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Highlights

ICSA 2026 President-Elect and Board of Directors (2026-2029)

Congratulations to Dr. Rui (Sammi) Tang, elected to be the ICSA 2026 President-elect, and to Drs. Xiaotian Chen, Dehan Kong, Grace S. Shieh, Jingjing Ye, and Yichuan Zhao as the 2026 new members of the ICSA Board of Directors. Thank you to the Nominating and Election Committee, chaired by Dr. Hongjian Zhu, and all members who participated in the vote.

President-Elect

[Dr. Rui \(Sammi\) Tang](#)



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[Dr. Grace S. Shieh](#)



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[Dr. Jingjing Ye](#)



Executive Dr., Global Head of Data Sciences and Digital Innovations, Global

Statistics and Data Sciences, BeOne

[Dr. Yichuan Zhao](#)



Full Prof., Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, The Georgia State Univ.



ICSA Symposium 2026 (June 14 – 17, 2026)

The 2026 ICSA Symposium will be held at George Mason University, VA, from June 14 to June 17, 2026. Dr. Lily Wang (lwang41@gmu.edu) and Dr. Wanli Qiao (wqiao@gmu.edu) will co-chair the symposium. Stay tuned for more details on the keynote/banquet speeches, scientific sessions, short courses, poster sessions, banquet, and other programs.

ICSA China Conference 2026 (June 26 – 29, 2026)

The 2026 ICSA China Conference will be hosted by the Department of Statistics Data Science, Southern University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen, China. The conference is scheduled to be held from June 26 to June 29, 2026. Dr. Qiman Shao (shaoqm@sustech.edu.cn), Dr. Tony Jianguo Sun (sunjg@sustech.edu.cn), and Dr. George Tseng (ctseng@pitt.edu) will co-chair the conference. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months on the keynote and banquet speeches, scientific sessions, and other programs.

ICSA Awards Nomination Timeline Adjustment

ICSA has established multiple categories of prestigious awards each year to ICSA members:

Distinguished Achievement Award

Outstanding Service Award

Outstanding Young Researcher Award

Catalyst for Impact Award

President's Citation

To elevate the impact of the ICSA awards, the ICSA Executive Committee has decided to adjust the timeline of the awards nomination as well as the announcement of winners. For the yearly awards, **the candidates for next year's awards will be nominated from September to the end of November of the current year. E.g., the Year 2026 Awards will be nominated due by November 2025.** ICSA members are advised to stay turned on the timeline to nominate their favorite candidates. The nomination information will be communicated with the members through ICSA communication platforms, e.g., **Newsletter, Email, X, Linked-In.**

During the month of December, the **Awards Committee** will work out the list of winners from candidates and submit them to the Executive Committee and the board of directors for approval.



The winners of each Award category will be contacted and invited to attend the ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium. One session will be reserved for the award winners, e.g., the session “**ICSA Awards Plenary Session**”, in the ICSA symposium. An **Awards Ceremony** will be in the General Member Meeting during the ICSA symposium. The award winners, friends and families, and the ICSA members are encouraged and invited to the ceremony.

In addition, ICSA also established the following awards:

Awarded in the ICSA International Conferences (every 3 years)

Pao-Lu Hsu Award

Peter Hall Lecture

ICSA Conference Awards (during the ICSA conferences):

Junior Researcher Award

New Researcher Award

Student Travel Awards

Jiann-Ping Hsu Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Student Paper Award

Jointly with other associations

Lingzi Lu Memorial Award

ICSA Initiatives

ICSA is excited to share several key initiatives and collaborations with our members:

- Collaborates closely with other statistical associations: ASA, IMS, ISI, IISA, and KISS.
- ICSA and IMS have established a joint membership. ICSA is working with ASA to establish joint membership. The terms will be finalized soon. Soon, you will find out it is easy to get two memberships.
- Established the ICSA By-laws and Constitution committee. The committee is working hard to update the bylaws. Reach out to the committee if you have any suggestions.
- Established a new ICSA award category: Catalyst for Impact Award. The 1st award has been nominated and awarded. See details in the Awards Section of this issue of the newsletter.



- The ICSA Outreach and Engagement Committee has made tremendous efforts to expand service for ICSA members and outreach to attract students and statisticians to join the prestigious statistical society. You may have noticed the following, among others:
 - ICSA Webinars and webinar series. See more detailed information in the Webinar Section of this newsletter.
 - ICSA-sponsored events. ICSA has established a general procedure to sponsor an event, either social or academic, to outreach and benefit the ICSA members.
 - Social media communications. You may notice that the ICSA has information delivered through multiple social media channels, including the ICSA website (www.ICSA.org), member email List, and social media (X@ICSA_Statistics, Youtube@ICSA_Statistics, @ICSA-Webinar, Linked-in, unofficial WeChat groups, etc.)
- We are pleased to announce that **the ICSA Mentor/Mentee Program** has been initiated. The committee has been established to support junior statisticians as they transition from academia to industry. **We are seeking experienced professionals as mentors** with eligibility: a minimum of three years of industry experience; a passion for mentoring and supporting junior statisticians. If you meet the eligibility criteria and are interested in becoming a mentor, please register via [this link](#). Further details and schedules will be provided.

The ICSA Mentoring Lounge – Grand Opening

The ICSA Mentor/Mentee Committee is excited to announce the grand opening of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge.

We're excited to share that registration is now open for our first ICSA Mentoring Lounge! Please find the details below, and it would be helpful if you could forward this information to the students interested in industry or junior statisticians new to industry.

Date/Time: Oct 01, 2025, 2-3pm ET

Mentor panel: Margaret Gamalo (Pfizer), Wei Shen (Eli Lilly and Company), Xun Chen (Abbvie)

Moderator: Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company)

Format: One-hour Zoom-based meeting interacting with industry leaders

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/VUwJXeVR3srsU6SQ7>



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The 13th ICSA International Conference (December 17 – 20, 2025)

This conference will take place at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. With the theme “The New Frontier: Statistical Science in a Changing World,” this prestigious event will be co-organized by ICSA, the Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica (ISSAS), in collaboration with the Chinese Institute of Probability and Statistics (CIPS). For detailed information, you may refer to <https://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/joint2025/>. ICSA members may contact Dr. Xinpeng Cui (xpcui@ucr.edu), or Dr. Ying Zhang (ying.zhang@unmc.edu) for the conference programs.

Registration is open via this link: [The 2025 Joint Meeting of Taipei International Statistical Symposium and ISI Regional Statistics Conference](#).



Keynote speakers include Dr. Genevera Allen from Columbia University, Dr. Jianqing Fan from Princeton University, Dr. Danyu Lin (awarded Peter Hall Lecture) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Dr. Amy Xia from Amgen. In addition, a plenary lecture will be delivered by the Pao-Lu Hsu Award winner Dr. Hui Zou from the University of Minnesota.



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International Day of Women in Statistics & Data Science Conference (IDWSDS) (October 14, 2025)

IDWSDS is a global, free 24-hour, virtual conference held annually, hosted by the Caucus for Women in Statistics & Data Science. The theme is "**Thriving in Your Environment**".

Sponsorship Opportunities via this link: <https://www.idwsds.org/sponsorship/>

Stay updated: join the mailing list for the latest IDWSDS happenings: <https://www.idwsds.org/>

7th Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim Meeting (IMS-APRM), Hong Kong, June 13 - June 16, 2026

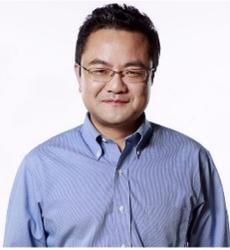
The seventh Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim Meeting (IMS-APRM) will be held in Hong Kong from June 13 - June 16, 2026. This global forum will connect researchers from Asia, the Pacific Rim, and beyond to foster collaboration and advance the statistical profession. Building on past successes, the event will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops covering theoretical, methodological, and applied topics. Attendees can expect rich opportunities for idea exchange, networking, and professional development in the dynamic setting of Hong Kong. ICSA has already been allocated one distinguished lecture, **Mathematical Underpinnings of Distributed Inference: From Theory to Real-World Applications**, and three invited sessions. For more information, please use the website [IMS-APRM CUHK 2026](#) or contact Prof. Ying Zhang (ying.zhang@unmc.edu).

Corner to Celebrate ICSA Members

This section was created to highlight the achievements of our members. All ICSA members are encouraged to contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director (executive.director@icsa.org) with a brief introduction about themselves and the award.

2025 ICSA Award Winners

2025 ICSA Distinguished Achievement Award



Hongtu Zhu, Ph.D.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

For outstanding contributions to the fields of statistical methodology and applications in neuroimaging, big data integration, and imaging genetics, exemplified by pioneering advances in multimodal medical image analysis, innovative statistical learning techniques for large-scale biomedical data, and leadership in developing critical resources that bridge genetics and brain health.

2025 Outstanding Service Award



Xuming He, Ph.D.

Washington University in St. Louis

For outstanding contributions to modernizing ICSA governance during his presidency in 2010, initiating the Pao-Lu Hsu Award, advancing scholarly publishing through the founding of Statistics in Biosciences, and enhancing the impact of ICSA conferences and journals through sustained leadership and editorial service.



Gang Li, Ph.D.

University of California - Los Angeles

For transformative and sustained leadership to the ICSA, most notably during his presidency (2022–2024), where he expanded global outreach, launched impactful initiatives such as the ICSA Webinar Series and social media platforms, and significantly strengthened the society's visibility, membership, and international collaborations.



2025 ICSA Outstanding Young Researcher Award



Lihua Lei, Ph.D.

University of California - Berkeley

For outstanding contributions to the fields of innovative statistical methodologies for causal inference, multiple testing, high-dimensional data analysis and optimization, with impactful applications across economics, social sciences, and biomedical research.

2025 ICSA President Citation Award



Qingxia (Cindy) Chen, Ph.D.
Vanderbilt University



Dandan Liu, Ph.D.
Vanderbilt University

In recognition and appreciation of dedicated and outstanding service and leadership as the Co-Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2024 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium.



Xinping Cui, Ph.D.

University of California, Riverside

In recognition and appreciation of dedicated and outstanding service and leadership as the Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the 2024 China Conference.



Pao-Lu Hsu Award



Hui Zou, Ph.D.
University of Minnesota

For groundbreaking contributions to the fields of high-dimensional statistics and statistical machine learning, through the development of methods such as the elastic net, adaptive Lasso, and local linear approximation, which have had lasting impact on variable selection, graphical modeling, and sparse estimation.

Catalyst for Impact Award



Jie Chen, Ph.D.
Taimei Intelligence Biopharma R&D Co. Inc.
For outstanding contributions to innovative statistical methodologies in drug safety and real-world evidence, significantly advancing biopharmaceutical development and regulatory science while fostering leadership and mentorship in the global statistical community.

ICSA Social Media Sites

X: https://x.com/ICSA_Statistics

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar>,
https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA_statistics

Linked-In: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-chinese-statistical-association/posts>

ICSA Springer Book Series in Statistics

The editor of the ICSA Springer book series in statistics, Dr. Din Chen, has reported that there are [29 books](#) in the series now. **One new book** will be published in 2026, along with 1 and 3



books published in 2025 and 2024, with a detailed message below. If you plan to write books in the series, please contact the co-editors Dr. Din Chen (Ding-Geng.Chen@asu.edu) and Dr. Yichuan Zhao (yichuan@gsu.edu).

Big Data Analytics in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

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Dose Finding and Beyond in Biopharmaceutical Development

Authors: Jingjing Ye, Ding-Geng Chen, Wen Zhou, Qiqi Deng, Joseph C. Cappelleri

Copyright: 2025

Published: 2025

Modeling Binary Correlated Responses using SAS, SPSS, R and STAT

Authors: Jeffrey R. Wilson, Kent A. Lorenz & Lori P. Selby

Copyright: 2024

Published: September 2024

Innovative Designs and Analyses for Small Population Clinical Trials

Authors: Lei Nie & Jingjing Ye

Copyright: 2024

Published: July 2024

Statistics in Precision Health: Theory, Methods and Applications

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

Copyright: 2024

Published: April 2024

Refer to [this site](#) for all other books' information.



Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Journals

ICSA Sponsored Journals

Statistics in Biosciences

The published new issue is Volume 17 Issue 2 in July 2025

[Statistics in Biosciences | Volume 17, issue 2 \(springer.com\)](#)

Recently accepted articles can be found at the journal website

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12561/onlineFirst/page/1>

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below

<https://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/default.aspx>

ICSA Co-sponsored Journal

Statistica Sinica

Statistica Sinica is co-sponsored by the Institute of Statistical Science Academia Sinica (ISSAS) <https://www.stat.sinica.edu.tw/eng/index.php>. Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. The new issue ([Volume 35 Number 3, July 2025 \(sinica.edu.tw\)](#)) is published.

There is two online special issue for your references:

[Vol. 35 Online Special Issue II, July 2025: Network Data Analysis](#)

[Vol. 35 Online Special Issue I, January 2025: Data Privacy: Overview](#)

ICSA members have access to these articles via the "membership only area" at <http://www.icsa.org>. If you have any problems with subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

ICSA Meetings and Events

The ICSA meetings and events are sponsored by the ICSA. Normally the official meetings and events appear on the ICSA website and multiple ICSA communication platforms. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director



(executive.director@icsa.org).

All upcoming ICSA conferences and events are listed under the [highlights section](#).

Co-Sponsored Meetings and Events

ICSA has established a general process for co-sponsorship of conferences and events with other organizations and groups. If you are interested in co-sponsoring a conference or an event (e.g., a social event, a career event, etc.) with the ICSA, please contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director (executive.director@icsa.org) for the details.

All upcoming ICSA co-sponsored conferences and events are currently listed under the [highlights section](#).

Online Training and Seminars

ICSA Webinar Series

The ICSA (Webinar subcommittee, Outreach and Engagement Committee) is planning multiple series of webinars, with topics ranging from career development, statistical knowledge, to cutting-edge statistical methodologies. ICSA members and friends will be notified of future Webinar information through emails, ICSA websites, social media (e.g., X, WeChat, Linked-in), and other social media platforms. The Career Development Webinar Series has been successful and attracted many attendees, especially many junior level statisticians. Stay tuned on other Webinar series that are planned by the Webinar committee.



Upcoming Webinar:

Date/time: Friday, September 19th, 3:00-4:00PM EST

Title: Overview of Analysis Strategy on Handling Missing at Random Data and Estimand

Speaker: Bidan Huang, Sr. Director at AbbVie

Free event, but registration is needed via this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B6f0deD-SeOrIKmdPWh_CA



Abstract: Missing values inevitably occur in almost all clinical trials. Reasons for missingness may vary. The understanding of the missing data pattern and missing data mechanisms are fundamental and crucial when discussing the use of any methods that deal with missing data. Overview of analysis strategies when dealing with missing at random (MAR) data based on the type of endpoints (continuous, binary, and time to event) and recommendations are provided under MAR assumptions depending on the originally proposed analysis methods, along with some SAS code. Strategies dealing with missing due to MNAR will be briefly discussed. It is also important to distinguish missing data and estimand under the estimand framework outlined in the ICH E9 R1 addendum.

All the past webinars are recorded:

- ❑ Panel Discussion with Journal Editors (March 2025)
Host and moderator: Xiaowu Dai and Yuhua Zhu
Panelists: Judy Huixia Wang, Hans-Georg Müller, Lexin Li, Michele Guindani
- ❑ Soft Skills and Leadership Development in the Pharmaceutical Industry – The Lotus Group series
 - No Experience, No Problem – Launching a Prosperous Career in the Pharmaceutical Industry (February 2024)
 - Elevating Careers Through Recognition and Visibility (April 2024)
 - Effective Communication at Work (October 2024)
 - From Campus to Pharma: Interview prep for Aspiring Statistician (February 2025)
 - The Art and Science of Negotiation as a Biostatistician (May 2025)
- ❑ Basic Knowledge Training in the Pharmaceutical Industry
 - The Art and Science of Negotiation (May 2025)
 - Causal Inference in Pharmaceutical Statistics (April 2025)
 - Daily Work Life as a Statistician in Pharmaceutical Industry (March 2024)
 - Clinical Development Plan - Understanding the Big Picture as a Statistician in the Pharmaceutical Industry (May 2024)
 - Main Emphasis of a Statistician’s Work in the Pharmaceutical Industry — Section 1: Late-stage Clinical Trial Design (November 2024)
 - Main Emphasis of a Statistician’s Work in the Pharmaceutical Industry -- Section 2: Clinical Trial Data Analysis (March 2025)
 - Causal Inference in Pharmaceutical Statisticians (April 2025)

Records and slides are available in this link: [Past Webinars – International Chinese Statistical Association \(icsa.org\)](https://www.icsa.org/past-webinars).



Healthcare Innovation Technology: The Pod of Asclepius

Looking to stay up to date on developments in health care technology around the world? The American Statistical Association is sponsoring “The Pod of Asclepius”, a new podcast where data scientists, statisticians, engineers, and regulatory experts discuss the technical challenges in their healthcare domain.

We have over 20 episodes published and available on YouTube, Podbean, iTunes, Stitcher, Podchaser, Tune In Radio, and Google Play.

Looking for a good place to start? Check out the following newly released episode links:

- [The Logic of Statistics](#) with Keith O’Rourke
- [Causal Inference \(The Mixtape\)](#) with Scott Cunningham

The easiest way to catch new episodes is to subscribe via our channels....

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkEz2tDR5K6AjlKw-JrV57w>

Podbean: <https://podofasclepius.podbean.com>

You can see our full schedule on the website: www.podofasclepius.com

Fall Series: The Philosophy of Data Science

The series is aimed at incoming statistics and data science students (but will be of significant interest to the general statistics / data science community). The topics will focus on how scientific reasoning is essential to the practice of data science.

For detailed information, please visit: <https://www.podofasclepius.com/philosophy-of-data-science>.



Job Listings

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor at Department of Applied Mathematics, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

The Department of Applied Mathematics at National Sun Yat-sen University invites applications for several full-time faculty positions (availability subject to the approval by the University) beginning at February 1 or August 1, 2026. Recent PhDs and young researchers with exceptional potential are invited to apply for an assistant professorship, and senior fellows with academic reputation will be considered for an associate or full professorship. Applicants in all areas of mathematics, applied mathematics, scientific computing and statistics, as well as those specializing in data science and AI will be considered. A successful candidate should have a Ph.D. in relevant subjects, and the ability to teach in English. Applicants please send a cover letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts of highest degree, publication list, and three recommendation letters to the following address by post or email, and fill in the online form for basic information.

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Encouragement Policy for newly hired faculty of NSYSU

<https://ora.nsysu.edu.tw/var/file/45/1045/img/2581/109565325.pdf>

To apply for this job **email your details to** head@math.nsysu.edu.tw