Jim Durbin – a statistician on a world stage

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Jim Durbin was an internationally renowned statistician known for his pioneering work on testing for serial correlation in regression, on estimating equations, on Brownian motion and other processes crossing curved boundaries, on goodness of fit tests with estimated parameters, and on many aspects of time series analysis especially in areas relevant to econometrics. But, in this talk, I will focus particularly on his remarkable service to the wider statistical profession. In particular, he served as president of the International Statistical Institute in 1983–85 and of the Royal Statistical Society in 1986–87, and had major influences on the development of both societies.