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# PREFACE

The young statisticians meeting was set up in 1996 by Anuška Ferligoj (University of Ljubljana), Herwig Friedl (Technical University Graz), and Mushtaq Hussain (Joanneum Research Institute for Applied Statistics, Graz). The first meeting was organized in Bleiburg (Pliberk) where four young researchers from Austria and four from Slovenia gave their talks on different topics from data analysis to theoretical and applied statistics. Thanks to the hospitality of the mayor of Bleiburg the next meeting in 1997 was organized in the same place. In 1998 Tamás Rudas brought young Hungarian researchers to the meeting for the first time. This time the meeting was organized in Piran (Slovenia). Number of participating countries increased again at the meeting organized in 1999 in Pecs (Hungary), when Dario Gregori organized the attendance of the group of young Italian statisticians. The same four countries took part in the next three meetings: in 2000 the meeting was held in Udine (Videm, Italy); in 2001 in Ossiach (Osoje, Austria); and the last meeting in 2002 was held in Piran again.

The purpose of these meetings is to give young statisticians and doctoral students opportunity to present their work in English, mostly for the first time.

This volume contains refereed papers presented during the last Young Statistician Meeting held from October 18 to October 20, 2002 in Piran. The conference was attended by more than 40 participants.

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