

### Chris Heyde awarded Membership of the Order of Australia

In the 2003 Australia Day Honours, IMS Fellow Professor Chris Heyde was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia (AM). This award is intended to recognize contributions to Australian society and it is a rare recognition for professionals from the less publicly visible areas. The citation reads that it was “For service to mathematics, particularly for research in statistics and probability, and to the advancement of learning in these disciplines”.

Chris currently holds academic posts at the Australian National University (ANU) and Columbia University in New York. He has been Foundation Dean of the School of Mathematical Sciences at ANU and Foundation Director of the Key Center for Statistical Sciences in Melbourne. He has edited *The Australian Journal of Statistics*, *Stochastic Processes and their Applications* and *Journal of Applied Probability*, and *Advances in Applied Probability* (1990–).

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and has been its Vice-President and Treasurer. He has also served as President of the Statistical Society of Australia and of the Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability.

His research on probability and its statistical applications has been honoured by the award of the Pitman Medal, Hannan Medal, Lyle Medal, and an honorary DSc degree by the University of Sydney.



### Nan M Laird receives Janet L. Norwood Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Woman in the Statistical Sciences



The School of Public Health at The University of Alabama at Birmingham is pleased to announce that IMS Fellow Nan Laird is this year's recipient of the Janet L. Norwood Award for outstanding achievement by a woman in the statistical sciences. The school wishes not only to recognize Dr. Laird's achievements, but also to recognize the contribution of all women to the statistical sciences. It is noteworthy that women have been traditionally under-represented in many fields of science, with the degree of under-representation greater for the quantitative sciences. The award will

be conferred at UAB on October 10, 2003; Dr Laird will deliver a lecture at the award ceremony.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in statistics at the University of Georgia, Dr Laird received her PhD in Statistics from Harvard University in 1975. She immediately joined the Department of Biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health as an Assistant Professor, culminating in full professorship in 1986, where she is today. Dr Laird has been named the Henry Pickering Walcott Professor of Biostatistics, and she chaired the Department of Biostatistics from 1990 to 1999. Her research has made important contributions in the statistical sciences including, but not limited to, the development of statistical methods for the analysis of incomplete data, longitudinal regression and statistical genetics. Dr Laird is also a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and the American Statistical Association.

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