

International Chinese Statistical Association

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## NEWS FOR ICSA

ICSA is proud to participate in the celebration of the International Year of Statistics 2013, a worldwide celebration of the contributions of statistical science to the advancement of our global society.

(<http://www.statistics2013.org/>)

\*ICSA Meeting and Announcement

### Committee for ICSA Shanghai :

I am very pleased to announce the establishment of the Committee for ICSA Shanghai. Many thanks to all members for agreeing to serve. See below for the full list of the committee members. ---- Ming-Hui Chen, ICSA 2013 President.

**Committee for ICSA Shanghai**

**Dejun Tang** (Chair, Novartis, China, [dejun.tang@novartis.com](mailto:dejun.tang@novartis.com), 10/2013 – 10/2016)

Zhi Geng (Peking University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Chen Yao (Peking University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Wei Yuan (Renmin University of China, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Qihua Wang (Chinese Academy of Sciences, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Guohua Zou (Chinese Academy of Sciences, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Hengjian Cui (Capital Normal University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Zhaojun Wang (Nankai University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Xiaolong Pu (East China Normal University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Ming Zheng (Fudan University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Naiqing Zhao (Fudan University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Yong Zhou (Shanghai University of Finance and Economic, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Dong Han (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Huazhen Lin (Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Xueqin Wang (Sun Yat-sen University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Feng Chen (Nanjing Medical University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Jielai Xia (The Fourth Military Medical University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Roger Qu (Pfizer, China, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Wei Zhang (Boehringer-Ingelheim, China, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Jie Chen (Merck Serono (Beijing) Pharmaceutical R&D Co., Ltd., 10/2013 – 10/2016), Bill Wang (Merck, China, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Yanping Wang (Eli Lilly and Company, China, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Ouhong Wang (Amgen, China, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Jun Shao (University of Wisconsin/East China Normal University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Dongchu Sun (University of Missouri/ East China Normal University, 10/2013 – 10/2016), Ming-Hui Chen (Ex-Officio, 2013), Shu-Yen Ho (Ex-Officio, 2013), Ying Lu (Ex-Officio, 2014), Zhezhen Jin (Ex-Officio, 2013-2016), Wei Shen (Ex-Officio, 2015)

## **2014 Joint Applied Statistics Symposium:**

The Joint Applied Statistics Symposium will be held from Sunday, June 15 to Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront in Portland, Oregon. It will be a joint conference of International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) and the Korean

International Statistical Society (KISS). We envision that this joint meeting will allow us to attract industrial statisticians and many international statisticians as well as statisticians working in government and academia. Please send any inquiry to [icsa.kiss@gmail.com](mailto:icsa.kiss@gmail.com).

## **2013 ICSA International Conference:**

The 9th triennial International Conference of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) will be held at the Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong from Dec 20-23, 2013. The conference is also co-sponsored by the American Statistical Association (ASA), the Chinese Association of Applied Statistics (CAAS), the Chinese Society of Probability and Statistics (CSPS), the Hong Kong Statistical Society (HKSS), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), and the Royal Statistical Society (RSS). The Program Chairs are Jiqian Fang ([fangjq@mail.sysu.edu.cn](mailto:fangjq@mail.sysu.edu.cn)), Ji Zhu ([jizhu@umich.edu](mailto:jizhu@umich.edu)) and Lixing Zhu ([lzhu@math.hkbu.edu.hk](mailto:lzhu@math.hkbu.edu.hk)). Please refer to the conference website <http://www.math.hkbu.edu.hk/ICSA2013/> for more details.

## **\*Awards and News**

### **2013 ICSA Awards:**

Congratulations to the following members for receiving the 2013 ICSA Awards:

#### ***1. Distinguished Achievement Award***

In recognition of the distinguished achievement in statistical research and unselfish support of the association.

**Bin Yu**, Ph.D. Chancellor's Professor, University of California-Berkeley

**Robert O'Neill**, Ph.D. Senior Statistical Advisor, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA

## ***2. Outstanding Service Award***

In recognition and with sincere appreciation for the dedicated effort, unselfish support and outstanding service.

**Lynn Kuo**, Ph.D. Professor, University of Connecticut

**Yusong Chen**, Ph.D. Senior Director, Endo Pharmaceuticals

## ***3. President's Citation***

In grateful appreciation of the generosity, dedication and devoted effort in establishing the ICSA central office and the JP Hsu Student Award.

**Ruth Witworth**, IT Expert and Webmaster, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH), Georgia Southern University

**Simon Gao**, Statistical Programming Consultant, Co-Founder, BioPier Inc.

**Lili Yu**, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH), Georgia Southern University

Brief bio-sketches of the award recipients are available on [www.icsa.org](http://www.icsa.org).

**The 2014 Conference in Honor of Professor  
Malay Ghosh's 70th Birthday**

In honor of Professor Malay Ghosh and his profound contribution to diverse areas of statistics, a conference entitled “Frontiers of Hierarchical Modeling in Observational Studies, Complex Surveys, and Big Data” will be held at The Marriott Inn & Conference Center, Hyattsville, Maryland in the University of Maryland College Park Campus on May 29-31, 2014. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) and the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) of the American Statistical Association. The conference will feature many distinguished plenary speakers and young researchers, while showcasing cutting-edge research in areas of statistics where Professor Ghosh's work has made a significant impact. For more information please visit the conference website (<http://www.jointprogram.umd.edu/ghosh/>).

**Bin Yu (Chancellor's Professor, Departments of Statistics and EECS, University of California at Berkeley) has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in the Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Statistics section**

**New ASA, ICSA Lingzi Lu Memorial Award Honors Boston Bombing Victim**

The ASA and the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) have established an award in the memory of Lingzi Lu, the first-year Boston University master's degree statistics student killed in the

Boston Marathon bombing. The Lingzi Lu Memorial Award will honor the life and accomplishments of Lingzi, an ambitious, talented and vibrant student with tremendous potential. It will be presented to an individual in a master's program in statistics or who has recently completed his or her degree. The award will support the recipient's studies and provide support for travel to the ASA's annual Conference on Statistical Practice. Learn more about this award <<http://www.amstat.org/awards/lingzilumemorialaward.cfm>> or make a contribution <<https://www.amstat.org/giving/index.cfm?fuseaction=ShowApp>>.

## The Third IMS Asia Pacific Rim meeting

The third IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings will take place in Howard International House (<http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com/>), Taipei, Taiwan, during the period June 30 (Monday) - July 3 (Thursday), 2014. 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 Feifang Hu ([fh6e@virginia.edu](mailto:fh6e@virginia.edu)). The conference website is <http://www.ims-aprm2014.tw/>.

## \*ICSA Co-Sponsored Publications

## ICSA Members Submit your work to Statistics in

## Biosciences

Recently we convened a very successful editorial board meeting for Statistics in Biosciences(SIBS) at JSM in San Diego. The journal is growing and now is under consideration for inclusion and indexing in ISI(Web of Knowledge) and PubMed. We have also recently published special issues on the cutting-edge areas of comparative effectiveness and network analysis. The number of author initiated submissions has increased rapidly. A special issue on next generation sequencing data analysis is underway. SIBS will have invited sessions at the 2013 ENAR, Joint Statistical Meetings, and 2013 International Conference of ICOSA.

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below

<http://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/>

<http://www.springer.com/statistics/life+sciences%2C+medicine+%26+health/journal/12561?changeHeader>

## **Statistics and Its Interface**

Statistics and Its Interface is an international statistical journal promoting the interface between statistics and other disciplines including, but not limited to, biomedical sciences, geosciences, computer sciences, engineering, and social and behavioral sciences. The journal publishes high-quality articles in broad areas of statistical science, emphasizing substantive problems, sound statistical models and methods, clear and efficient computational algorithms, and insightful discussions of the motivating problems. Visit SII's web page at <http://www.intlpress.com/SII/SII-BrowseJournal.php> for more information.

International Press and Tsinghua University Mathematical Science Center are pleased to announce open online access (free of charge) to the journal *Statistics and Its Interface* (SII)

which includes five volumes.

**SII is available to the public online at**  
**<http://intlpress.com/SII>**

## **News from Statistica Sinica**

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

Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. Those papers appeared in Volume 24, Number 2, April 2014.

### **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).

## **\*Job Listings**

### **Assistant Professor, Tenure Track | Canada**

#### **Research Chair – Tier II**

The Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics (CMMT) and the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in conjunction with the Department of Statistics in the Faculty of Science invite applications for a Canada Research Chair (CRC) - Tier II, in the area of

Statistical Genomics. This will be a tenure track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop a successful independent research program and engage in developing and applying statistical methods to understand genome-scale data, catalyzing synergies between Statistics and Genetics. As a faculty member within both the Department of Medical Genetics and the Department of Statistics, the successful candidate will also be expected to participate in the undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate teaching activities as well as make academic service contributions.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics, or a related field awarded within the past 10 years. Applicants must also demonstrate excellence or potential for excellence in both teaching and research.

The CMMT, based at the Child and Family Research Institute at BC Children's and Women's Hospital is home to a world-leading multidisciplinary research team with expertise spanning genetics, neuroscience, biochemistry and bioinformatics. The Department of Medical Genetics features outstanding faculty working on basic, clinical and translational genetics, with a record of international leadership in stem cell research, epigenetics, neurogenetics, cancer biology, genome sciences and bioinformatics. With existing strength in genetics and genomic statistics, the Department of Statistics is recognized for research in Bayesian, spatial and biostatistics.

The position is subject to final budgetary approval, and the individual selected will be subject to review and final approval by the CRC secretariat. The anticipated start date is April 1, 2014 or upon a date to be mutually agreed.

Applications, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier, a statement of research activities and plans and names of three references should be directed to:

**UBC Statistical Genomics Search Committee,  
Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics,**

**950 West 28th Avenue**

**Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4H4**

**Email: [hr@cmmt.ubc.ca](mailto:hr@cmmt.ubc.ca)**

**Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2013  
and will continue until the position is filled.**

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a global centre for research and teaching. Surrounded by the beauty of the Canadian West, UBC embraces bold new ways of thinking that attract exceptional students and faculty. It is a place where innovative ideas are nurtured in a globally connected research community, providing unparalleled opportunities to learn, discover and contribute.

Faculty members, students, staff and alumni in the UBC Faculty of Medicine are actively engaged in innovative, leading edge research, education and community service on university and hospital campuses across the Province. Together we aim to create knowledge and advance learning that will make a vital contribution to the health of individuals and communities, locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Faculty of Science at UBC advances education and research at the frontiers of science. Strong interdisciplinary clusters span life, materials and quantitative sciences.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. UBC is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible

minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. Offers will be made in accordance with the CRC program, which is open to individuals of any nationality.

**Department of Medical Genetics [www.medgen.ubc.ca](http://www.medgen.ubc.ca)**

**Department of Statistics [www.stat.ubc.ca](http://www.stat.ubc.ca)**

## **INS Faculty Recruitment Program in Statistics**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of the top universities in China, is undertaking a major expansion aimed at becoming one of the world's leading centers of scientific research. A major initiative of this expansion is the establishment of the Center for Statistical Sciences, initially hosted in the Institute of Natural Sciences (<http://ins.sjtu.edu.cn/>), led by world class faculty conducting research in statistical theory and methodology, and collaborating with researchers in other disciplines, including biology, engineering, finance, management, medicine, and public health. It will also develop a rigorous education and training program for undergraduate and graduate students. The university has committed significant resources to ensure the success of this center. For more informatio is available at <http://www.icsa.org/job/index.html>

**\*Upcoming Workshops and Meeting**

Workshop on Dimension Reduction and High Dimensional Inference

January 17–January 18, 2014, Gainesville, FL, USA

<http://www.stat.ufl.edu/symposium/2014/index.html>

Ordered Data Analysis, Models and health Research Methods: An International Conference in Honor of H. N. Nagaraja for His 60th Birthday

March 7–March 9, 2014, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, USA

<http://faculty.smu.edu/ngh/hnnconf.html>

Seminar on Stochastic Processes 2014

March 26–March 29, 2014, La Jolla, CA, USA

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

The 3rd Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

May 9–May 10, 2014, Atlanta, GA, USA

[http://www2.gsu.edu/~matyiz/2014\\_workshop/](http://www2.gsu.edu/~matyiz/2014_workshop/)

The 6th International Statistics Forum at Renmin University of China

May 24–May 25, 2014, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

11th International 69th Conference on Ordered Statistical Data

June 2–June 6, 2014, Mathematical Research and Conference Center in Bedlewo, Poland

<http://bcc.impan.pl/14OrderStat/>

2014 ICSA symposium

June 15–June 18, 2014, Portland, OR, USA

<http://www.statkiss.org/icsakiss2014/>

Third Joint Biostatistics Symposium

June 27–June 28, 2014, Chengdu, China

<http://www.icsa.org/meetings/co-sponsorship/index.html>

Building Statistical Methodology and Theory: An International  
Conference in Honor of Jeff C.F. Wu for His 65th Birthday  
July 7–July 9, 2014, Huquan Hotel, Mile, Yunnan, China  
[http://www.stat.purdue.edu/~sunz/Jeff\\_2014/index.html](http://www.stat.purdue.edu/~sunz/Jeff_2014/index.html)

2014 IMS Annual Meeting  
July 7–July 11, 2014, Sydney, Australia  
<http://www.ims-asc2014.com/>

2015 ICSA symposium  
June 14–June 17, 2015, Fort Collins, CO, USA