

Time is slowly revealing the depth and substance of Fisher's work: a major portion of the core of present day statistics is directly attributable to him. He combined deep understanding of the physical substance of problems with an intuitive feel for productive statistical concepts: sufficiency, likelihood, conditioning, randomization, experimental design, significance tests and p-values,... And he became impatient and irritable with those who didn't see the "obvious", which alienated him from many more conventional statisticians. For example, his visit to a famous American university at the invitation of the medical faculty was attended by only two representatives of the statistics department: a visitor and his student! Recent advances in statistics, and this commemoration, are bringing us closer to true appreciation of his encompassing contributions to statistics.