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## NEWS FOR ICSA

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### **The Eighth ICSA International Conference: Frontiers of Interdisciplinary and Methodological Statistical Research**

Call for Contributed Papers

The 8th ICSA International Conference will be held at Guangzhou University, China on December 19-22, 2010. Guangzhou University is located in Guangzhou city in Guangdong Province in Southern China.

This conference is co-sponsored by the American Statistical Association, the Chinese Association of Applied Statistics, the Chinese Society of Probability and Statistics, and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), and jointly organized by the College of Mathematics and Information Science, Guangzhou University.

The program committee would like to invite contributed papers from the international statistics community. A submission should include a title, an abstract, and contact information (affiliation, position, email and fax) in English. Priorities will be given to submissions on topics related to the theme of the conference.

Submissions should be in pdf files and sent via email by September 1, 2010 to [oicsa@icsa2.org](mailto:oicsa@icsa2.org) with "ICSA 2010 Int Conf Contributed Paper Submission" in the subject line.

Scientific program committee:

Bin Yu (co-chair)

Zhiming Ma (co-chair)

### **ICSA 2010 Applied Statistics Symposium**

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.

### **Symposium Highlights Keynote Speakers**

Professor Donald Rubin, Department of Statistics, Harvard University

Professor Xihong Lin, Department of Biostatistics, Harvard University

Dr. Ji Zhang, Vice President, Sanofi-Aventis  
Dr. Gregory Campbell, FDA

The 19th ICSA symposium organizing committee welcomes you to attend this event. For technical information about registration, transportation, or conference logistics, please contact Wei Shen (email: shen@lilly.com; phone: 317-276-8379) or Yongming Qu (email: quyo@lilly.com; phone: 317-651-8593).

### [\\*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 January Issue Has Been Released!**

Statistica Sinica has released the on-line version of the January 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).

### [\\*Awards and News](#)

#### **2009 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 ICSA 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>.

### **ICSA 2009 Election Results**

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

The Six newly-elected directors of ICSA 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/>.

### **Dr. Karl E. Peace was honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives**

Dr. Karl E. Peace was honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for his numerous professional and charitable contributions. Peace was honored Sept. 8, 2009 by Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA) who cited Peace's numerous contributions to drug research and development, public health, biostatistics and philanthropy. Wittman said, "Dr. Peace has a dedicated record of philanthropy to education. He has created twenty-one endowments at five institutions including three at his alma mater, the Medical College of Virginia and one at Randolph-Macon College. He endowed the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the first school of public health in the University of Georgia System."

### **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS - Statistical modelling and inference for networks (Statworks): Research workshop: 28 June-1 July 2010, Bristol, UK**

[http://www.maths.bris.ac.uk/~madjl/Statworks\\_Poster.pdf](http://www.maths.bris.ac.uk/~madjl/Statworks_Poster.pdf)

#### Aim and scope

Network structures arise in modelling a wide variety of phenomena in the natural and social sciences, and engineering. As researchers find networks a natural perspective for analysing an ever more diverse set of applications, an almost equally diverse set of methodologies emerge, ranging from highly-tailored ad hoc solutions to broad attempts to capture the full generality of network inference. In such a new field of exploration, each of these disparate paths contributes to our joint understanding of the scope of network-based models. The aim of this workshop is to gather together statisticians, mathematical modellers and application-oriented researchers, hoping to further this progress by discussing:

- commonalities of current methodologies;
- where specific applications might borrow methods from other areas;
- the contribution that rigorous modelling can make to inference to applied problems;
- areas where application-specific approaches point the way forward to new theoretical developments;
- the identification of methodological gaps.

For further details please visit the workshop website: <http://www.sustain.bris.ac.uk/ws-statworks/>

## **PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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

### **Seminar on Stochastic Processes 2010**

March 11–13, 2010, University of Central Florida, Florida, USA

<http://depts.washington.edu/ssproc/>

Apart from informal presentations by conference participants, there will be plenary talks by five invited speakers. In addition, a short informal afternoon session will be held honoring the late Kai Lai Chung's mathematical career.

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

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

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

### **Conference on Resampling methods and High Dimensional Data**

March 25–26, 2010, Department of Statistics, Texas A & M University, Texas, USA

<http://www.stat.tamu.edu/Spring-Conf-2010/index.html>

### **Third Midwest Statistics Research Colloquium**

March 26–27, 2010, The University of Chicago, Illinois, USA

<http://www.stat.uchicago.edu/Midwest/2010/>

### **The 24th New England Statistics Symposium**

April 16–17, 2010, Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

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

### **Conference on Nonparametric Statistics and Statistical Learning**

May 19–22, 2010, Columbus, Ohio, USA

[www.stat.osu.edu/~nssl2010/](http://www.stat.osu.edu/~nssl2010/)

### **Statistical Analysis of Neural Data (SAND5)**

May 20–22, 2010, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

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

### **Sparse structures: statistical theory and practice**

June 16–18 2010, Bristol, UK

One of the most challenging problems in modern statistics is to find effective methods for the analysis of complex multi-dimensional data. Sparsity has been emerging as a major tool for handling statistical problems in high dimensions. The aim of this workshop is to bring together theory and practice in modelling high-dimensional data using these tools.

The workshop will feature about 12 invited speakers, and a contributed and poster programme. Information about participation and support, including deadlines, and all other details about the workshop can be found at: <http://www.sustain.bris.ac.uk/ws-sparsity/>

### **2010 WNAR/IMS Meeting**

June 20–23, 2010, Seattle, Washington, USA

<http://www.wnar.org/>

IMS Program Chair: Brenda Kurland; WNAR Program Chair: Carolyn Rutter WNAR sponsors students who enter the student paper competition with travel assistance and registration prices. Information on the 2010 WNAR Student Paper Competition, registration information and program details for the meeting will be posted on the WNAR website <http://www.wnar.org/> as they become available. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **PIMS 2010 Summer School in Probability**

June 21 – July 10, 2010, Seattle, Washington, USA

<http://pims2010.web.officelive.com/default.aspx>

### **International Conference on Statistics and Society**

July 10-12, 2010, Beijing, China

We are pleased to announce the international conference on Statistics and Society at Renmin University of China in Beijing, China, in conjunction with biannual meeting series International Forum on Statistics from Renmin University of China and Frontiers of Statistics from Chinese Academy of Science.

Plenary speakers: Peter J. Bickel, Lawrence D. Brown, Stephen E. Fienberg, Peter G. Hall, Iain Johnstone (TBA), Zhiming Ma, Lawrence Shepp, David O. Siegmund, Bernard Silverman, Michael S. Waterman, Wing Hung Wong.

Scientific Committee Co-Chairs: Lawrence Brown, Jianqing Fan, Zhiming Ma, Wei Yuan.

All information, registration forms, accommodations, etc. is available on-line at:

<http://stat.yale.edu/Conferences/ICSS2010/index.html/>.

Online Registration Period: March 1, 2010 - April 30, 2010

For more information please contact Professor Harrison Zhou ([huibin.zhou@yale.edu](mailto:huibin.zhou@yale.edu)).

### **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/>

**From Probability to Statistics and Back: High-Dimensional Models and Processes Conference**

July 28–30, 2010, Seattle, Washington, USA

<http://www.stat.washington.edu/events/jaw-conf-2010/index.html>

**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/)

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.

**The second IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings**

July 3 (Sunday) - July 6 (Wednesday), 2011, OMIYA Sonic City conference hall Tokyo, Japan

<http://www.sonic-city.or.jp/modules/english/>

This meeting series provides an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers in Asia and Pacific Rim. It also promotes communications and collaborations between the researchers in this area and those from other parts of the world. The program covers a wide range of topics in statistics and probability, presenting recent developments and the state of the art in a variety of modern research topics and in applications. For more information, you may contact the program chairs: Byeong U. Park ([bupark@stats.snu.ac.kr](mailto:bupark@stats.snu.ac.kr)) and Runze Li ([rli@stat.psu.edu](mailto:rli@stat.psu.edu)). The website of this conference is under construction.