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## 14TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON INSURANCE: MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

By Samuel Broverman

The 14th annual International Congress on Insurance: Mathematics and Economics was held at the University of Toronto from June 17-June 19, 2010. The IME Congress has been an important forum for researchers to focus on the latest advances, trends and developments and to bring together scientists, academics and insurance sector professionals from all over the world in the area of actuarial science, insurance and financial modeling. The congress was held as part of the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematics thematic program in Mathematical Finance that took place during the first six months of 2010. The congress received a great deal of organizational support from the Fields Institute, as well as the sponsorship support from Algorithmics, BroadRiver, Canada Life, Great West Life, London Life and Manulife.

The congress had invited presentations from three speakers, Edward (Jed) Frees of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Kai Ng of the University of Hong Kong, and Jostein Paulsen of the University of Copenhagen. Over 200 people registered for the congress and there were over 140 presenters of contributed talks. Along with many participants from Canada and the United States, there were participants from many parts of the world including Europe, Asia and Australia.

The sessions of the congress took place on the campus of the University of Toronto and a conference banquet was held on Friday, June 18, 2010 at the Delta Chelsea Hotel. About half of the congress participants went on a Niagara region wine tour and visit to Niagara Falls just after the congress ended on June 19.

The congress website remains active at <u>Fields.utoronto.ca</u> for those who would like to see additional details of the congress.

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