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PREFACE

The Eighth International Triennial Calcutta Symposium on Probability and Statistics was jointly organized by the Calcutta Statistical Association and the Department of Statistics, Calcutta University during December 27-30, 2012. About 123 distinguished speakers from India and abroad presented research findings in six special lecture sessions and ten technical sessions; about 20 posters were also presented in addition. The present volume includes fourteen selected presentations through a peer reviewing process. Calcutta Statistical Association has kindly decided to publish this proceedings volume as special volume of Calcutta Statistical Association Bulletin.

We are particularly happy to include the paper presented as the key note address of the Symposium by Professor Peter Mueller, University of Texas at Austin, USA, and the papers presented in the Raj Chandra Bose Memorial Session by Professors Sumo Puntanen, University of Tampere, Finland and Kashinath Chatterjee, Visva-Bharati, India.

The list of papers included here cover various core areas of the discipline like Design of Experiments, Statistical Inference, Probability theory as well as some application-oriented areas like Biostatistics and Astrostatistics. We are grateful to all the referees (list appended) and authors for their kind cooperation in order to publish this volume on time.

We are thankful about the untiring efforts of the members of the organizing committee that made the entire process a grand success. Finally, special mention is due to Mr Aparesh Chatterjee for preparing the typescript of the present volume with great care.

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