

SASA2010 Conference

During the week of the 8th of November the South African Statistical Association's (SASA) conference was held at the North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. For this prestigious event the organizing committee, led by Dr. James Allison and Prof. Riaan de Jongh (both members of ISBIS), invited the Nobel laureate Prof Robert Engle from the Stern School of Business, New York, as the keynote speaker and a workshop presenter. Other invited speakers included Prof. Winfried Stute from the University of Giessen, Germany, Prof. Peter Hall from the University of Melbourne, Australia and Prof Michael Greenacre from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain.

The conference also featured a business stream that included sessions on applications in finance, risk, health, marketing, investments, mining, telecommunications and logistics. This stream was organised by the local ISBIS organizing committee and various professionals from the private sector participated by delivering 27 papers.

A young statistician's breakfast (sponsored by ISBIS) was held on the morning of the 11th of November. At this event a risk analyst from South Africa's largest commercial bank addressed the future statisticians of South Africa.

To view the slides from Prof. Engle's plenary address and workshop, please visit the conference website at www.sasa2010.co.za.



From left to right. Dr. James Allison, Mrs. Yoko Chhana (President of SASA), Prof. Riaan de Jongh, Prof. Robert Engle and Dr. Theuns Eloff (Vice- Chancellor of the North-West University)