

2017 Rao Prize Conference

The Penn State Department of Statistics

The Penn State Department of Statistics held the 2017 Rao Prize Conference on May 12, 2017, and honored three outstanding prize recipients: the 2017 C. R. and Bhargavi Rao Prize Recipient Donald B. Rubin, the John L. Loeb Professor of Statistics at Harvard University; the 2017 C. G. Khatri Lecturer Paul R. Rosenbaum, the Robert G. Putzel Professor of Statistics at the Wharton School; and the 2017 P. R. Krishnaiah Lecturer Satish Iyengar, Professor of Statistics at the University of Pittsburgh.

The conference program consisted of the three plenary speakers, four invited speakers, and a poster presentation by graduate students. The three plenary speakers were Professors Rubin, Iyengar, and Rosenbaum. The four invited speakers were Samuel Kou, Professor of Statistics at Harvard University; Kari Lock Morgan, Assistant Professor of Statistics at Penn State; Joseph Schafer, Statistical Researcher at the U. S. Census Bureau; and Dylan Small, the Class of 1965 Wharton Professor of Statistics at The Wharton School. More information about the conference is online at <http://stat.psu.edu/Events/2017-Rao-Prize>

One of the highlights of the conference was the award of the 2017 Rao Prize to Donald B. Rubin. Rubin is one of the most highly cited authors in the world in both mathematics and economics, according to ISI Science Watch and Highly Cited Economists. Rubin is an elected Fellow/Member/Honorary Member of: the Woodrow Wilson Society, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, American Statistical Association, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, International Statistical Institute, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, European Association of Methodology, British Academy, and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. Rubin received the Samuel S. Wilks Medal from the American Statistical Association, the Parzen Prize for Statistical Innovation, the Fisher Lectureship, and the George W. Snedecor Award of the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies.

The C. R. and Bhargavi Rao Prize was established to honor and recognize outstanding and influential innovations in the theory and practice of mathematical statistics, international leadership in directing statistics research, and pioneering contributions by a recognized leader in the field of statistics. The C. R. and Bhargavi Rao Prize is awarded in odd years. The 2019 Rao Prize Committee will accept nominations in 2018. The C. G. Khatri Memorial Lectureship and P. R. Krishnaiah Memorial Lectureship honor the memory of C. G. Khatri and P. R. Krishnaiah by inviting outstanding researchers in statistics to deliver lectures at Penn State. More details are on the web at <http://stat.psu.edu/information/prizes-and-memorial-lectures>



James L. Rosenberger presenting the 2017 C.R. and Bhargavi Rao Prize to Donald B. Rubin