## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009

8:30-9:00:	Registration
Session 1:	Chaired by Prof. Jianxin Pan (The University of Manchester)
9:00-9:05: 9:05-9:35: 9:35-10:05: 10:05-10:35	Opening and Introduction (Tapio Nummi/ Jianxin Pan) Gilbert MacKenzie: Focused model selection for frailty models Georgi Boshnakov: On some properties of mixture autoregressive models Erkki Liski: Pretesting and model selection versus estimation in a regression problem
10:35-10:55:	Coffee Break
Session 2:	Chaired by Prof. Erkki Liski (University of Tampere)
10:55-11:25: 11:25-11:55: 11:55-12:25	Hannu Oja: Nonparametric and robust inference for clustered data Jaakko Nevalainen: Nonparametric analysis of multivariate clustered data Klaus Nordhausen: Multivariate models and their first four moments
12:25-13:10:	Lunch
Session 3:	Chaired by Prof. Hannu Oja (University of Tampere)
13:10-13:40: 13:40-14:10 14:10-14:40:	Simo Puntanen: Equality of BLUPS under two different linear models Peter Foster: Iterative polynomial prediction of missing values in longitudinal studies Nick Fieller: Looking at Outliers
14:40-15:00	Coffee Break
Session 4:	Chaired by Dr. Simo Puntanen (University of Tampere)
15:00-15:20:	Tapio Nummi: Testing for Cubic Smoothing Splines under Dependent
15:20-15:40:	Data Chao Huang: Selection of random effects in generalized linear mixed Models
15:40-16:00:	Daoji Li: Empirical likelihood for generalized linear models with
16:00-16:20 16:20-16:40	longitudinal data Tao Wang: The Estimation and Lower Confidence Limit of the Conditional Reliability for Weibull Distribution in the Life Tests with Fixed Stopping Time Minzhi Guo: A composite computer program for student's exam score using Excel
17:00	Welcome party

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Session 5:	Chaired by Prof. Tapio Nummi (University of Tampere)
9:00-9:30:	Jianxin Pan: A review of joint mean and covariance structures in longitudinal studies
9:30-10:00:	Chaofeng Kou: Semi-parametric covariance modelling and variable Selection
10:00-10:30	Antti Liski: Selecting variables with sequential NML in logistic regression
10:30-10:50:	Coffee Break
Session 6:	Chaired by Dr. Jaakko Nevalainen (University of Tampere)
10:50-11:20:	David Hoyle: Statistical and computational challenges in dealing with genome-wide association data
11:20-11:50:	Jarkko Isotalo: Some nonparametrical methods for analysing gene expression data
11:50-12:20	Arto Luoma: Modelling mortality with Bayesian splines
12:20-13:05:	Lunch
Session 7:	Chaired by Dr. Arto Luoma (University of Tampere)
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