



BRUNSWICK SQUARE A.C.M.

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BRUNSWICK SQUARE (SEE MAP).

PRE-MEETING PARTY (BYRONIC WELCOME)

LIE'S PLACE - R.O. FRI. FEB. 20TH

105 NOEL RD. NI.

NEAREST TUBE = BRUNSWICK - LONDON BOW / MOORGATE BRANCH OF TUBERN.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RADICAL STATISTICS A.G.M.

Since it is now the first birthday of the Radical Statistics Group, it seems appropriate to hold a stock-taking meeting to review the past year and make plans for the next one. We need probably to spend more time than an evening meeting would provide, and also to encourage people from outside London to attend. For this reason I suggest that we hold a Saturday meeting at the Thomas Coram Research Unit in Brunswick Square, on February 21st (see map on front cover for location of Thomas Coram Unit).

I suggest the meeting starts at 11 a.m., going on as long as enthusiasm lasts, but consisting of two parts:

- (a) An exchange of ideas on the political interests and orientations of members of the Group, which might help to clarify our ideas on what, as statisticians, we want to do. This would not be an attempt to define a rigid "Party line", but a chance to discuss the political role of the Group and how it can be most effective. In order to make this discussion more fruitful I think one or two people should prepare an introduction to the topic and I'd be glad not to have to find "volunteers". We could perhaps draw on the experience of others like the B.S.S.R.S. if anyone knows of people who would be willing to come along and describe their experiences.
- (b) A discussion of our organisation.

I feel that the Group needs to find ways of involving more of its membership and also of producing more in the way of papers or articles developing our ideas. I am sure there are many more people in the Group who could contribute ideas, "writings", etc. but because of geographical isolation and lack of contact with other members, don't do so. I think we should consider ways of encouraging the wider participation of members.

There are also going to be many opportunities for us to present papers to other groups - one has been offered to us recently by the South Bank Boly. - and we should be in a position to respond to these requests.

I am sure there are other aspects of our organisation which need to be thought out, some of which are:

- (i) the progress and appropriateness of the sub-group structure;
- (ii) newsletter - contents and future organisation;
- (iii) the need for a more formal organisation such as a committee, a constitution, a policy document;
- (iv) whatever happened to the Fire Brigade?
- (v) subscriptions?
- (vi) affiliation to other groups/joint meetings.

Liz Atkins