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## Call for Papers: Springer Book on Biostatistics & Bioinformatics

Professors Din Chen and Yichuan Zhao, Co-editors of the ICSA/Springer Statistics book series, invite submissions highlighting recent advances and challenges in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics. Contributions from all areas of statistics, data science, and interdisciplinary research are welcome. Papers should present novel methods, theories, or applications relevant to the field.

- **Submission Intent Deadline**: Indicate your intent and provide a tentative title, your full name, and affiliation **by January 31, 2026** to Dr. Yichuan Zhao (yichuan@gsu.edu).**Manuscript Deadline**: Submit your manuscript by **May 31, 2026.**

- Peer Review: All submissions will undergo peer review and independent review by the co-editors. Final selections will be made by the co-editors.

- **Notification**: Decisions will be communicated by **October 31, 2026.**

- **Publication Date**: The book is expected to be published on **March 31, 2027.**

For questions or to submit your intent, contact Dr. Yichuan Zhao at yichuan@gsu.edu.

## Lingzi Lu Memorial Award Application Now Open until March 1, 2026

The Lingzi Lu Memorial Award, jointly sponsored by the American Statistical Association (ASA) and the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), supports the professional growth of aspiring statisticians in honor of Lingzi Lu. The award is open to students currently enrolled in master's programs in statistics, as well as those who have recently graduated with a master's degree in statistics. For eligibility details, visit the ASA website via this link.  Apply directly here: https://amstat.jotform.com/92264841451154.

# ICSA **Applied Statistics** Symposium 2026 (June 14 – 17, 2026)

The 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium will take place in Arlington, Virginia, June 14-17. Celebrating its 35th year, the event focuses on "Integrating Statistics and AI for Responsible Innovation and Trustworthy Decision-Making." Statisticians from academia, government, and industry are expected to attend sessions, workshops, and networking events.

Keynote speakers include Emmanuel Candès (Stanford), John Scott (FDA), and James Zou (Stanford). Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard) will deliver a special banquet address. Dr. Lily Wang (lwang41@gmu.edu) and Dr. Wanli Qiao (wqiao@gmu.edu) serve as symposium co-chairs.

Important dates: April 1, 2026—invited session abstracts; April 15, 2026—student paper award submissions and early bird registration. Detailed information about the student paper awards is available at:  Detailed information about this award is available at https://symposium2026.icsa.org/awards-grants/.


# ICSA Taiwan Chapter Conference 2026 (June 24-25, 2026)

The International Conference for Statistics and Data Science organized by ICSA Taiwan Chapter will be held at the Department of Statistics, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan City from June 24 - 25, 2026. Please see the following link for the details of the conference https://stsc35.stat.ncku.edu.tw/


# ICSA China Conference 2026 (June 27 – 29, 2026)

The 2026 ICSA China Conference will be held from June 27-29, 2026, in Shenzhen, China. Co-sponsored by ICSA and Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), the conference's theme is "From Data to Decisions: Statistical Innovation for Complex Challenges." It brings together academic and industry researchers, practitioners, and students to address statistical challenges in a data-driven world. 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.

**The submission period for short course proposals remains open until February 15, 2026.**

Junior Research Award applications are also welcome **by April 1, 2026**.

## 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. The two associations are working on systems to let members have the option to join/renew joint memberships at a discounted rate.
- Established the ICSA By-laws and Constitution committee. The ICSA board of directors has been informed of the proposals and the updates from the committee. Reach out to the committee if you have any further suggestions.
- Established a new ICSA award category: Catalyst for Impact Award. The 1st award was awarded in 2025. 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 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, etc.)
- We are pleased to announce that **the ICSA Mentor/Mentee Program** has been launched. The committee has been established to support junior statisticians as they transition from academia to industry. We **are seeking experienced professionals to serve as mentors.** Eligible mentors should have a minimum of three years of industry experience (e.g., pharma, biotech, financial, commercial, information technology, etc.); 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 Duke-Industry Statistics Symposium (DISS) (April 8-10, 2026)

The Duke-Industry Statistics Symposium (DISS2026) will be held April 8 – 10, 2026, at the Executive Briefing Center on the SAS Institute, Inc. campus in Cary, NC, with the theme "From Insight to Impact: Statistical Innovation Driving Clinical Research in the AI Era". The

symposium will delve into cutting-edge areas of biostatistics and data innovation in pharmaceutical development, particularly in the context of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). For information about the symposium, including short courses, invited speakers, talk abstracts, poster submission, and registration, please visit the DISS2026 website (https://sites.duke.edu/diss/).

## The 11th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics (May 8 – 10, 2026)

Biostatistics and Bioinformatics have been playing key and important roles in statistics and other scientific research fields in recent years. The goal of the 11th workshop is to stimulate research and to foster the interaction of researchers in Biostatistics & Bioinformatics research areas. The workshop will provide the opportunity for faculty and graduate students to meet the top researchers, identify important directions for future research, and facilitate research collaborations. For detailed information, please refer to this website:  The 11th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics.

## 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.

Call for Contributed Talk Sessions at IMS-APRM 2026 **by March 31, 2026**.  For more information, please use the website IMS-APRM CUHK 2026 or contact Prof. Ying Zhang (ying.zhang@unmc.edu).

## ASA SLDS 2026 Conference, New York City, November 1 - November 3, 2026

Join the ASA Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science for its 2026 Conference co-sponsored by ICSA, November 1–3 in New York City. The theme is "**Inference and Intelligence**," focusing on advances in statistical learning and AI. Keynote speakers include **David Banks** (Duke University), **Dean Foster** (Amazon), **David Rosenberg** (Bloomberg), and **Bin Yu** (University of California, Berkeley).

SLDS welcomes participation from the wider statistical learning and data science community in shaping the event:

- **Invited session proposals**: Jiwei Zhao (jiwei.zhao@wisc.edu) or Wen Zhou (wz3030@nyu.edu)
- **Short course proposals**: Giles Hooker (ghooker@wharton.upenn.edu)
- **Student paper or poster judges**: Nathaniel Sean O'Connell (Nathaniel.Oconnell@wfusm.edu)
- **Sponsorship inquiries**: Jaime Speiser (Jaime.Speiser@wfusm.edu)

The local organizing committee, led by Yang Feng and Wen Zhou of New York University, will host the conference.

Additional information on abstract submission, registration, and program updates will be available on the conference website: **https://asa-slds.github.io/slds2026/**

# 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.

## ICSA Social Media Sites

X:  https://x.com/ICSA_Statistics

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

# 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
>
> Copyright: 2026

**Dose Finding and Beyond in Biopharmaceutical Development**

> Authors: Jingjing Ye, Ding-Geng Chen, Wen Zhou, Qiqi Deng, Joseph C. Cappelleri
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> 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 3 in December 2025

Statistics in Biosciences | Volume 17, issue 3 (springer.com)

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 36 Number 1, January 2026 (sinica.edu.tw)) is published.

There are 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 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. A new Webinar Series, tentatively named ICSA Journal Highlight Series, has been initiated, and the Webinar Committee hopes to launch the series in the coming year. Stay tuned on other Webinar series that are planned by the Webinar committee.

**Upcoming Webinar**
**Date/time: Friday, February 20th,** 2026, 3:00-4:00PM EST
**Title:** Pharmacokinetic Statistics in Pharmaceutical Development
**Speaker:** Yi-Lin Chiu
The Head of DIVES (Discovery and Exploratory Statistics) within AbbVie's Data and Statistical Sciences (DSS) organization, leading approximately 60 staff members worldwide. The group's responsibilities span non-clinical statistics, Phase 1 clinical studies, biomarker studies, and CMC (Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control) statistics.

Yi-Lin holds a PhD in Statistics from Northwestern University and has 29 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Yi-Lin is passionate about leveraging statistical methodologies to advance practices in pharmaceutical sciences.

**Host:** Betty Chen
Free event, but registration is needed via this link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XTY_yhSpQRucZwiL_Z_dyA

**About the webinar:**
In the pharmaceutical industry, statistical research and analysis play a critical role in drug development, regulatory submission, and approval. This presentation focuses on the quantitative aspects of pharmaceutical science. First, we introduce several applications of mathematics and statistics in pharmacology, including characterizing drug concentration–time profiles and informing dose selection. Then we illustrate the value of statistics in pharmaceutical research by addressing variability among individuals, occasions, and treatment conditions, and by reviewing measures of location and dispersion used to describe data. We conclude with selected topics in pharmaceutical statistics, with particular emphasis on considerations for Phase 1 clinical trials.

All the past webinars are available at https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar including:

❑ ICSA Mentoring Lounge – Grand Opening (October 2025)
❑ Panel Discussion with Journal Editors (March 2025)
❑ 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)
  • Leading Science and Clinical Research – Biostatistics in the Age of AI (Oct 2025)
❑ Basic Knowledge Training in the Pharmaceutical Industry
  • 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)

- The Art and Science of Negotiation (May 2025)
- Overview of Analysis Strategy on Handling Missing at Random Data and Estimand (September 2025)
- Introduction to Multiplicity in Clinical Trials (November 2025)

Records and slides are available in this link: Past Webinars – International Chinese Statistical Association (icsa.org).

# ICSA Mentoring Lounge

**About the ICSA Mentoring Lounge:**

ICSA proudly presents a highly interactive Zoom-based mentorship initiative, *ICSA Mentoring Lounge*, designed to support junior statisticians transitioning from academia to industry. During this one-hour office-hour format session via Zoom, junior statisticians are encouraged to ask questions or submit them in advance. If you're interested, please register via the registration link and we will send you the Zoom invitation.

# ICSA Mentoring Lounge – Data Science in Pharma

*Co-sponsored by ICSA and ASA Biopharmaceutical Section*

**Date:** Feb 20, 2026 @2-3pm ET
**Mentor panel:** Haoda Fu (Amgen), Zhaoling Meng (Sanofi)
**Moderator:** Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company)
**Format:** One-hour Zoom-based meeting interacting with data science team lead in pharma industry
**Target Audience:** Students interested in industry or junior statisticians new to industry
**Registration link:** https://forms.gle/jLcJx64VYCwniucz6
(If you are a member of ASA Biopharm Section, please
enter '99999999' as ICSA membership ID in the registration form)

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**About the Mentors:**

Dr. Haoda Fu is Head of Exploratory Biostatistics at Amgen and formerly Associate VP and Enterprise Lead for Machine Learning and AI at Eli Lilly. A Fellow of the ASA and IMS, he also serves as an adjunct professor at UNC Chapel Hill and Indiana University. Since earning his Ph.D. from UW–Madison, he has published 100+ papers across Bayesian methods, survival and joint modeling, personalized medicine, and more, with recent emphasis on machine learning and AI. His work appears in top journals such as JASA, JRSS-B, and Biometrika. He frequently teaches ML/AI at major conferences and has held leadership roles in statistical organizations, including service as a JASA associate editor and on the COPSS Snedecor Awards committee.

Dr. Zhaoling Meng is Associate VP, Global Head of Clinical Statistical Modeling in Evidence Generation and Decision Science, sanofi R&D. With 25+ years of experience in Pharma, she built and leads a global team to support and promote modeling & simulation (M&S) and quantitative decision making across drug development stages and various disease areas. Her research interests include development scenario and design decision via competitive landscape modeling, real world data use in informing clinical studies, clinical prediction modeling to trial optimization, and AI/ML method in clinical applications. Prior to sanofi, she also worked at Bill and Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute, Merck, Pfizer and GSK.

**About the Mentors:**

- The first session of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge took place on October 1, 2025, featuring a panel of mentors from leading pharmaceutical companies [Margaret Gamalo (Pfizer), Wei Shen (Eli Lilly and Company), Xun Chen (Abbvie)] and moderated by Yushi Liu and Hanfei Xu.
- The second session of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge took place on December 5th, 2025, featuring mentors from tech industry [Chang Liu (Google), Zerui Zhang (LinkedIn)] and moderated by Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company).

Feedback from the post-session survey was extremely positive, highlighting the value of direct access to industry experts and the opportunity to ask questions directly from the audience.

# Job Listings

## Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Full Professor, The National University of Singapore, Singapore

**The Department of Statistics and Data Science** at the National University of Singapore invites applications for tenure track and tenured positions in statistics, data science and related areas, at the Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor levels. The anticipated start date of

these positions is July 2026. Applicants must possess doctorates in their respective fields by the time of appointment.

**The National University of Singapore** offers internationally competitive salaries, generous research funding, travel support, relocation assistance and other benefits. The Department has nearly 40 faculty members and provides a stimulating research environment.

At the Assistant Professor position, we are interested in applicants with strong research potential. At the Associate and Full Professor positions, we are interested in applicants with a good track record in research, teaching and leadership.

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, and at least three letters of recommendation, uploaded by the letter writers, to mathjobs.org.

More information about the university and the department can be found at https://www.nus.edu.sg and https://www.stat.nus.edu.sg/.

To apply for this job **email your details to** stasec@nus.edu.sg

# Research Assistant Professor in Research Assistant Professor in Optimization and Operations Research / Statistics and Data Science / Financial Mathematics / Engineering and Computational Mathematics / Mathematical Science (three posts) (Ref. 251010011), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

With over 85 years of rich heritage, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has evolved alongside society and made pivotal contributions to the development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Nation and the world. The University pursues world-class excellence in education, research and knowledge transfer to nurture socially responsible leaders and professionals, as well as to drive impactful research and innovation. PolyU will strive to continually excel as an innovative world-class university that makes a positive impact on society, living up to the University's motto: "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind".

Ranked among the top 100 universities globally by well-known ranking organisations such as Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Times Higher Education (THE) and U.S. News & World Report,

PolyU offers a wide range of world-class educational and research programmes in seven faculties and three independent schools. PolyU has furthermore achieved commendable results in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025 – it is ranked in the global top 30 for seven subjects, is first in Hong Kong for three subjects, and is in the global top 100 for 26 subjects. For further details about the University, please visit PolyU's website at https://www.polyu.edu.hk/.

**DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

The Department of Applied Mathematics (AMA) is one of the constituent departments of the Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences. Apart from making a significant contribution to most of other academic programmes of the University by providing service teaching, the Department also offers master programmes in Applied Mathematics for Science and Technology, Operational Research and Risk Analysis and Quantitative Finance and FinTech. Starting from 2025/26 academic year, the Department offers a new Bachelor Scheme in Applied Mathematics and Finance Analytics and Fast-track Integrated Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes and will launch a new master programme, MSc in Mathematics for Artificial Intelligence Technology in 2026/27. Members of the Department have expertise in applied optimization and optimal control, engineering computation, operational research, management science and applied statistics, FinTech, data science and machine learning. There are currently 56 academic staff and about 154 research personnel in the Department. Please visit the website at https://www.polyu.edu.hk/ama for more information about the Department.

The Department has established Joint Laboratory of Applied Mathematics with the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (JLab), CITIC-PolyU Interdisciplinary Mathematical Digital AI Joint Laboratory (AIJLab) and Mathematical Optimization Innovation Laboratory with Huawei. The appointees are expected to be actively involved in the activities of the Laboratory.

**Duties**

The appointees will be required to:

(a) conduct research as the main duty and actively pursue external research grants, such as General Research Fund, as Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator;

(b) provide quality teaching at undergraduate or postgraduate level;

(c) contribute to departmental service; and

(d) perform any other duties as assigned by the Head of the Department or his delegates.

**Qualifications**

Applicants should:

(a) have a PhD degree in Mathematics / Statistics / Financial Mathematics / Operations Research / Computational Mathematics / Applied Mathematics or a closely related field with experience in Data Science and Analytics;

(b) preferably have at least two years of relevant postdoctoral research experience;

(c) have demonstrated promise of a high level of creativity in research and teaching in some subdivisions of his/her field;

(d) be able to demonstrate effective classroom teaching; and

(e) be highly proficient in written and spoken English.

Conditions of Service

A highly competitive package including a medical benefits plan and a gratuity payable upon completion of the term which is normally for two to three years initially, with possibility of extension.

**Application**

Please submit an application through PolyU's career website (https://jobs.polyu.edu.hk/rap). Consideration of applications will commence on 31 October 2025 until the positions are filled. The University's Personal Information Collection Statement for recruitment can be found at https://www.polyu.edu.hk/hro/careers/pics_for_recruitment/.