

International Chinese Statistical Association

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## NEWS FOR ICSA

### \*ICSA 2010 Meeting and Announcement

The ICSA 2010 Applied Statistics Symposium Program Committee (<http://www.icsa2.org/2010/>) is soliciting suggestions for invited paper sessions and luncheon table discussion for the ICSA 2010 Applied Statistics Symposium to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana during June 20-23, 2010.

You are welcome to (1) suggest ideas and potential speakers and/or (2) develop a formal proposal yourself. Either way, please send your ideas or formal proposals to one of our Program Chairs, Jun Xie at [junxie@stat.purdue.edu](mailto:junxie@stat.purdue.edu) or Menggang Yu at [meyu@iupui.edu](mailto:meyu@iupui.edu).

The submission deadline is Oct. 15, 2009. Invited sessions will be selected by the Program Committee from those suggested. Fully developed proposals are likely to be more competitive during this selection process.

For a formal proposal, please include the following:

1. Title
2. Abstract or Brief motivation for session
3. Organizer, contact information and affiliation
4. Chair, contact information and affiliation
5. For invited sessions only: Speakers, contact information and affiliation.

There should be 3-4 speakers for each invited session which has about 100 minutes.

Please refer the attached file for more information about the upcoming ICSA 2010 Applied Statistics Symposium.

### \*News from Statistica Sinica

#### **Forthcoming Papers from Statistica Sinica**

Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. Those papers are expected to appear in Volume 20, Number 1, January 2010

**The October Issue Has Been Released!**

Statistica Sinica has released the on-line version of the October issue. The newly-published articles are available for subscribers when clicking on Current Issue. ICSA members please access those articles via the "membership only area" at <http://www.icsa.org/> . If you have any problems for subscription, please contact the editorial office through [ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw).

The deadline for submitting to the theme in composite likelihood methods is September 30. Please click on [Call for submissions on a special issue in composite likelihood methods](#) for more details.

### \*Awards and News

#### **Change of ICSA Membership Fees**

The ICSA Board of Directors has approved the following new membership fees, effectively January 1, 2009:

The permanent membership will be increased to \$600 and the student membership fee has been reduced to \$10. The regular annual membership remains the same at \$40.

#### **Become a New ICSA Member without Any Paperwork**

We are very pleased and excited to announce that ICSA online registration and online Credit Card payment become available. For details, please visit [http://www.icsa.org/docs/20081217\\_credit\\_card\\_payment.htm](http://www.icsa.org/docs/20081217_credit_card_payment.htm).

#### **2008 ICSA Awards**

Outstanding Service Award:

Wai Keung Li, University of Hong Kong

Jun Shao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Distinguished Achievement Award:

George C. Tiao, University of Chicago

Wing Hung Wong, Stanford University .

#### **2009 ICSA Student Awards and Travel Grants**

The student award participators submitted high quality research papers for competition. Four students emerged and won awards and travel grants. The winning papers and students are: "Analyzing Bivariate Survival Data with Interval Sampling and Application to Cancer Epidemiology" by Hong Zhu from the Johns Hopkins Univ, who won the J.P. Hsu Memorial Scholarship; "Semiparametric Inference of Linear Transformation Models with Length-Biased Censored Data" by Jane Paik from Columbia Univ; "Group Variable Selection via a Hierarchical LASSO and its Oracle Property" by Nengfeng Zhou from University of Michigan ; and "Nonparametric Methodology for the Time-Dependent Partial Area under the ROC Curve" by Hung Hung from National Taiwan Univ..

#### **2009 Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) Fellows**

The seven ICSA members were elected as fellows of IMS:

Jianwen Cai, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Song Xi Chen, Iowa State University and Peking University

Wing Kam Fung, The University of Hong Kong  
Feifang Hu, University of Virginia  
Runze Li, The Pennsylvania State University at University Park  
Liang Peng, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Boxin Tang, Simon Fraser University  
<http://www.imstat.org/news/default.htm#imsfellows09>.

### **2009 American Statistical Association(ASA) Fellows**

The twelve ICOSA members were elected as fellows of ASA:

Ejaz Ahmed, University of Windsor  
Stan Altan, Johnson & Johnson PRD  
Mark Chang, Millenium Pharmaceuticals  
Jiahua Chen, University of British Columbia  
Song X. Chen, Iowa State University  
Ming-Yen Cheng, University of College London  
Feifang Hu, University of Virginia  
Jian Huang, University of Iowa  
Thomas C. M. Lee, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Peihua Qiu, University of Minnesota  
Qiwei Yao, London School  
<http://www.amstat.org/careers/fellowslist.cfm>.

### **ICOSA 2009 Election Results**

The new ICOSA President-Elect is Naisyin Wang, University of Michigan, Email: nwangstat@gmail.com.

The Six newly-elected directors of ICOSA board (2010-2012) are:

Shu-Hui Chang, College of Public Health, National Taiwan University, Email: shuhui@ccms.ntu.edu.tw  
Samuel Kou, Harvard University, Email: kou@stat.harvard.edu  
Haiqun Lin, Yale School of Public Health, Email: hl249@email.med.yale.edu  
Jing Qin, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Email: jingqin@niaid.nih.gov  
Yongming Qu, Eli Lilly and Company, Email: qu\_yongming@lilly.com  
Jianguo (Tony) Sun, University of Missouri, Email: sunj@missouri.edu

The 2010 Biometrics Section Chair-Elect is Wei Yann Tsai, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, Email: wt5@columbia.edu.

### **Dr. Karl Peace was elected Chair Elect of the Statistics Section American Public Health Association (APHA)**

The term is for three years during which he will serve as Chair Elect in 2009/2010, Chair in 2010/2011 and Past Chair in 2011/2012. As Chair Elect he will be responsible for the Statistics Section contribution to the 2010 Annual APHA Meeting.

Dr. Karl Peace has published his autobiography: Paid In Full. Reviews and other information may be obtained via <http://www.plowboy-press.com/>.

## **PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Three New Faculty Positions Are Available at UCLA Biostatistics**

UCLA Biostatistics is searching for three new faculties with demonstrated research and teaching excellence. Positions are: (1) non-tenured open-rank professor in HIV/AIDS research; (2) tenure-track assistant professor (or higher as merited) in any biostatistical field; and (3) tenure-track/tenured assistant/associate professor in a statistical area related to cancer research. For details, see

<http://www.biostat.ucla.edu/CurrentFacultySearch.htm>.

### **Faculty Positions at Institute of Systems Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences**

Please visit <http://www.icsa.org/> and click on "Job Listings" for the detailed information of these open positions.

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS**

### **Thirty-first Midwest Probability Colloquium**

October 15–17, 2009, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

<http://www.math.northwestern.edu/mwp/>

### **Design and Analysis of Experiments Conference: DAE 2009**

October 14–17, 2009, Columbia, Missouri

<http://dae.stat.missouri.edu>

### **Case Studies in Bayesian Statistics and Machine Learning**

October 16–17, 2009, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

<http://bayesml1.stat.cmu.edu/>

### **Sixteenth Annual Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium**

November 9-13, 2009, Savannah, Georgia

<http://bass.georgiasouthern.edu/>

This symposium provides a forum for pharmaceutical, medical and regulatory science professionals to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in biopharmaceutical environments.

### **3rd Annual Conference hosted by the Program in Quantitative Genomics (PQG): “Human Genetic Variation, Health and Disease: New Knowledge, New Quantitative Challenges”**

November 11–13, 2009, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/research/pqg-conference-2009/index.html>

### **65th Annual Deming Conference on Applied Statistics**

December 7–11, 2009, Atlantic City, New Jersey

<http://www.demingconference.com>

### **University of Florida Twelfth Annual Winter Workshop: Categorical Data Analysis**

January 15–16, 2010, Gainesville, Florida

<http://www.stat.ufl.edu>

The workshop will focus on recent developments in methodology for categorical data analysis, such as analyzing high-dimensional data, Bayesian inference, dealing with clustering and missing data, and applications to rapidly-developing disciplines such as statistical genetics. A major purpose of the workshop is to discuss many recent significant developments and to identify important problems and new research directions. All sessions are plenary, and the invited speakers include Alan Agresti, Jim Albert, Jon Forster, Diane Lambert, Joseph Lang, Xihong Lin, Stuart Lipsitz, Peter McCullagh, Art Owen, and Nancy Reid. The workshop will also include a contributed poster session. Funding is expected, to support a limited number of young researchers to attend the workshop. The organizing committee is soliciting applications from senior graduate students (fourth year or higher) and researchers who received their PhD in or after 2005. Applications should include a one-page curriculum vitae, a one-page abstract, and two reference letters, including a major professor who is supervising (or has supervised) the applicant's research. Researchers receiving support are expected to present their work at the poster session. Applications should be e-mailed by November 13, 2009. Women and under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. Funding applications and workshop registration link are found on the Workshop web page. E-mails should be sent to [robyn@stat.ufl.edu](mailto:robyn@stat.ufl.edu)

### **The 8th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics**

January 20-22, 2010, Washington, D.C

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2010/index.cfm>

### **2010 ENAR/IMS Spring Meetings**

March 21–24, 2010, Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

<http://www.enar.org/meetings.cfm>

### **First Joint Biostatistics Symposium**

July 17-18, 2010, People's University of China, Beijing, China

In recent years, research design and data analysis have received widespread attention due to advancements in various areas of biostatistical research. To foster dialogue among biostatisticians from mainland China and abroad, as well as to promote an interdisciplinary approach for research, People's University of China, the Chinese Association of Applied Statistics, Chinese Association of Health Metrics and Evaluation, World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies Clinical Trials Evaluation Committee, International Chinese Statistical Association, in collaboration with other renowned organizations, are jointly hosting the First Joint Biostatistics Symposium between July 16

and July 18, 2010 at People's University of China, in Beijing, China. The upcoming Symposium will focus on statistical methods and their applications in basic medicine, clinical medicine, public health and preventive medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, health economics, and bioinformatics. We encourage and welcome the participation of scholars and experts in related fields.

If you like to organize an invited session, please send your tentative title and speakers to Xiao-Hua (Andrew) Zhou at [azhou@u.washington.edu](mailto:azhou@u.washington.edu) by Oct. 5, 2009. For a detailed information on the conference, please visit the ICSA website, <http://www.icsa.org/>

**IMS Sponsored Meeting JSM2010**

July 31 – August 5, 2010, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
[www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2010/](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2010/)[not yet online]

To be held at the Vancouver Convention Center. The IMS program chairs are Regina Liu, Rutgers ([rliu@stat.rutgers.edu](mailto:rliu@stat.rutgers.edu)), for invited sessions, and Mu Zhu, University of Waterloo, Canada ([mzhu@post.harvard.edu](mailto:mzhu@post.harvard.edu)), for contributed sessions. If you have any questions about the JSM 2010 program, please contact them.

See <http://www.amstat.org/committees/commdetails.cfm?txtComm=SBJORG10> for details of all the members of the program committee.