

Indications are that the conference was a great success. The aim of the conference, to bring together southeastern linear algebraists, was achieved. The number and breadth of the contributed talks was truly impressive. Most importantly, the attendees seemed to genuinely enjoy themselves as evidenced by the lively attendance at both talks and various social gatherings. In the photo below, from left to right, are: back row, Frank Uhlig, Carolyn Eschenbach,  $x_1$ , Charlie Johnson,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ , Peter Nylén; second row from back  $x_4$ , Peter Gibson,  $x_5$ , Paul Binding, Jason Zhang; second row from front Chi-Kwong Li, Chris Hill, Tin Yau Tam, Jim Weaver, Frank Hall, Ron Smith; front row  $x_6$ , In'sook Ma, Wa-sin So, and A. A. Ebiefung. The Editors of *Image* will be very pleased to learn the identities of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , ...,  $x_6$ .



## Workshop on Matrices in Statistics Tartu, Estonia: May 28, 1994

Report by George P. H. Styan

A Satellite Workshop on Matrices in Statistics was held in the Matemaatilise Statistika Instituut, Tartu Ülikool (Dept. of Mathematical Statistics, University of Tartu) in Tartu, Estonia, on Saturday May 28, 1994, in conjunction with the 5th Tartu Conference on Multivariate Statistics, which was held in the Puhkekodu in Pühajärve, Estonia, May 23–26, 1994; the proceedings will be published by TEV-VSP (Vilnius-Utrecht-Tokyo). About 40 people stayed on for the Workshop after the main Conference (a bus tour of southern Estonia was the principal activity on Friday, May 27).



Talks were presented by John S. Chipman (Minnesota), Richard W. Farebrother (Manchester), Yasunori Fujikoshi (Hiroshima), Ene Käärrik (Tartu), Otto Karma (Tartu), Heinz Neudecker (Amsterdam), Simo Puntanen (Tampere), Jon Stene (Copenhagen), Dietrich von Rosen (Uppsala), Hans Joachim Werner (Bonn), and Cemil Yapar (Trabzon).

All the various local and organizing arrangements were excellent: very many thanks to Ene-Margit Tiit, as well as to Tõnu Kollo, Kalev Pärna and Imbi Traat.

In the photo are (left to right): George Styan (McGill), Hans Joachim Werner (Bonn), Eric Iksoon Im (Hawaii), Heinz Neudecker (Amsterdam) and Shuangzhe Liu (Amsterdam); Michael Greenacre (Barcelona) and Carles Cuadras (Barcelona) are in the background (top right-hand corner).

## Fifth SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra Snowbird, Utah: June 15–18, 1994

Report by Steven J. Leon & George P. H. Styan

The Fifth SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra was held at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in Snowbird, Utah, June 15–18, 1994. The conference had an experimental format in that the Contributed Paper sessions and the Poster sessions were organized as group discussion sessions rather than individual talks. Papers (limited to 5 pages) were available ahead of time for all to read in a published proceedings, edited by John G. Lewis and very attractively produced [x + 578 pp., ISBN 0-89871-336-6 (softcover); list price \$74.50, SIAM Member price \$59.60]. Unfortunately these proceedings do not include the invited papers.

Overall it seemed like the new format was highly successful. It certainly provided for much more interaction among participants. One major improvement over previous conferences in this series was the organization of the sessions. There were fewer sessions and the organizers succeeded valiantly in avoiding the massive parallelism so prevalent in the past. Attendees were surveyed ahead of time as to their preferences in sessions. During the day there were never more than two sessions at the same time. These sessions were different enough so that it was always a clear cut choice as to which to attend. In the evenings there were generally 3 or 4 common interest sessions being held at the same time. Additionally there were 12 Minisymposia each with four half-hour talks and seven invited presentations (45 minutes each).