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NEWS FOR ICSA

*ICSA 2010 Meeting and Announcement

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 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


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/](http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/). Those papers are expected to appear in Volume 20, Number 1, January 2010

**The October Issue Has Been Released!**

Statistica Sinica has released the on-line version of the October 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/](http://www.icsa.org/). If you have any problems for subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

*Awards and News

**Become a New ICSA Member without Any Paperwork**
We are very pleased and excited to announce that ICSA online registration and online Credit Card payment become available. For details, please visit [http://www.icsa.org/docs/20081217_credit_card_payment.htm](http://www.icsa.org/docs/20081217_credit_card_payment.htm).

**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."

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

30 Years of Bootstrap and Recent Advances in Statistics
December 4, 2009, Rutgers, New Jersey, USA
http://www.stat.rutgers.edu http://thenjchapterasa.org

65th Annual Deming Conference on Applied Statistics
December 7–11, 2009, Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA
http://www.demingconference.com

University of Florida Twelfth Annual Winter Workshop: Categorical Data Analysis
January 15–16, 2010, Gainesville, Florida, USA
http://www.stat.ufl.edu

The workshop will focus on recent developments in methodology for categorical data analysis, such as analyzing high-dimensional data, Bayesian inference, dealing with clustering and missing data, and applications to rapidly-developing disciplines such as statistical genetics. A major purpose of the workshop is to discuss many recent significant developments and to identify important problems and new research directions. All sessions are plenary, and the invited speakers include Alan Agresti, Jim Albert, Jon
Forster, Diane Lambert, Joseph Lang, Xihong Lin, Stuart Lipsitz, Peter McCullagh, Art Owen, and Nancy Reid. The workshop will also include a contributed poster session. Funding is expected, to support a limited number of young researchers to attend the workshop. The organizing committee is soliciting applications from senior graduate students (fourth year or higher) and researchers who received their PhD in or after 2005. Applications should include a one-page curriculum vitae, a one-page abstract, and two reference letters, including a major professor who is supervising (or has supervised) the applicant’s research. Researchers receiving support are expected to present their work at the poster session. Applications should be e-mailed by November 13, 2009. Women and under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. Funding applications and workshop registration link are found on the Workshop web page. E-mails should be sent to robyn@stat.ufl.edu

The 8th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics
http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2010/index.cfm

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

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
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  

**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 by Oct. 5, 2009. For a detailed information on the conference, please visit the ICSA website, [http://www.icsa.org/](http://www.icsa.org/)

**From Probability to Statistics and Back: High-Dimensional Models and Processes Conference**  
July 28–30, 2010, Seattle, Washington, USA  

**IMS Sponsored Meeting JSM2010**  
July 31 – August 5, 2010, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  

To be held at the Vancouver Convention Center. The IMS program chairs are Regina Liu, Rutgers (rliu@stat.rutgers.edu), for invited sessions, and Mu Zhu, University of Waterloo, Canada (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](http://www.amstat.org/committees/commdetails.cfm?txtComm=SBJORG10) for details of all the members of the program committee.