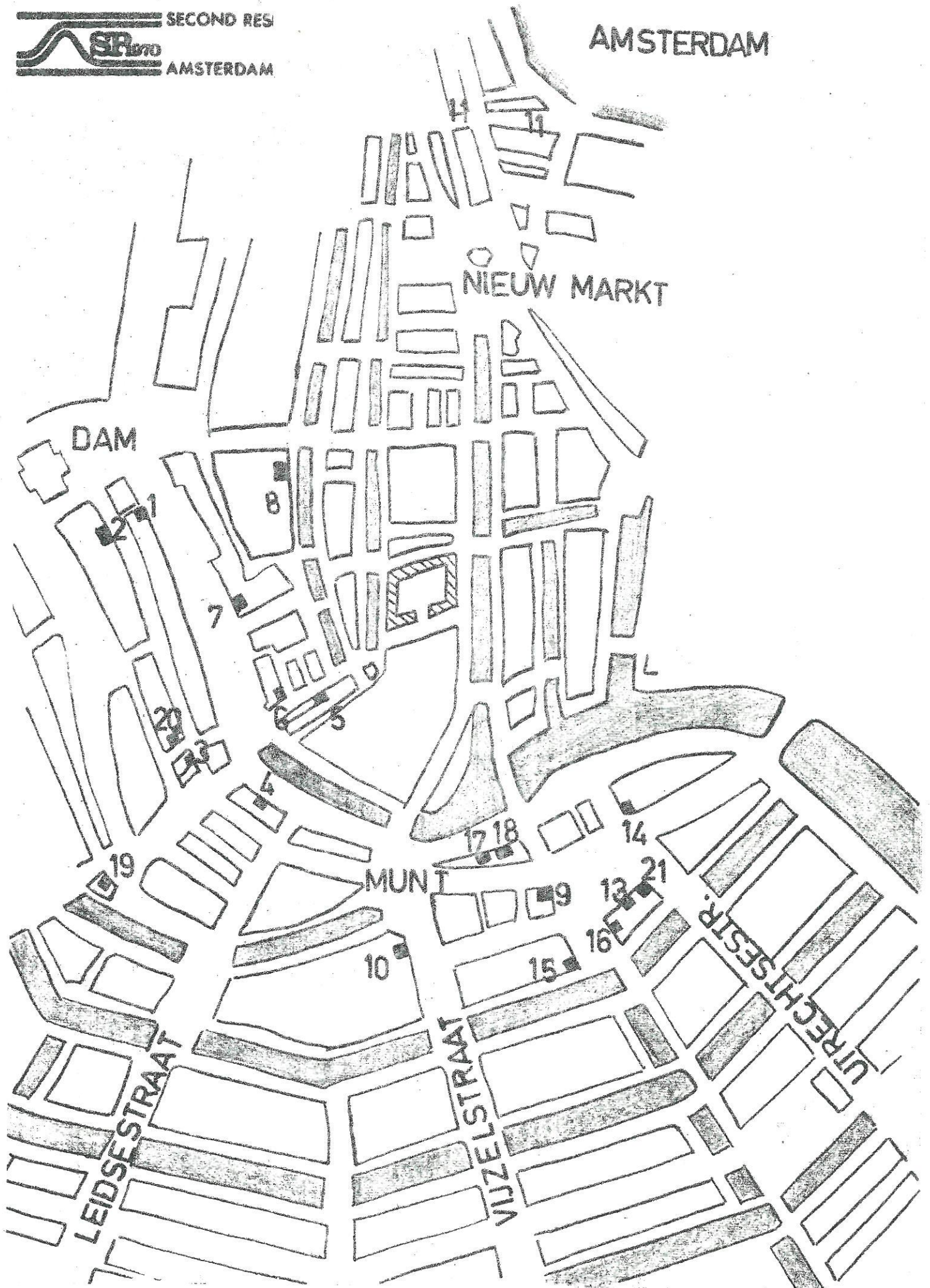
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| 1. Espresso bar " Coffee Club " | Rokin 8 |
| 2. Lunchroom " Albert's Corner " | Kalverstraat 16-18 |
| 3. Espresso bar | Kalverstraat 142 |
| 4. Espresso bar | Rokin 132 |
| 5. Old Dutch Pancake House "Upstairs " | Grimburgwal 2 |
| 6. Snackbar " De Lange Brug " | Lange Brugsteeg 7a |
| 7. Eethuis Taverne " De Nissen " | Rokin 95 |
| 8. Eethuis " Markus " -bistro | O.Z.Voorburgwal 250 |
| 9. Wimpy | Rembrandtsplein 2 |
| 10. Espresso bar "Arcade " (Carlton) | Singel 550 |
| 11. Chinese Restaurant Area | Binnen Bantammerstraat |

B. Dinningplaces (easy to reach, not necessarily inexpensive)

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| 12. " Die Port van Cleve " | N.Z.Voorburgwal 178 |
| 13. " Schiller " | Rembrandtsplein 26 |
| 14. " Brouwerswapen " | Rembrandtsplein 41-43 |
| 15. " Cave Internationale " | Herengracht 561 |
| 16. " Isola Bella " (italian) | Thorbeckeplein 9 |
| 17. " La Pergola " (italian) | Amstel 20 |
| * 18. " Amoy " (indonesian) | Amstel 32 |

C. Drinkingplaces (bars, cafés; easy to reach and easy to start from for other haunts.)

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| 19. " Hoppe " | Spui 18 |
| 20. " 't Doktertje " | Rozenboomsteeg 4 |
| * 21. " Old Bell Pub " | Rembrandtsplein 46 |
| 22. " Eijlders " | Leidsedwardsstraat 47
(near Leidseplein) |





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December 9, 1970.

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To all participants of the IIInd RCSP,

You may have been wondering what became of the Proceedings of the RCSP, so joyously announced sometime ago, as due for November 1970. Well, here is some more news.

Is everything going to 'pot'? Printers' behavior seems to show it: proofs are late in appearing, and authors' corrections go unheeded. Second printings will have to pass into third printings, etc. We have to apologize that some misprints will still show up. In December however, Acta Psychologica, Vol.34, nrs 2/3, in which the Proceedings appear, will be ready. The leading question of this paragraph fortunately, can be refuted: it will be possible, due to some valuable backing by University officials, to sell copies of the Proceedings to participants, for Dfl 20,- or \$ 5.75 ,postage included. Indeed a low price for 250 'fact-filled,glorious pages'.

You may order directly through me. It was agreed with the North-Holland Publishing Company, that I would handle all participants' orders. All participants have 'preferred treatment' for the low price; more than one copy is possible. For non-participants the Publishing Company will continue distribution - for a higher, as yet not fixed price.

Payment should be by cheque, or money-order, in my name. Dutch participants may pay to Gemeente Giro Z 3259, also on my name, and address.

As soon as payment has been received, what has been paid for will be sent off.

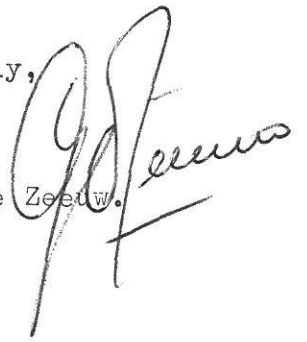
Finally, some information of another kind. Larry Phillips offered to have the III^d RCSP at Brunel University, London, on september 7 - 9, 1971. You will receive additional information - but keep those dates free!

To close: I will not be available between December 16, and Dec.28 1970. The first copies of the Proceedings thus can only be sent off in January 1971.

May in the year to come your cogitations and agitations
produce the results you (and all of us) look for; 'may your days be
fruitful - as your questions and ideas draw you on'.

Yours sincerely,

G. de Zeeuw.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. de Zeeuw', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'G' and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.



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September 8, 1970

Dear participant,

This letter serves to let you know that work on the proceedings is still progressing. During the past and forthcoming weeks galley-proofs have been and will be sent to the authors.

The proceedings will appear as Volume 34 of Acta Psychologica, approximately in November 1970.

The next conference is already in consideration. As we agreed in April, it will take place somewhere in September 1971. At the moment Moscow seems rather dubious as a meeting place. It will be probably London or Rome.

Yours sincerely,

Gerard de Zeeuw.



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June 29, 1970

To all participants of the IInd R.C.S.P.

Intermediate Report.

On June 25 all manuscripts of the Proceedings, except one, could be sent to the North-Holland Publishing Company, editor of Acta Psychologica. This means that we are still on schedule.

Hard work was done to achieve this. Referees took many pains to point out mistakes, weak points or possible extensions. All this resulted in rewritten, and even re-re-written versions within ten weeks after the conference.

With a few exceptions however, authors could not confine themselves to the number of pages allotted to them. This point will be taken up next week with the editor - and might mean another round of rewriting. (Keep your fingers crossed).

Assuming a total of approximately 200-210 printed pages for the Proceedings the editor (verbally) promised to reduce its price from the previously estimated f 35,- down to something between f 15,- and f 20,-. We will try to keep it there, or reduce it even more.

The Proceedings are expected to appear in October-November 1970.

Best wishes to all of you !

For the Organizing Committee



Gerard de Zeeuw.

Please Note

From July 5 until August 1 I will attend a seminar, and not be available. Please contact Charles Vlek at his own address during that period on all matters regarding the Proceedings !



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Psychological Laboratory
Binnengasthuis Geb.M
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April 22, 1970

Dear Dr Jung^{or}mann,

Enclosed you will find a copy of Dave Messick's paper. You offered to act as referee for this paper.

In the circular of April 8 , Charles Vlek summarized the set of deadlines. For the referees the deadline is May 10, at which date you hopefully have finished refereeing and have sent your comments to the author or to me. If you send your comments directly to the author, you should warn me ; if you send comments to me I will mail them immediately to the appropriate address.

Yours sincerely ,

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Kiek van der Meer

January 15, 1970

Dear Colleague,

Some time ago you received our
Provisional Programme for the Second Research Conference on
Subjective Probability, in April 1970.

On page 3 of the programme the procedure for submission of
papers is described. May I call your attention to that
paragraph ? The Organizing Committee would like to keep to
schedule.

I hope you survived last year's end
merrily and started the New Year with a pleasant antici-
pation of fruitful research and good results.

Yours sincerely,

G. de Zeeuw.



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October 20, 1969.

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Five Review Sessions are scheduled :

1. 'Logical foundations and measurement of subjective probability'
Review with emphasis on foundations by: B. de Finetti,
Rome, Italy.
Review with emphasis on techniques of measurement by:
C.A.S. Staël von Holstein, Stockholm, Sweden.
Discussant: E.H. Shuford, Lexington, U.S.A.
(not yet confirmed).
2. 'Multiple probability learning'
Review by: C.A.J. Vlek, Leiden, Holland.
Discussant: D.M. Messick, Santa Barbara, U.S.A.
3. 'Probabilistic information processing'
Review by: W. Manz, Köln, Germany.
Discussant: G.F. Pitz, Illinois, U.S.A.
4. 'Utility and risk'
Review by: D. Wendt, Hamburg, Germany.
Discussant: H.D. Schmidt, Berlin, D.D.R.
(not yet confirmed)

5. 'Role of subjective probability in decision making'

Review by: V. Břichaček, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Discussant: J. Krivohlavý, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

B. In the Paper Sessions recent research of theoretical or experimental character will be presented by speakers. Five or six sessions are planned, each with three speakers. Each speaker will present his views or results in a 20 minute paper. Ten minutes discussion time will be available to participants after the presentation of each paper.

The six sessions are free ; papers will however, be grouped according to subject and should preferably be related to any one of the Review Sessions.

Papers should be submitted to the Organizing Committee, not later than February 1, 1970. For further details see page 3.

C. Two or three sessions will be organized so as to give participants maximum opportunity for creative interchange with fellow researchers. Time will be spent to prepare Project plans for research, to stimulate cooperative and concentrated research efforts. Participants will enumerate their ongoing or planned research.

The sessions will be chaired by participants.

PROVISIONAL TIME TABLE.

Wednesday April 1, 1970.

Participants arrive. Reception Center open 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
(see page 3).

Thursday April 2, 1970.

Five Review Sessions, starting 9.00 o'clock a.m.
Details in the Final Programme (see page 3).

Friday April 3, 1970.

Four Paper Sessions, starting 9.00 o'clock a.m.
Details and titles in the Final Programme.

Saturday April 4, 1970.

One or two Paper Sessions, starting 9.00 o'clock a.m.
Two or three Planning Sessions. Details in the Final Programme.
Closing of the Conference, at 5.30 p.m.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS FOR THE PAPER SESSIONS.

1. Papers may be submitted to the Organizing Committee.
Twenty minutes are available to read the paper in the Paper Session.
2. Only abstracts of papers, not exceeding 400 words, need be submitted.
Three type-written copies should reach the Organizing Committee, not later than February 1, 1970. Titles of papers will then be included in the Final Programme. (Titles of abstracts submitted later, may not be included).
3. Papers should discuss recent experimental results, applications or theoretical work, as yet unpublished.
4. Abstracts of papers will not be pre-circulated.
5. On the basis of the abstracts the Organizing Committee will try to group the papers of participants in five or six sessions. Each author will be informed by the Organizing Committee in due course whether his contribution, or a revised version, will fit in one of the sessions.
6. Overhead projectors will be available.
7. Projection facilities will be available for slides.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Place.

The Conference will take place in the recently rebuilt University Building, Oudemanhuispoort, Amsterdam.

The building is an old people's home, in use since 1880 by the Municipal University of Amsterdam.

Final Programme.

The Final Programme will be sent to participants in March 1970.
See also 'Application for participants'.

Language

The language of the conference will be English. German and / or French may be understandable to many participants, however.

Hotels

A list of hotels with reasonable prices will be sent to participants, together with the Final Programme. No responsibility for hotelreservation will be accepted by the Organizing Committee. Generally any Travel Agency will undertake upon request to book hotelrooms.

Meals

Hotels will usually provide a breakfast. Lunches and dinner will be available in all prize ranges and in all kinds of setting within a five minute's walking distance. (300 metres).

Application for participants.

Prospective participants are invited to inform Gerard de Zeeuw, at the indicated address, by letter of their intentions. Registration should be as early as possible.

Only those registered before February 15, 1970 will receive the reviews, to be sent to participants in March 1970. Those later registered may get their copy in Amsterdam. There will be no registration fee. The Final Programme is scheduled to be ready in March 1970 and will be sent to all registered and prospective participants.

Financial aid.

No money is available to assist participants with travel or lodging expenses.

Proceedings.

Reviews and papers will be published in the Proceedings. The Organizing Committee will try to find a Publisher. In case they do not succeed the Proceedings will be stencilled (dittoed).

Only those papers will be accepted for the Proceedings of which two typewritten copies reached the Organizing Committee before April 30, 1970.

Participation.

Participation is open to all those who work, or have done recent research, on subjective probability or related problems.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

1. A Reception Center is planned for Wednesday, April 1, 1970, where participants may arrive to meet friends and to get any help the Organizing Committee is able to provide.
Details on location will be given in the Final Programme.

2. Amsterdam has many attractions for visitors. In a general atmosphere of friendliness contacts are easily made with inhabitants. Its canals, its bars, and different places of entertainment are worth visiting.

Candle-lighted boattrips on the canals, quiet get-togethers to discuss the day's events or some other worthy entertainment for participants will be organized and announced in the Final Programme.

The University Building is located within a 300-metre distance from the main entertainment centre, main Post Office, main Municipal Buildings and other areas of interest.

Second research Conference on Subjective Probability and Related Problems, Amsterdam 1970.

The aim of the conference is threefold: (1). To discuss theoretical and empirical work conducted by participants; (2) To develop new ideas and viewpoints concerning future research in the area of SP; (3) To convey to participants the findings of recent, as yet unpublished theory and research on SP.

The general outline of the conference is contrived as follows. First, comprehensive reviews of pertinent literature are written and distributed some time ahead of the conference by invited authors. Then the conference itself - planned to take place on three successive days - is proposed to consist of three programmatically different parts. On day 1, lectures are given by invited speakers in order to present participants with a comprehensive discussion and evaluation of a particular problem area. On day 2, research papers are given by participants, in which they sum up and discuss specific problems they have encountered in their own work. These papers are followed by a critical discussion by participants. Day 3 will be devoted to discussions of general, as yet unsolved problems of empirical and theoretical interest in order to anticipate, and hopefully integrate future research.

Because of the finite length of one working day it is believed most suitable to divide one day into not more than 4 working sessions, each one lasting for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. This implies the categorization of SP-problems into four main streams. Proposed main topics are (subject to alteration) : (1) Probability learning and measurement; the concept of expectancy in psychology. (2) The use of probabilistic information; processing uncertain evidence; intuitive statistics. (3) Utility and risk as factors co-determining decision-making; utility measurement; individual differences in risk-taking, etc..

(4) Theories and models of decision making with special emphasis on the use of SP in decision-making (eventually: stochastic models for learning, choice, and reaction time).

It is planned to organize sessions and lectures so that participants when inclined to do so, will be able to spend all of their time on one main topic.

At the end of the first conference, held at Hamburg University, Germany, on 10, 11, and 12 April 1969, Amsterdam, Holland, was favored as the next conference place. Given the preference of participants to convene during the Easter holiday period, two sets of 3 dates each are proposed: either March 24, 25, and 26; or April 2, 3, and 4.

Prospective participants, to which this circular is sent, are kindly requested to give their views, preferences and proposals on the following points: (1) preferred set of dates; (2) preferred categorization of the problem area; (3) proposals of names of review writers and lecturers; (4) whether they intend to participate. (It is thought appropriate to limit the conference's membership to those researchers being at the time somewhere in Europe; there are no funds available)

It will be appreciated if you will take the above points into consideration, and if you will let us know your proposals not later than September 1, 1969.

yours sincerely,

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May 1, 1969.

Research Conference on Subjective Probability.

Dear Colleague,

At the "Research Conference on Subjective Probability", held on April 10, 11, 12 1969 at the Psychological Institute of the University of Hamburg, it was decided that the conference did fulfill a useful role. The participants not only got to know each others recent work, but also could discuss informally future research plans and (subjective) problems there with. In these discussions differences in interpretation of several important concepts were made explicit or even removed. In this way fruitful openings for future research were established.

The participants of the conference decided that such a conference should be held regularly ; the majority supported a periodicity of one year. The next conference will be in the spring of 1970. Topics should include subjective probability problems, and might include anything that fits into the decision-theoretical paradigm.

Miss H.C. van der Meer and the undersigned agreed to organize the conference in Amsterdam. Details like place and date etc, will be sent somewhere in the autumn or the end of 1969.

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to it - and to ask for names and addresses of anyone you think would be interested in attending. At the last conference it was suggested that a strong link with mathematical statisticians, or people of related disciplines would be advisable (of course barring a majority of them!).

This letter then is to ask for information and to establish an address for correspondence. Any suggestion about people, topics or organization will be highly appreciated.

yours sincerely,

Gerard de Zeeuw .