

# Working and Walking with Joachim Kunert

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In 1997 I organized a similar session, on *Planning Experiments*, with these speakers and one more, at the meeting in Rostock on *Mathematical Statistics and its Applications to the Biosciences* run by the Bernoulli Society and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

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In May 2013, Katarzyna Filipiak hosted a one-week “research in small groups” meeting at the Mathematics Research and Conference Centre of the Polish Academy of Sciences at Będlewo, concentrating on research on cross-over designs and neighbour designs. JK and RAB were part of this.



## Neighbour designs: III

This led to five-author paper in *Statistica Sinica* in 2017.



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# MODA 2001

The 2001 MODA was in Puchberg, in Austria, in June.



## MODA 2001: excursion

A steam-train excursion took us to Schneeberg. Then JK, RAB and Richard Martin walked down the 500 metre Fadenwände. Richard (in sandals, with no socks) strode down confidently and soon left me behind.

The path was stony and steep. JK was kind enough to go at my slow pace and help me at difficult points. We did not get back to Puchberg until 2040, rather late for dinner!

# MODA 2016

JK and Christine Müller organized the 2016 MODA, which was held at Hamminkeln-Dingen in June.



# MODA 2019

Here is JK relaxing at MODA 2019, held in June in Smolenice in Slovakia.



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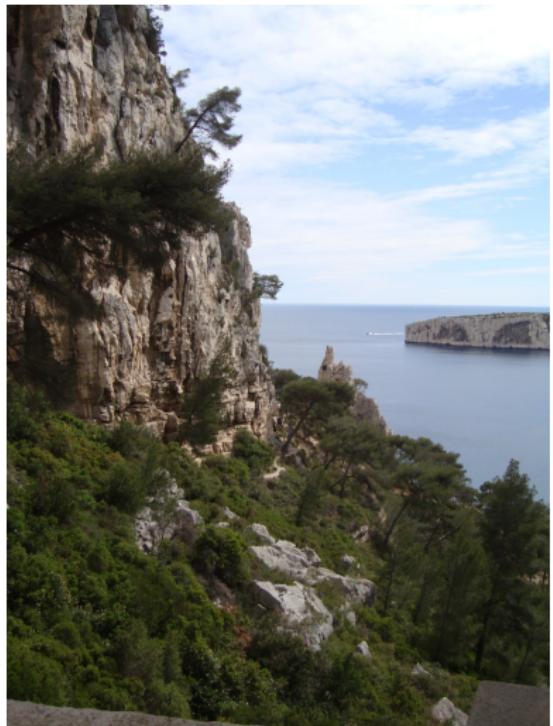
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Thank you

Thank you to Joachim Kunert for many years of friendship,  
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