

Preface

The monograph contains a compilation of papers previously chosen by the Scientific Committee of the Fifth Workshop of Spanish Scientific Association of Applied Economy on Distribution Models Theory held in Granada (Spain) in September 2005.

As editors, we endeavored to give a high scientific level in this volume. All the papers have been carefully selected, revised and presented at a high level. Therefore, this volume offers a compulsory point of reference on models theory for statisticians, economists, mathematics and in general for all researchers who are working on models theory and are eager to know the most recent advances from methodological and practical points of view.

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