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ASOR (Melb Chapter) AGM

and to follow:

A statistician claiming an uncultivated region of OR-land

AGM to start at 5:30pm.

Speaker : Geoff Robinson, CSIRO
Mathematical and Information Sciences

Date : 19th March 2007,

Location: ICT Building, 111 Barry Street
Carlton.

Time: 6.00pm.

Abstract: I am interested in making decisions about variation and decisions affected by uncertainty. Over the last 22 years I have done a lot of work on stockpiles for mining operations. - Capital expenditure options affect the amount of grade variation in the ore shipped or fed to metallurgical plants. My current work with Andreas Ernst, Gaurav Singh and David Sier concentrates on decisions about grade control and scheduling of tasks and resources.

This talk will mention some mathematical ideas which seem to be useful when tackling such problems. However, its main emphasis will be a discussion of value judgements. What classes of problems, techniques and approaches do statisticians own? What do Operations Research people own? To what extent do old ideas get in the way of new

ideas? How do we (as individuals and as groups) decide where to spend our limited intellectual effort?

Postscript:

At ~17:30 pm we will take the speaker to dinner at the University Cafe. 257 Lygon St Carlton 3053. If anyone intends to join us please let Kaye Marion know. (Tel: 0417 806678 or 99353162 or Email: k.marion@rmit.edu.au) in order to finalise booking numbers.

Notes from the Editor

A Strong reminder of the ASOR (Melbourne Chapter) AGM – your attendance is required.

The presentation following the AGM should also be quite intriguing - Geoff spoke at the Conference and it will be interesting to hear his view of the OR/Statistics Interface.

Remember also to also to pay your subscriptions. Unfortunately the discount for early payment has now passed, so the full rate is now payable.

A reminder to all students that the deadline for applications for the Honour's Operations Research Student Scholarship is at the end of this month

Harry

What Else is On

ORSUM Lecture Series

*Traffic Assignment Mathematics of Equilibria
primal, dual, complementarity models and
beyond..*

Speaker: Dr Wolfgang Ernst

Date and Time: Wed, 12 March, 1:05-2:15 pm

Venue: The Sisalkraft Lecture Theatre,
Architecture Building (ground floor), University
of Melbourne

Victorian Statisticians

The Statistics Society of Australia (in Victoria), typically has meetings on every 3rd Tuesday of the Month starting in March 2008.

The next meeting will be:

Topic: AGM plus topic to be announced.

Presenter: Dr Siek Toon Khoo, Director, The Psychometrics Institute, Australian Council for Educational Research, Camberwell VIC

Time: Tuesday, 18th March 2008.

Location: Swinburne University of Technology Room BA912, BA Building.

Reminder also of:

Australian Statistical Conference 2008 - 30 June - 3 July 2008, Melbourne

For latest information check at:

<http://www.statsoc.org.au/Branches/VIC/meetings.htm>

The AOQ (Vic)

For the latest information – see

<http://www.aoqvic.org.au>

Topic: *Import Replacement: Keeping Manufacturing in Australia* – strategies to do this.

Presenter: Mary Leah, Operations Manager, Duet Industries

Date and Time: Wednesday, 26th March 2008
6:00 for 6:30 pm Presentation start,
7:30pm Drinks and Networking.

Location: Computershare, 452 Johnston St Abbotsford (visitor and street parking available)

Web Pages of Interest

We are affiliated with FASTS through AMSC
To keep abreast of FASTS activities
consult : [http:// www.usyd.edu.au/fast/](http://www.usyd.edu.au/fast/)

ASOR National: <http://www.asor.org.au/>
Melbourne Chapter
<http://www.asor.ms.unimelb.edu.au/melbourne>

The new website for ASOR - Sydney is:
<http://www.asor-sydney.asn.au/>

NZ OR Society <http://www.orsnz.org.nz/>

ORS (UK): <http://www.orsoc.org.uk/>

INFORMS (US): <http://www.informs.org/>

IFORS: <http://www.ifors.org>

For the latest International news, conference and jobs details see:

<http://www.ifors.org/panorama/index.html>

tutOR: <http://www.tutor.ms.unimelb.edu.au>

CSIRO's Double Helix Club <http://www.csiro.au/>

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