

# THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday 24th November 2010 7:15 for 7:45

The Statistical Laboratory,  
Centre for Mathematical Sciences,  
Wilberforce Road, Cambridge, CB3 0WB

## Risk? Keep Calm and Carry On - the evolution of post-war emergency planning and its role in the 21st century

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**Abstract:** The presentation will explore the origins of post-war emergency planning and its evolution from the post-apocalypse scenarios of the Cold War era through to the response measures for civil emergencies and contingency planning for terrorist threats.

It will deal with the evaluation of risk within the community, the formalised response structures in place within central, regional and local government and explore the relationship between the realistic capabilities of responders and public expectation.

It will also assess the current appetite for business continuity planning within the private and public sectors and how this planning dovetails with conventional emergency planning activity.

**Speaker:** Peter's emergency response career started in the late 1970's, joining Surrey Fire and Rescue Service as an operational fire-fighter and gradually working his way through the rank structure until retiring in 2007 as an Area Commander within Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

In the latter half of his career he was responsible for emergency planning, operational risk assessment and the interim response to the threat of mass contamination attacks. He has also worked as a business continuity consultant and currently manages the Cambridgeshire County Council Emergency Management Team. He represents the County on the Programme Board of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Resilience Forum and sits on a number of local planning groups.

**Directions:** The main entrance is reached from Clarkson Road by going along the footpath to the right of the Newton Institute, and turning left through the gatehouse towards the main building (Pavilion A), which has a glass front and a curved grassed roof. The main entrance is in the middle of the glass front. Coffee before the talk will be in the common room in Pavilion D, and the talk will be in Meeting Room 4 in Pavilion A.. Free Parking is available after 5pm on Clarkson and Wilberforce Roads.

### Provisional Next Meetings (2011):

1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 – Simon Day (Roche Products Ltd) on 'What constitutes adequate strength of evidence?'

23<sup>rd</sup> February – David Pencheon (NHS Sustainable Development Unit) on 'Head in the sand or Line in the sand: measuring progress of the public sector into a low carbon world'.

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Ian Nimmo-Smith (MRC Cognition & Brain Sciences Unit).

**Supper:** Some members eat before a talk at the University Centre meeting in the downstairs bar at 6pm. All welcome !

**Subscriptions:** of 1 pound are now due for attending the 2010-2011 session.

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## Approved Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2008-2009

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2008-2009 was held at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 20th October 2009. Present: Ted Harding (in chair), Gabor Borgulya, Margaret Corbett, Rebecca Cox, Mary Garratt, Yangmei Li, Xinxne Liu, Andrew McGuinness, Haidee Philpott, Jayantha Ratnayake, Tony Sabin, Helen Tate, Vincent Van Hees, Peter Watson. **Apologies:** Jurek Gurycz, Pamela Morris, Ian Nimmo-Smith. The **minutes** of the previous A.G.M. were circulated and approved. The secretary reported an excellent total attendance of 99 for the 2008-2009 session. He also invited anyone with links to local schools to recommend any schoolteachers of mathematics and/or statistics who might be suitable as CSDG speakers or venue hosts.

**Treasurer's Accounts and Report 2008-2009:** The CSDG started the year in October 2008 with £45.06 cash in addition to £200 in the Cambridge building Society (plus ~£3.00 interest). The table below shows the financial activity during the current year.

Expenditure		Income	
Speakers' expenses	£46.17	Balance at Oct 2008	£45.06
		Subscriptions	£25.00

Cash balance at October 2008 £45.06, cash remaining 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 £23.89. There remains £200.00 (plus interest) in a Community account at the Cambridge Building Society.

The account holders are Ted Harding (current chairman), Peter Watson (current secretary) and Helen Tate (current treasurer). These names can be changed on application. The principle holder is the treasurer. Any of the three account holders can deposit and withdraw money. I suggest we keep the subscription at £1 for 2009-2010. This was agreed.

**Election of officers and committee:** Committee (unchanged) for 2009-2010: *chair* Ted Harding; *secretary* Peter Watson; *treasurer* Helen Tate ; *officio* Dave Andrews; *ordinary* Margaret Corbett, Pamela Morris, Haidee Philpott.

**Any Other Business:** None.

## Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2009-2010

The Annual General Meeting for the year 2009-2010 was held at the Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 19th October 2010. Present: Ted Harding (in chair), Suzanne Bradnum, Blaise Egan, Martin Gibson, Jurek Gurycz, Pamela Morris, Haidee Philpott, Jayantha Ratnayake, Helen Tate, Adam Wagner, Peter Watson. **Apologies:** Yih Chau, Margaret Corbett, Margaret Ely, Mary Garratt, Peter Treasure, Jamie Tunks. The **minutes** of the previous A.G.M. were circulated and approved. The secretary reported a very good total attendance of 81 for the 2009-2010 session. He also invited anyone with suggestions for speakers or venues or anyone interested in joining the committee to please contact a committee member.

**Treasurer's Accounts and Report 2009-2010:** The CSDG started the year in October 2009 with £23.89 cash in addition to £200 in the Cambridge building Society (plus ~£6.00 interest). The table below shows the financial activity during the current year (Oct 09 to Sept10).

Expenditure		Income	
Speakers' expenses	£27.68	Balance at Oct 2009	£23.89
		Subscriptions	£36.00

Cash balance at October 2009 £23.89, cash remaining 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 £32.21.

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**Any Other Business:** The group hopes to put sound files for future talks on its web pages following a generous gift of a recording device from a member.