

# ICSA Member News November 2014

## ICSA November Announcements

ICSA wishes its members and their family a happy Holiday Season.

### **1. ICSA Board of Directors Had a Conference Call on November 6, 2014**

ICSA Board of Directors held a conference call on November 6, 2014 to receive a progress/status report from the ICSA Executive Committee and related ICSA committees. Ying Lu provided updates to the Board on ICSA activities since the last Board meeting in August on the topics that included ICSA staff travel reimbursement policy, the establishment of the ICSA Public Relationship Task Force, led by Professor Keying Ye, interactions of ICSA with its newly formed Chapters, IT issues, and ICSA awards, etc. Linda Yau detailed on the progress of the ICSA ad hoc investment committee on development of ICSA investment policy, strategy and operational guidance. Wei Shen presented the initiative of 2020 ICSA Vision and updated on appointments of new committee members. Zhezhen Jin briefed the ICSA Midwest Chapter Proposal for board members to review.

The next board conference call is scheduled in January, 2015.

### **2. Chin Long Chiang Memorial Workshop**

ICSA joined the University of California Berkeley Biostatistics Graduate Program and the ASA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter to organize a memorial workshop to celebrate the late ICSA permanent member, one of the world's leading biostatisticians, and a UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus Professor Chin Long Chiang. More than 50 people, including a guest from China and many from other US states, attended this workshop to honor Chiang's life and accomplishment. Eleven speakers presented informative scientific talk about how far-reaching the statistics is in other disciplines and the profound impact of Chiang's work. Detailed information will be provided in the upcoming issue of the ICSA Bulletin.

### **3. 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](mailto:naitee.ting@boehringer-ingelheim.com). More information , please visit the website: <http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/>

#### **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](mailto:gyqin@fudan.edu.cn)) at Fudan University.

#### **5. ICSA Call for Nomination of Pao-Lu Hsu Award**

The Pao-Lu Hsu Prize is presented every three years by the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), usually at an ICSA conference, to an individual under the age of 50, who makes influential and fundamental contributions to any field of statistics and probability, and exemplifies Hsu's deep involvement in developing statistics and probability research with significant impact on education.

The first Pao-Lu Hsu Award was announced in 2012 and presented in the 9<sup>th</sup> ICSA International Conference in Hong Kong, 2013. Professor Jianqing Fan (Princeton), Professor Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard), and Professor Bin Yu (UC Berkeley) shared the first ICSA Pao-Lu Hsu Award.

Hsu, who was born in 1910, was as a pioneer and founder of the newly formed discipline of statistics and probability in china. Hsu was best known for his rigorous research with depth and breadth, and for his profound impact on younger generations. He became the first professor of statistics and probability, Beijing University, in 1940. In 1948, he was elected to the very first class of Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He published about 40 articles; see "Pao-Lu Hsu Memorial Collection" published by Peking University Press for more details.

The prize is open to all nationalities. Priorities are given to the candidates whose work contributes greatly to the research and education of Chinese statisticians. The award recipient will speak at an ICSA International Conference. The award includes \$3000 in cash prize.

#### ***Eligibility***

For the next PL Hsu award, which will be given in the 10th ICSA International Conference in Shanghai, P.R. China in 2016, an individual is eligible if he/she was born **on or after January 1, 1965**.

#### ***Nomination Process***

Send the following materials to Award Committee Chair, Professor Heping Zhang, via email to the ICSA office [oicsa@icsa.org](mailto:oicsa@icsa.org) with the subject entitled “PL Hsu Award Nomination”. Items below can be sent as pdf, ps or plain text attachments.

(A) Nomination letter which include the following information: nominator’s name, mail/email address and phone number; nominee’s name, date of birth, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; a summary of the supportive evidences that are the basis for the nomination. The length of the nomination letter should not exceed 3 pages.

(B) Nominee’s current CV

(C) Three letters of recommendation

### ***Deadline***

All nominations must be received by **February 28, 2015**. Subsequent deadlines will be announced by the ICSA.

***Additional Information*** [http://icsa.org/awards/pl\\_hsu.html](http://icsa.org/awards/pl_hsu.html)

## **6. Statistics and Its Interface Special Issue on Statistical and Computational Theory and Methodology for Big Data**

Statistics and Its Interface (SII) invites submissions for a special issue on Statistical and Computational Theory and Methodology for Big Data. The submission deadline for this special issue has been extended to January 1, 2015. All submissions must be online through the website <http://www.e-publications.org/ip/sbs/index.php/index/login> and please state that your submissions are “For the Special Issue on Big Data” in the Box of Comments to the editors. The submissions will go through regular review process. As the co-editors for this special issue, we will handle the peer review timely and carefully.

From Co-Guest Editors: Ming-Hui Chen, University of Connecticut; Radu V. Craiu, University of Toronto; Faming Liang, University of Florida; Chuanhai Liu, Purdue University; and Editor in Chief Heping Zhang, Yale University

## **7. The World of Statistics**

The world of statistics is the continuous campaign after the highly successful and world popular International Year of Statistics (Statistics2014). The latest News from the World of Statistics newsletter is available at <http://www.worldofstatistics.org/>.

Past newsletters can be reviewed at <http://www.worldofstatistics.org/participant-newsletter-archive/>.

## *ICSA Member News*

1. ICSA Lifetime Member, Professor Marvin Zelen of the Department of Biostatistics at Harvard University died on November 15, 2014 at age of 87. His passing is a tremendous loss. On behalf of ICSA and its members, we would express our deep sympathy and condolence to Professor Zelen's family. We will always miss him.

2. ICSA member Dr. Kelly Zou at Pfizer has been promoted to the position of Senior Director recently in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the Urology and Respiratory franchises, her exemplary leadership and visibility in internal initiatives and external professional activities, and her significant methodological accomplishments in diverse areas of statistics.

## *ICSA 2014 Meeting Announcements*

**Pacific Rim Statistics Conference on Production Engineering, December 12-13, 2014 in Fudan University, Shanghai, P. R. China**

Pacific Rim Statistics Conference on Production Engineering will be held in Fudan University, Shanghai, P. R. China, which will be organized jointly with Shanghai Center for Mathematical Science of Fudan University and ICSA. For Further information, please contact Yunxiao Chen ([yunxiao@stat.columbia.edu](mailto:yunxiao@stat.columbia.edu)), Yingying Cai ([caiyy@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:caiyy@fudan.edu.cn)) and Yanchen Jin ([jinye@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:jinye@fudan.edu.cn)) or visit <http://stat.columbia.edu/~yunxiao/Conference.html>

## *ICSA Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Publication*

**Statistic Sinica**

**Forthcoming Papers from Statistica Sinica**

Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. Those papers appeared in Volume 25, Number 1, January 2015.

**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/>. If you have any problems for subscription, please contact the editorial office through [ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw).

## **Statistics in Biosciences**

The journal is growing and now and 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://alerts.springer.com/re?l=D0In5qpbxI6hkzma5Ik>

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>**

## ***Job Listings***

### **Full Professor Faculty Position, Department of Statistics, Oregon State University**

The Department of Statistics at Oregon State University (OSU) is pleased to invite applications for a 9-month (1.0 FTE) tenured faculty position at the rank of Full Professor, with an anticipated start date of September 16, 2015. Requirements include a Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics or related field; evidence of excellence in teaching and in independent and collaborative research in Statistics and evidence of a commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity. The candidate must have scholarship activities, teaching, advising, and service experiences and distinction commensurate with the rank of Full Professor at Oregon State University. Candidates with experience working with large and complex datasets are especially encouraged to apply.

The Statistics Department has 14 faculty members and roughly 60 graduate students. We offer M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Statistics, and we are developing a M.S. program in Data Analytics that will be offered exclusively on-line starting in September 2015. Please visit our website at <http://stat.oregonstate.edu> to learn more about the Department, current faculty interests, etc. We are a relatively young faculty with a lot of enthusiasm for working on collaborative research problems in diverse areas, and we are committed to educating current and future generations of statisticians, data analysts and data consumers. We maintain strong collaborative research ties with the U.S. EPA Corvallis Environmental Research Lab, the Linus Pauling Institute, the Environmental Health Science Center, the Center for Genomic Research and Biocomputing, and several state and federal agencies involved with natural resource monitoring. OSU is a vibrant, energetic, creative place, and Corvallis was recently ranked 5th among College Towns in the US.

To ensure full consideration, all application materials must be received by December 31st 2014. All applicants should submit a cover letter, current curriculum vitae with contact information for three references on-line at <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs> with posting number #0013299. In the cover letter, please describe any experiences you have with online education and discuss your vision for an online MS program in Data Analytics. Also, please describe your mentoring experiences, whether with graduate students, post docs and/or junior faculty. Please also indicate your commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity in the academic setting, in whatever way(s) you choose to interpret diversity. Inquiries about the position may be directed to Dr Alix Gitelman at 541-737-1987 or e-mail [gitelman@science.oregonstate.edu](mailto:gitelman@science.oregonstate.edu). OSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and has a practice of being responsive to the needs of dual-career couples.

**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

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## *Upcoming Workshops and Meeting*

NIMBioS Investigative Workshop: Heart Rhythm Disorders  
December 3–December 5, 2014, Knoxville, TN, USA  
[http://www.nimbios.org/workshops/WS\\_cardiac](http://www.nimbios.org/workshops/WS_cardiac)

The 70<sup>th</sup> Deming Conference on Applied Statistics  
December 8-12, 2014 at Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA  
<http://demingconference.com/>

Pacific Rim Statistics Conference on Production Engineering  
December 12-13, 2014, Fudan University, Shanghai, P. R. China  
<http://stat.columbia.edu/~yunxiao/Conference.html>

International Conference on Theory and Applications of Statistics: Statistics for Population and Development  
January 2-4, 2015 at the Senate Building, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, India.  
<http://www.dusdaa.org/conference2015>

2015 ICSA Applied Statistics symposium  
June 14–June 17, 2015, Fort Collins, CO, USA  
<http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/>

2015 Workshop on Finance, Insurance, Probability and Statistics (FIPS 2015)  
June 25–June 27, 2015, New Brunswick, NJ, USA  
[www.fsrn.rutgers.edu/FIPS2015](http://www.fsrn.rutgers.edu/FIPS2015)

The Fourth International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics  
June 29-July1, 2015, Beijing Marriot Hotel City Wall, Beijing, P.R. China

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.com](mailto:gyqin@fudan.com)) at Fudan University.

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