

ICSA Member News March 2015

ICSA March Announcements

1. 2015 Joint ICSA and Graybill Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado

The Joint ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium and Graybill Conference will be held from Sunday, June 14 to Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Fort Collins, Colorado. Please send any inquiry to naitee.ting@boehringer-ingelheim.com. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/>. **Online registration is OPEN now.**

2. Call for Nominations for 2015 ICSA Awards

ICSA award committee is seeking nominations for “Outstanding Service Award” and “Distinguished Achievement Award”. The “Outstanding Service Award” is in recognition and with sincere appreciation for the dedicated effort, unselfish support and outstanding service; and “Distinguished Achievement Award” is in recognition of the distinguished achievement in statistical research and unselfish support of the association. The nomination should include nominee's current CV and a cover letter stating the basis for the nomination. The length of the cover letter should not exceed 2 pages. The materials should be emailed to Award Committee Chair, Professor Heping Zhang, via email to the ICSA office oicsa@icsa.org with the subject entitled "ICSA Award Nomination." by **April 15, 2015**.

3. 2015 ICSA-Canada Chapter Statistics and Data Science Symposium

The 2015 ICSA-Canada Chapter Statistics and Data Science Symposium will be held on August 4-6, 2015 at University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. For more information please contact Professor Xuewen Lu (xlu@ucalgary.ca) at the University of Calgary.

4. 2015 ICSA China Statistics Conference

The 2015 ICSA China Statistics Conference will be held on July 6-7, 2015 at Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R. China. For more information, please contact Professor Guoyou Qin (gyqin@fudan.edu.cn) at Fudan University.

5. ICSA Springer book series in statistics

The co-editors of ICSA Springer book series in statistics, Drs. Jiahua Chena and Din Chen, have reported that there are 8 books in the series now. If you plan to write books in the series, please contact Dr. Jiahua Chen (jhchen@stat.ubc.ca) or Dr. Din Chen (Din_Chen@urmc.rochester.edu).

ICSA Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Publication

Statistic Sinica

Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. Those papers appeared in Volume 25, Number 3, July 2015.

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.

Statistics in Biosciences

The journal is growing and now has published new issue, Volume 6 Number 1, in May 2014. The number of author initiated submissions has increased rapidly. Recent articles can be found at the journal website <http://link.springer.com/journal/12561/onlineFirst/page/1> and most recent issue at <http://link.springer.com/journal/12561/6/2/page/1>

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>

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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>

Upcoming Workshops and Meeting

The 29th New England Statistics Symposium

April 24–April 25, 2015, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA

<http://merlot.stat.uconn.edu/ness15/>

2015 ICSA Applied Statistics symposium

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

<http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/>

2015 5th IMS-FIPS Workshop on "Probability and Statistics in Finance and Insurance

June 25–June 27, 2015, Ruteers University, Piscataway, NJ, USA

www.fsrn.rutgers.edu/FIPS2015

The Fourth International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics

June 29–July 1, 2015, Beijing Marriot Hotel City Wall, Beijing, P.R. China

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

2015 ICSA China Statistics Conference

July 6–July 7, 2015, Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R.China. For more information

Please contact Professor Guoyou Qin (gyqin@fudan.edu.cn) at Fudan University.

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Psychometric Society (IMPS 2015)

July 12–July 16, 2015, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China

<https://www.psychometricsociety.org/content/imps-2015>

2015 ICSA-Canada Chapter Statistics and Data Science Symposium

August 4–August 6, 2015, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Please contact Professor Xuewen Lu (xlu@ucalgary.ca) for more information.

The 9th International Conference on Multiple Comparison Procedures (MCP Conference 2015)

September 2–September 5, 2015, Westin Hyderabad, India

<http://www.mcp-conference.org/hp/2015/>

2015 International Conference on Health Policy Statistics

October 7–9, 2015, Providence, RI

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2015/sessionproposals.cfm>

2016 ICSA Applied Statistics symposium

June 12–June 15, 2016, Atlanta, GA, USA

2016 ICSA International Conference

December 19–December 22, 2016, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, P .R. China

Job Listings

1. Assistant Professor, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science (Beijing, China)

Department of Statistical Science at Institute of Systems Science, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences invites applications for an assistant professor position in the area of Statistics. Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in statistics, biostatistics, or related fields and demonstrate excellence or potential in research. Proficiency in Chinese language is required. The position is subject to the outcome of interviews (or electronic interviews) in January, 2015 from Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science.

Department of Statistical Science has a group of ten faculties conducting research in statistical theory, industrial statistics, biostatistics and econometrics. As a traditional participant for national and huge tasks, Department of Statistical Science undertakes various projects that relate to aeronautics, aviation, nanoscience and other fields. New faculty members are encouraged to participate in these projects. Unlike in most universities, teaching activities are optional to faculty members.

Applicants should send a detailed curriculum vitae, representative research papers (unpublished ones are fine too), a research statement and five names of potential referees to both of

Dan Yu: dyu@amss.ac.cn and Jianjun Shi: jianjun.shi@isye.gatech.edu

2. Clinical Trial Biostatistician Position in the VA Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center at Palo Alto Health Care System, CA

The VA Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center (CSPCC), located in Mountain View, California, is part of the federal government and provides statistical and administrative coordination for multi-site clinical research trials. The goal of CSP trials is to advance the health and care of veterans. CSP supports many different areas of research, including treatments for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, schizophrenia, PTSD, and prostate disease, dental implants, hearing aids, and evaluation of how geriatric care and primary care are provided to seriously ill patients.

The CSPCC has talented research professionals with an impressive array of statistical and clinical trials management skills. The Center is led by the Director, Dr. Ying Lu, and the Deputy Director, Dr. Mei-Chiung Shih, both are established statisticians. The CSPCC has close ties to Stanford University and is recognized nationally as a leader in clinical trial design and execution. This is an ideal opportunity to have a rewarding research experience in a stable and stimulating environment.

The CSPCC is currently recruiting a Biostatistician (official title: Mathematical Statistician). Primary duties and responsibilities include:

- Designing the biostatistical and operational aspects of the protocol for assigned studies
- Assisting in the management of study start-up
- Serving as the team leader of the CSPCC staff (including a project manager, statistical

programmer, data manager, and research assistant) assigned to the studies

- Providing methodological and statistical direction to the studies
- Overseeing data management for the studies
- Serving as a member of the Executive Committee which makes decisions on operational aspects (e.g., protocol changes, addition of subprotocols) of the studies
- Managing study analyses
- Creating reports (at least semi-annually) for the Data Monitoring Committee to review patient accrual, overall study progress, treatment efficacy, and patient safety data and then decide whether to recommend study continuation
- Assisting in the writing of publications resulting from the studies

The successful candidate must have, at a minimum, the following characteristics/skills:

1. 5 years of experience in the design, conduct, analysis, and interpretation of results from clinical trials.
2. Working knowledge of computer programming and software programs (e.g., SAS, R) required for research projects.
3. Thorough understanding of FDA regulatory requirements and ICH/GCP is essential. Knowledge of VA regulations and CSP operations is preferable but not required.
4. Demonstrated management skills, effective interpersonal skills and professionalism when interacting with all levels of staff both within and outside the CSPCC.
5. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Strong organizational skills and careful attention to detail are essential. Demonstrated ability to work under time pressure and to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously. Exceptional written and oral communication skills are required.
6. Education: College degree that includes at least 24 semester hours of mathematics and statistics (of which at least 12 semester hours were in mathematics and 6 semester hours were in statistics), or a combination of education and experience with at least 24 semester hours of mathematics and statistics (including at least 12 hours in mathematics and 6 hours in statistics) plus appropriate experience or additional education.

Compensation: \$98,815 – 128,457 (for 2015) per year. If you are interested, please e-mail your curriculum vitae, letter of interest, and names of references to Mr. Jeron Talbott (Jeron.Talbott@va.gov). We don't accept phone calls.

Others Announcements

The University of Connecticut is offering a new graduate program—a Professional Master's Degree in Biostatistics!

This exciting new program will focus on practical, sought-after skills in health-related fields, including pharmaceutical science and genomics. Students will undergo rigorous training on the theory and application of statistical science to solve problems in areas such as public health, health services, health policy, biomedical research, environmental health, and ecology.

For more information, please visit: <http://stat.uconn.edu/m-s-in-biostatistics/> or call [860-486-3413](tel:860-486-3413)

To apply: www.grad.uconn.edu

The University of Connecticut is located in Storrs, Connecticut, USA

BASS XXII, 2-6 November, 2015 in Rockville.

The Twenty Second meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS XXII) will be held 2-6 November, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Washington D.C.- Rockville, 3 Research Ct., Rockville, MD 20850. At least 16 one-hour tutorials, on diverse topics pertinent to the research, clinical development and regulation of pharmaceuticals, will be presented 2-4 November, 2014, by speakers from academia, the pharmaceutical industry and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Two parallel, two-day short courses will be presented 6-7 November, 2014. Popular features of BASS XXII are the keynote address, on Tuesday, 3 November, 2015, with reception dinner following, and the Wednesday morning, 4 November, 2015, FDA/Industry/Academia session.

BASS is a nonprofit entity established for the purpose of raising funding to support graduate studies in biostatistics. To date BASS has provided support to over 50 Master's or Doctorate degree graduate students in Biostatistics. For further information, contact the BASS registrar at Rewhitworth@gmail.com, Andreas Sashegyi at [317-532-7414](tel:317-532-7414), email aisasheg@lilly.com, or Karl Peace, [912-225-3713](tel:912-225-3713), email peacekarl@frontier.com. The BASS Webpage may be viewed at www.bassconference.org.