



International Association for Statistical Computing
European Regional Section

ERS 25th Anniversary
(1981-2006)

Milestones of ERS origins and life
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Preliminaries

- 1969 – The International Statistical Institute (ISI) creates a Committee on Statistical Computation.
- 1974 – First COMPSTAT Symposium (Vienna, Austria).
- 1975 – September 8 - The ISI Committee on Statistical Computation (Chaired by Mervin E. Muller) proposes to establish a new section of ISI on Statistical Computation.
- 1976 - To have a permanent platform for organizing COMPSTAT Symposia, a “Compstat Society” is created (see Grossmann, Schimek & Sint, 2004).
- 1976 – Second COMPSTAT Symposium (West-Berlin, Germany).
- 1977 - (December) – The ISI General Assembly approves the establishment of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) during the 41st Session of ISI in New Delhi. In that occasion, at the inaugural IASC Council meeting, Norbert Victor proposes that the COMPSTAT symposia become events managed by IASC. The Council reacts positively, and, on this basis, Mervin E. Muller declares that IASC is willing to assume responsibility of future COMPSTAT Symposia. He authorizes Ivor Francis (Scientific Secretary of IASC) and Norbert Victor to negotiate with Compstat Society representatives in the name of IASC.
- 1978 – In the negotiations between the Compstat Society and IASC (in which the Physica Verlag is also involved), Peter P. Sint represents the Compstat Society (he is one of the people who organized the first edition of the Conference).
After several contacts aimed to deal with some delicate aspects, the Compstat Society definitively agrees to transfer the organization of COMPSTAT Symposia to the IASC. The agreement is signed by Peter P. Sint for the Compstat Society and Mervin Muller, as IASC President (Sint will continue to manage the COMPSTAT activities inside IASC for a long time).
The most critical problems during the negotiations are the transferring mechanism, the management structure for Conference organization, and the future relationships with Physica-Verlag, who has partial rights on the ownership of the name COMPSTAT and that, since the first edition, has largely contributed to making the conference very successful.
The idea of a committee to serve as governing board of future conferences seems the most efficient solution. At the same time, the negotiation with Physica-Verlag brings to an

agreement stating the full IASC ownership of the name COMPSTAT and some guaranties for the publisher to avoid unmotivated refusals of its bids for conference proceedings.

The transfer process will naturally allow the Compstat Society to dissolve, and most of its members will join the IASC community.

1978 (August) – Third COMPSTAT (Leiden, Netherlands). This is the last conference sponsored by the Compstat Society.

Leiden hosts a meeting of the IASC on August 21, chaired by Ivor Francis, in which the European Regional Committee (ERC) is formally founded. It is initially composed by Francis himself, S.H.J. Blanksma (Netherlands), L.C.A. Corsten (Netherlands), J. Gordesch (West Germany), A. Klas (Czechoslovakia), E. Lunenberg (ISI Director, ex officio, Netherlands), John A. Nelder (UK), K. Neumann (GDR), Peter P. Sint (Austria), and Norbert Victor (West Germany). IASC Council decides that the ERC's main task is the conference's organization; however, ERC is also appointed to promote other scientific activities in Europe. Three days later, during the first official ERC meeting, Norbert Victor is elected as ERC Chairman.

1980 (August) – On the basis of the experience gained during the first two years of ERC life, during a meeting held in Edinburgh, N. Victor proposes to transform the Regional Committee into a Regional Section, according with the article 12 of the IASC Statute. In particular, the minutes of that meeting (topic 5, page 9) report, *“The present ERC was an ad hoc committee appointed by the IASC Council to conduct European activities. The chairman argued, and it was unanimously agreed by the members of the Committee, as well as all of the visitors present, that the European activities were such that a formal section of the IASC was called for.”* A sub-committee aimed for drafting the ERS constitution is immediately established, and it includes Ivor Francis, Peter P. Sint and Norbert Victor.

1981 – In January, the European Regional Section Constitution draft is sent to the ERC members as well as to the Council members with a ballot for a formal approval. On July 4, N. Victor reports that the Constitution was unanimously approved. A number of minor adjustments suggested by ISI Director Lunenberg were approved later with formalities.

ERS life

1981 (December 11) – The IASC General Assembly approves the establishment of the European Regional Section during the 43rd Session of ISI in Buenos Aires.

1982 (February) – N. Victor and P. Ihm send a short report on the ERS Constitution for publishing in the ISI Newsletter (see Attachment n. 1)

1982 (August 31) – Newly elected members of the Board of Directors (BoD) of ERS, jointly with the old ERC members, held the first meeting in Toulouse during the 5th COMPSTAT Symposium. The meeting is chaired by N. Victor, former ERC Chairman. During the meeting, John A. Nelder is elected as first ERS Chairman.

Members of the first IASC BoD are A. Cunnigham (Luxembourg), J. Gordesch (Germany), T. Havranek (CSSR), K.G. Jöreskog (Sweden), A. Klas (CSSR), J.A. Nelder (UK), P.P. Sint (Austria), Richard Tomassone (France), F. Van Nes (Netherlands), N. Victor (Germany), R. Gnanadesikan (USA ex officio as IASC President), and S. Frane (USA, representative for North America).

1984 (August) - First COMPSTAT organized behind the "iron curtain" in Prague by Tomas Havranek. For the first time in the history of scientific conferences (at least in Czechoslovakia), there are computers connected between Eastern and Western Europe.

1988 – During the ERS Board of Directors (BoD) meeting, held at the site of COMPSTAT in Copenhagen, some amendments to the Constitutions are proposed by P.P. Sint and N.C. Lauro (Chairman and Chairman elect, respectively) to simplify the election procedure.

- 1989 – In the meeting held in Paris during the 47th ISI Session, the ERS BoD sets up a committee (Alain Morineau, A. Rizzi, P.P. Sint and A. Verbeek) for drafting amendments to the ERS Constitution. The Chairman, N.C. Lauro, also proposes new activities aimed at “*improving and extending the facilities offered to the associates as well as to make life more participative in the European Regional Section of the IASC.*” Among the several proposals, it is important to recall the idea of instituting ERS Summer Schools, a series of events mainly addressed to European Ph.D. students and young researchers, still continuing to take place every two years (see the Attachment 4).
- 1990 – The BoD starts a discussion for defining new guidelines for COMPSTAT Symposia.
- 1991 – The first ERS Summer School is organized in Prague by Jaromir Antoch (with a strong support of N.C. Lauro).
The BoD defines the COMPSTAT guidelines and the final draft for Constitution amendments to be submitted to the IASC Council for approval.
- 1992 – The IASC Council, in the meeting held in Neuchâtel on August 25, approves the new ERS Statute (see Attachment n. 2) and the COMPSTAT guidelines.
- 1993 – After a negotiation between Physica-Verlag and IASC, represented by Jaromir Antoch (ERS Chairman) and Antoine de Falguerolles, a new agreement is established for COMPSTAT Proceedings.
The East Asian Regional Section of IASC (EARS) is established during the 1st Asian Conference on Statistic Computing, held in Beijing on October 27-28 under the sponsorship of IASC (the Proceedings of this conference are edited by Asano and published under the label of IASC). Ch. Asano is elected as the first EARS Chairman.
- 1994 – During the meeting held in Vienna (August 23), the IASC Council approves the EARS Statute and by-laws, based on the ERS Statute.
During this occasion, Gianfranco Galmacci (Italy) and Fionn Murtagh (UK) propose to set up a web site for the Association and its Regional Sections. Since then, the web site is cared for by G. Galmacci and hosted at the Department of Statistics of the University of Perugia, Italy.
- 1997 (August) – The IASC Council approves the proposal of C. Asano, presented on behalf the EARS BoD, aimed at changing the previous name of the section into Asian Regional Section (ARS).
- 1997 – On November 20-21, Rothamsted Station hosts the SPC for COMPSTAT 1998. Five BoD members are present and Antoine de Falguerolles, ERS Chairman, proposes a minor amendment to the statute (the IASC treasurer becomes ex-officio BoD member).
- 1998 – The IASC Council approves the statute amendments during the meeting held in Bristol.
- 2002 – During the COMPSTAT held in Berlin, a proposal to globalize the COMPSTAT symposia is made by some IASC Council members to make them world-wide events. This proposal is accompanied by the candidature of the ARS for hosting COMPSTAT 2008 in Japan. The Council involves the ERS BoD for taking a decision.
- 2004 – At the Opening Ceremony of the 16th edition of COMPSTAT in Prague, the 30th COMPSTAT Anniversary is celebrated. On this occasion, a paper on the history of the conference series is presented by Grossmann, Schimek, and Sint, and Peter Paul Sint receives an IASC/ISI Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions to COMPSTAT over the past 30 years.
In the meetings held during the conference, the ERS BoD widely debates the various aspects concerning advantages and disadvantages of bringing COMPSTAT outside Europe. The concerns regarding economic problems for some European countries (mainly for young researchers) prevail on other elements. Also, IASC has other kinds of world-wide events, such as the IASC World Conferences (two editions held in Japan, 1987, and in USA, 1997, and one planned in Cyprus in 2005). The Board finally approves the candidature of Portugal for COMPSTAT 2008.

2006 (August 28 – September 1) – After 20 years, Rome hosts COMPSTAT for the second time and celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the European Regional Section of the IASC.

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- ISI Permanent Office archive (Voorburg, The Netherlands)
- Norbert Victor personal archive
- Gianfranco Galmacci personal archive
- Antoine de Falguerolles personal archive
- Jaromir Antoch personal archive

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Attachment n. 1

Report sent on February 1982 to the ISI Director to be published on the Newsletter

European Regional Section of the IASC-Founded

Report by N. VICTOR and P. IHM

In 1972 a number of activities began in Europe in the field of computational statistics which found a special manifestation in the very successful biannual COMPSTAT meetings. The organization of these meetings was a private activity of some interested statisticians who felt during COMPSTAT '78 in Leiden that it might be better to bring COMPSTAT under the official cover of the IASC. In agreement with this proposition, the Council of the IASC founded a European Regional Committee which organized COMPSTAT '80 in Edinburgh and COMPSTAT '82 in Toulouse as an IASC symposium. Actually, the members of the European Regional Committee are: A. BJÖRK (Sweden), S.H.J. BLANKSMA (Treasurer, Netherlands), W.J. DIXON (ex officio, USA), I. FRANCIS (USA), J. GORDESCH (W.-Germany), A. KLAS (Czechoslovakia), J.A. NELDER (UK), K. NEUMANN (GDR), P. SINT (Austria), R. TOMASSONE (France), N. VICTOR (Chairman, W.-Germany).

In order to coordinate the activities of European computational statisticians the European Regional Committee recommended the formation of a European Regional Section (ERS) of the IASC. This recommendation and a constitution for the ERS have been approved by the Council. The purpose of such a section is to provide regional activities in statistical computing beyond the organization of the European COMPSTAT Symposia. Also it has the advantage that European members can elect their regional officers themselves.

All members of the IASC residing in Europe will automatically be members of the ERS. According to the constitution, the old committee will act as interim board of directors of the section until COMPSTAT '80 (August 30 to September 3, 1982, Toulouse). The elections take place in this weeks, and all European members received a voting ballot.

Constitution of the European Regional Section (ERS) of the IASC

1. The European Regional Section (ERS) of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) is established by the Council in accordance with art. 12 of the IASC Statutes. It is composed of the members of the IASC residing in Europe.
2. The objective of the ERS shall be to promote European co-operation in pursuing the aims of the IASC. In particular, the ERS shall be responsible for arranging European meetings on computational statistics, known as COMPSTAT meetings.
3. The ERS shall be directed by a Board of Directors (BoD).
4. The Director of the ISI Permanent Office shall be informed about each meeting of the BoD and shall receive the minutes of these meetings.
5. The BoD shall be composed of
 - (i) ten individual members of the ERS,
 - (ii) currently serving officers not included under (i) according to art. 8,
 - (iii) a member of the IASC residing in North-America,
 - (iv) the President of the IASC ex officio.
6. The ten individual members of the BoD shall be elected from the membership of the ERS in accordance with the provisions laid down in art. 9 and 10 below. The period of membership will be four years, half of the individual members will retire every two years. Members will not be eligible for immediate re-election. No more than two individual members shall be from the same country.
7. The North American member shall be appointed by the other members of the BoD, and shall serve no more than four years. The function of this member is to provide a liaison with North American activities, in particular the Symposium on the Interface of Computer Science and Statistics.
8. The officers of the BoD (the chairman, the scientific secretary and the treasurer) shall be members of the BoD and shall be elected by and from the BoD-membership. The term of office shall be four years. The officers remain members of the BoD for their term of office, in the case where their normal membership will finish earlier. To ensure continuity the chairman will remain an officer and a member of the BoD for the two years after his chairmanship.
9. During the year prior to an election, the BoD must set up an election committee. The Committee will invite all members of ERS to suggest candidates. The Committee shall establish a list of candidates which shall include all candidates who have been nominated by at least six ERS members: the number of candidates must be at least double the number of vacancies. Candidates must have expressed their willingness to serve on the BoD.
10. The election shall be held by mail ballot among all ERS members under the direction of the Election Committee. The elections will be held approximately every two years, beginning in 1982. Ballots

are to be mailed in February and must be returned within three months. New members will take office during the subsequent COMPSTAT meeting.

11. Proposed amendments to this constitution may be made in writing to the Chairman of the BoD. An amendment shall take effect if it is approved by at least two thirds of the members of the BoD, and by the Executive Committee of the IASC. The approved amendments shall be published in the regular newsletter of the ERS.
12. The BoD will decide its rules of procedure with a simple majority. The Board of Directors shall conduct its business at meetings during COMPSTAT Symposia or at special meetings or by mail as and when necessary. At least one month's notice of a special meeting shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors.
13. Until the first election, the European Regional Committee shall act as provisional BoD. In the first election ten individual members shall be elected. Half of them shall retire after two years according to length of membership of the IASC.

Attachment n. 2



The International Association for Statistical Computing
A Section of The International Statistical Institute

STATUTE
of the
EUROPEAN REGIONAL SECTION
(1992)

1. The European Regional Section (ERS) of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) is established by the Council in accordance with art. 12 of the IASC Statutes. It is composed of the members of the IASC residing in Europe.

ERS-IASC Mission

2.1 The mission of the ERS is to promote European co-operation in pursuing the aims of the IASC. In particular the ERS-IASC will, in the European context, aim to further the progress of the theory, methods, and practice of statistical computing and to foster interest and knowledge in effective and efficient statistical computing through international contacts among statisticians, computing professionals, organizations, institutions, governments.

2.2. To achieve its mission the ERS-IASC may:

- organize international or regional seminars, conferences, meetings. In particular, the ERS shall be responsible for arranging European meetings on computational statistics, known as COMPSTAT meetings;
- promote research and training programmes on theoretical and practical aspects of computational statistics;
- foster evaluations of statistical computing techniques and programs;
- publish scientific periodicals and books, reports and newsletters, independently or in cooperation with other organizations;
- collaborate with other bodies having similar objectives.

ERS-Organs

The principal organs of the ERS are:

- 3.1 The Regional Assembly;
- 3.2 The Board of Directors (BoD);
- 3.3 The Officers of the BoD.

The Regional Assembly

4.1 The members of the ERS, in accordance with art. 1, assembled at a meeting or casting their votes by mail on questions referred to them constitute the Regional Assembly. .

4.2 The decisions of the Regional Assembly shall be made by a majority of votes cast at a meeting or by mail. Each individual member has one vote.

4.3 A Regional Assembly will be convened normally not less than once in two years and, if possible, conjointly with COMPSTAT symposia.

The Board of Directors

5.1 The BoD shall consist of:

- the Chairman;
- the Chairman-Elect;
- the past Chairman of BoD;
- ten individual members (half of them will retire every two years).

5.2 The Chairman-Elect and the ten individual members of the BoD shall be elected by and from the membership of the ERS in accordance with the provisions laid down in art. 7.1 and 7.2 below. The period of membership will be four years; BoD members will not be eligible for immediate reelection. No more than two BoD member shall be from the same country. To ensure continuity the Chairman will remain a member of the BoD for the two years after his chairmanship.

5.3 The BoD shall promote the objectives of the Association, administer the affairs of the ERS and, for these purposes, shall:

- elect the ERS Scientific Secretary, the Treasurer and auditors;

- appoint committees, working groups, etc. for assigned tasks and delegate its power to such committees or to one or more officers or members of the BoD for assigned purposes;
- appoint necessary staff and incur necessary expenditure for the work of the ERS.

5.4 The Board of Directors shall conduct its business at ordinary meetings to be held during COMPSTAT Symposia or at special meetings or by mail as and when necessary. At least one month's notice of a special meeting shall be given to all members of the Board of Directors. The quorum of the BoD shall be seven including proxy members. Proxies have to be IASC members. The BoD will decide its rules of procedure with a simple majority.

5.5 The President of the IASC will take part at the BoD meeting ex officio. The Director of the ISI Permanent Office shall be informed about each meeting of the BoD and shall receive the minutes of these meetings.

The officers

6.1 The officers of the BoD (the Chairman, the Chairman-Elect and the Past-Chairman, the Scientific Secretary and the Treasurer) are members of the BoD. The term of office shall be two years. The Chairman-Elect is elected by ERS members according to the art. 7.2 below. Upon the expire. of his term of office the Chairman-Elect will assume, the duty of Chairman for the following two-year term. The Scientific Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected by and from the BoD-membership.

6.2 The Chairman shall represent the ERS on all the official occasions and shall preside over the meetings of the Regional Assembly and the BoD and, shall have general responsibility for the execution of the policies and decisions of the Regional Assembly and the BoD.

6.3 The Officers shall assist the Chairman in the formulation of the policy of the ERS and in all other important decisions.

6.4 The Scientific Secretary shall be responsible, under the guidance of the Chairman, for co-ordination of the ERS-activities involved in arranging conferences, courses and publications. The Scientific Secretary shall be also responsible of the preparation of BoD meetings and Regional Assembly including the preparation of reports, the recording of minutes of meetings and shall circulate to BoD members all required materials.

6.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the accounts of the ERS-IASC.

6.5 In order to insure the continuity of management of the ERS, the Chairman shall keep the Chairman-Elect closely informed with respect to all relevant management and policy activities. The Chairman-Elect shall utilize his term to get acquainted with the business of the ERS-IASC.

6.6 At the conclusion of their term of office, it shall be the responsibility of the Chairman and the Scientific Secretary to prepare a comprehensive report to the ERS about its activities during the previous two years (or since the last report). This report shall be presented to the Regional Assembly at the ordinary meeting of the ERS, at which time the outstanding funds and the relevant correspondence shall be transferred to the new Treasurer and the new Scientific Secretary.

Elections of the BoD and Officers

7.1 During the year prior to an election, the BoD must set up an Election Committee (EC). The Committee will invite all members of ERS to suggest candidates for the BoD as well as for the Chairman. The number of candidates for the BoD must be at least double of the number of vacancies (Le greater or equal to 10). The Committee shall prepare a list of candidates for the BoD which shall include:

- all candidates who have been nominated at least five time by ERS members;
- additional members proposed by the EC in order to assure a sufficient geographical representativeness.

The EC will also indicate at least two candidates for the position of Chairman-Elect, chosen among prominent scientist in the field of Computational Statistics. Candidates must have expressed their willingness to serve on the BoD.

7.2 The elections will be held every two years. The election shall be held by mail ballot among all ERS members under the direction of the Election Committee.

The candidate with the highest number of votes will be nominated Chairman-Elect. The other BoD members shall consist of the five candidates, that are in the majority and not belonging to countries already present in the current BoD with two members. New members will take office during the subsequent COMPSTAT meeting.

7.3 The ERS Treasurer and the Scientific Secretary shall be elected by the BoD with secret vote in occasion of ordinary BoD meeting held during COMPSTAT symposia.

Finances

8. Financial resources of the ERS-IASC shall consist of part of conference fees,

conference and courses benefits if any, publications royalties, gift and legacies, grants from public or private bodies, any other sources.

By-Laws

9. The BoD shall have power to draw up By-Laws for purposes mentioned in the Statute. The By-laws of the ERS-IASC shall not contain any regulation which contravenes to the IASC and ERS-IASC statutes.

Amendments of the Statute and By-Laws

10.1 Proposals to amend the ERS-Statute and By-Laws may be made in writing to the Chairman by any five members of the BoD or by any ten members of the ERS.

10.2 An amendment to the Statute shall take effect if it is approved by at least two thirds of the members of the BoD, and by the Executive Committee of the IASC. Any change in the By-Laws shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in the BoO.

10.3 The approved amendments shall be published in the regular newsletter of the ERS.

BY LAWS
of the
EUROPEAN REGIONAL SECTION
(1992)

I. Membership

Members of ERS are all IASC regular members (institutions and individuals) residing in Europe without any restriction on number.

An institutional member shall be entitled to designate a representative who may attend meetings of ERS and take part in the activities of the association with the same privileges as the individual members.

Individuals or institutions who are not members of the IASC and are interested in the activities of ERS may become members by applying and paying any prescribed dues to IASC.

II. Regional Assembly

The business transactions of the Regional Assembly shall include:

- consideration and adoption with or without modification of reports of the Chairman, Scientific Secretary and others of the BoD on the activities and finances of the ERS;
- acknowledgement of results of election of Officers and members of the BoD;
- consideration of reports of any committees appointed by the Regional Assembly, and proposals regarding policy and programmes of the ERS;
- all other business necessary for the promotion of the objectives of the Association.

A notice specifying the place, date, time and the agenda of a Regional Assembly shall be communicated (by mail or IASC-newsletter) to all members of the ERS not less than three months before the date of the Regional Assembly.

III. Board of Directors

The BoD shall meet every second years, in occasion of COMPSTAT symposia. If possible, the BoD meets twice during the COMPSTAT, the first meeting of the outgoing BoD and the second meeting of the incoming BoD. To assist in the transition, all members of both BoD are encouraged to attend both meetings.

The BoD shall hold an interim meeting, if possible, midway between COMPSTAT symposia. This meeting may coincide with a regional meeting cosponsored by the IASC-ERS. Decisions of the BoD required between meetings may be taken by mail.

The BoD members who are unable to attend meetings are encouraged to appoint a representative who may attend and speak at the meeting in the member's place, but who may not vote on questions before the BoD.

When an issue arises that would normally be dealt with by BoD but which requires action before a mail vote or the next BoD meeting, the Chairman shall be empowered to act on behalf of the BoD. In doing so, the Chairman shall consult with the Officers and members of BoD to the extent possible, and shall submit the action for confirmation by BoD as soon as possible.

IV. ERS-BoD Chairman

In the Chairman's absence its roles shall be filled by the Chairman-Elect or by some member of the BoD nominated by the Chairman. If no member of the BoD is able to be present at a meeting organized or sponsored by the ERS, the Chairman may nominate a member of the ERS to act as his representative for that occasion and to maintain liaison with the Scientific Secretary.

If the chairmanship becomes vacant or the Chairman is for any reason unable to fulfill his responsibilities, the Chairman-Elect shall serve for the remaining term of the Chairman or until the Chairman shall again be able to serve, as the case may be.

If, for any reason, an office becomes vacant, a new officer shall be nominated by the Chairman and approved by the majority of the BoD.

IV. Elections procedure

The Election Committee (EC) shall consist of three members who shall be selected among the members of the BoD. The BoD shall designate one member of the Election Committee to act as Chairman.

The first step of the election procedure shall consist of the preparation of the list of nominations. In order to obtain suggestions by the ERS members a call for candidature must be sent out by the EC at least three months before the date of issue of ballot papers.

The list of nominations, including suggestions of ERS members and integrated by the EC according to the art. 7.1 of the Statute, shall be printed on ballot papers and sent to members for voting at least six months before an ordinary meeting. Short

biographical details of the candidates (Le. present position, membership in international societies, service to statistics of international level, special field of statistical work) should be included on the ballot.

The ballot papers, with votes recorded in a secret form by the members, must reach the EC-Chairman not later than two months after the date of issue of the ballot papers.

The Election Committee shall open the envelopes with ballots, destroy the envelopes and then count the votes.

Candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected. Any ties that may have occurred shall be resolved according the rule of the highest

seniority of membership in the Association. . .

The BoD and membership of the ERS shall be notified of the result of the elections.

VI. Finance.

No gift or legacy may be accepted unless approved by the BoD.

The funds of the IASC-ERS may be used to meet the normal operating expenses of the BoD, the expenses of conferences, courses, publications, and other activities of the ERS.

Officers and members of the BoD shall serve without compensation. They may be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with official functions.

The BoD may authorize the provision of grants or financial assistance for research or developmental projects consonant with the objectives of the Association. The BoD is expected to maintain reserves sufficient to meet prior commitments; it may transfer funds to assist activities of IASC.

Any expenditure of funds shall be for a purpose consistent with the statutes and by laws, and shall be authorized by the Chairman. Recurring expenditures for the same purpose may be authorized by the Chairman on a continuing basis. The Chairman may revoke such a continuing authorization. If the appropriateness of the expenditure might reasonably be questioned, the Chairman shall submit the matter to the BoD for approval.

The Treasurer shall make suitable arrangements for signing contracts, agreements and other relevant documents, for maintenance of bank accounts, etc. and for all procedural matters relating to transactions, meetings, conferences, publications and

other activities of the ERS.

At each ordinary meeting the accounts of the outgoing Treasurer shall be audited, consistently with the practices and standards of the ISI, by two members of the ERS and their report shall be presented to the BoD for acceptance by a majority of votes.

VII. Scientific meetings and publications of the ERS

The BoD may arrange seminars, summer schools, conferences, etc. and other programmes on its own responsibility or in collaboration with other organizations.

Ordinary meetings of the ERS (i.e. COMPSTAT symposia) shall be convened normally every second year. The ordinary meeting of the ERS shall be held at such times and places as the BoD may direct.

For COMPSTAT symposia as well as for each official meeting (seminar, summer school etc.) of the ERS the Chairman in consultation with the BoD shall appoint a Scientific Program Committee (SPC) and a Local Organizing Committee (LOC). In order to assure a suitable coordination between, SPC and BoD at least one member of the BoD should be appointed as SPC member. SPC and LOC should make brief reports on progress, at least every 6 months, to BoD chairman.

The LOC (on the behalf of the Host Institution) is responsible for the finance of the meeting (seminar, summer school etc.). The BoD may be able to provide loans to assist with cash flow for the meeting but cannot be responsible for any loss. Where the meeting is successful the BoD will receive a fee toward its costs and to help fund other ERS activities. An agreement between the ERS-BoD and Local Host Institution has to be established on the basis of the current COMPSTAT GUIDELINES.

Sponsorship can be given to European meetings pursuing the same objectives of the Association under condition that a representative of the BoD be a member of the SPC.

The BoD may make necessary arrangements for publishing in a suitable way the COMPSTAT proceedings and lectures presented at meetings or summer schools organized or sponsored by the IASC-ERS, or to make arrangements to publish a newsletter of ERS .

Attachment n. 3

COMPSTAT Symposia

I COMPSTAT	1974	Vienna (Austria)
II COMPSTAT	1976	West-Berlin (Germany)
III COMPSTAT	1978	Leiden (The Netherlands)
IV COMPSTAT	1980	Edinburgh (UK)
V COMPSTAT	1982	Toulouse (France)
VI COMPSTAT	1984	Prague (Czechoslovakia)
VII COMPSTAT	1986	Rome (Italy)
VIII COMPSTAT	1988	Copenhagen (Denmark)
IX COMPSTAT	1990	Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia)
X COMPSTAT	1992	Neuchâtel (Switzerland)
XI COMPSTAT	1994	Vienna (Austria)
XII COMPSTAT	1996	Barcelona (Spain)
XIII COMPSTAT	1998	Bristol (UK)
XIV COMPSTAT	2000	Utrecht (The Netherlands)
XV COMPSTAT	2002	Berlin (Germany)
XVI COMPSTAT	2004	Prague (Czech Republic)
XVII COMPSTAT	2006	Rome (Italy)

Attachment n. 4

ERS Summer Schools

1st Summer School	1991	Prague (Czechoslovakia)
2nd Summer School	1993	Perugia (Italy)
3rd Summer School	1995	Izmir (Turkey)
4th Summer School	1997	Padua (Italy)
5th Summer School	1999	Spetses (Greece)
6th Summer School	2001	Capri (Italy)
7th Summer School	2003	Lisbon (Portugal)
8th Summer School	2005	Barcelona, Spain

Attachment n. 5

Chairmen of the European Regional Section of IASC

John Ashworth Nelder	(UK)	1981-1984
Peter Paul Sint	(Austria)	1984-1988
Natale Carlo Lauro	(Italy)	1988-1992
Jaromir Antoch	(Czech Republic)	1992-1996
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