



EURANDOM

Professor Jianqing Fan
Director of CSR
Academy of Mathematics and
Systems Science
The Chinese Academy of Sciences
Beijing 100080
China

Your Reference

Our Reference Date
EUR 05.261 05-07-2005

Subject: CRS

Dear Professor Jianqing Fan,

It has come to my attention that the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science at the Chinese Academy of Sciences has decided to establish a new center in statistics, Center for Statistical Research with the aim to promote frontline high-impact statistical research and to foster top-rate statistics education in China.

May I congratulate you - as future director of CSR - and the Chinese Academy of Sciences for taking this initiative. Statistics is a key mathematical discipline with an enormous spin-off towards other disciplines, like biology, medicine, finance, risk / insurance, and industry. At the same it is hard to create focus in statistics and to offer the best education, both nationally and internationally, due to a severe shortage of senior statisticians worldwide.

At EURANDOM - the European institute for statistics, probability and stochastic operations research - which I have been leading for the past five years together with Professor Henry Wynn from the London School of Economics, United Kingdom, we have been working hard to train junior researchers (postdoctoral fellows and graduate students) in the stochastic sciences and to help them to a career. This has

**European Institute for
Statistics, Probability, Stochastic Operations Research and their Applications**

Seat: Eindhoven University of Technology

Eurandom, P.O. Box 513, 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands

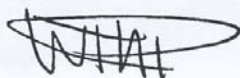
Telephone: +31 40 247 81 00, Telefax: +31 40 247 81 90, E-mail: office@eurandom.tue.nl

EURANDOM

worked extremely well. Indeed, over eighty percent leave the institute for a tenured position in academia or industry. At the same time we have managed to mobilize the top of Dutch stochastics, organised topical international workshops, initiated bilateral and multilateral collaborations, and hosted a large number of visitors for shorter as well as longer periods. It is indeed very rewarding to see that these activities have turned out to be highly beneficial to the stochastics community throughout Europe.

I can only hope that CSR will be able to have the same impact on statistics throughout China and its partner nations. It has all the potential to do so, due to the outstanding junior and senior researchers China has to offer.

Sincerely,



Frank den Hollander
Scientific Director of EURANDOM
Member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences