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"Harald Cramér 100 År"

Harald Cramér, the father of modern insurance mathematics, was born on the 25th of September, 1893. In order to celebrate the centenary of Cramér's birth, the University of Stockholm organised a two day meeting (24th–25th September 1993) in Stockholm bringing together former friends, relatives, students and colleagues. Various invited speakers reviewed the heritage of Cramér's profound scientific ideas. The mere fact that experts from so many fields gathered, highlights Harald Cramér's broad interests. At the colloquium, the following papers were presented:

Friday 24th September:

- *Ulf Grenander* (Brown University): A survey of the life and works of Harald Cramér.
- *Andrew Granville* (University of Georgia): Recent developments of Cramér's ideas on prime numbers.
- *Lennart Bondesson* (SLU, Umeå): Factorization theory for probability distributions.
- *Paul Embrechts* (ETH Zürich): Risk theory of the second and third kind.
- *Richard Ellis* (University of Massachusetts): Large deviation theory.

Saturday 25th September:

- *Sir David Cox* (Nuffield College, Oxford): Some recent development in multivariate analysis
- *Jens Ledet Jensen* (Aarhus University): Asymptotic expansions and some of their applications.
- *Pesi Masani* (University of Pittsburgh): The aftermath of Cramér's work on stochastic processes.
- *Holger Rootzén* (Lunds University): Extreme value theory for stochastic processes.
- *Ross Leadbetter* (University of North Carolina): Working with the Master in his late years.

On Friday evening, a video was shown picturing Cramér in 1975. The whole meeting reflected the profound scientist Harald Cramér, as well as the family man. Colleagues, friends, students, actuaries and family gathered on Saturday evening for an official dinner in the mansion (Drottninggatan 116, Stockholm) where Cramér spent many years as head of Stockholm University.

The University of Stockholm will have the various talks published as a special issue of the *Scandinavian Actuarial Journal.*

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