

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

May 15, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Michael B. Woodroffe, Ph.D., Leonard J. Savage Professor of Statistics, professor of statistics, and professor of mathematics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2008.

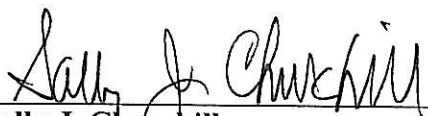
Professor Woodroffe received his B.S. degree from Stanford University in 1962 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Oregon in 1964 and 1965, respectively. In 1965-66 he was a research associate at Stanford University and from 1966-68 he held a faculty appointment at Carnegie Mellon University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics in 1968, and was promoted to associate professor of statistics and mathematics in 1969 and professor of statistics and mathematics in 1973. He served as chair of the Department of Statistics from 1977-83, and was appointed Leonard J. Savage Professor of Statistics in 1994.

As an eminent scientist in both statistics and probability, Professor Woodroffe has made pioneering contributions in nonparametric inference, biased sampling, isotonic inference, sequential analysis, and statistics in astronomy, and his seminal work in sequential analysis and non-linear renewal theory has influenced an entire generation of researchers. He has published more than 100 articles, a monograph, and a book, and has directed the dissertation work of 40 students.

Professor Woodroffe has served as editor of the *Annals of Statistics* (1992-94), advisory editor of the *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference (JSPI)*, and associate editor of the *Annals of Statistics*, the *Annals of Probability*, *JSPI*, and *Sequential Analysis*. He has been a member of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics Council, has served on numerous federal granting and advisory panels, and has lectured broadly at universities and national and international conferences. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. In 2007, he was honored with the Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentoring Award. Professor Woodroffe's enthusiasm, dedication, and integrity have had a lasting influence on the numerous colleagues and students he has worked with during his long and distinguished career.

The Regents now salute this faculty member by naming **Michael B. Woodroffe professor emeritus of statistics and professor emeritus of mathematics.**

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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