

International Chinese Statistical Association

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NEWS FOR ICSA

*ICSA By Laws Revision Approved

The ICSA Constitution and By Laws have been revised/amended at <http://icsa.org/home/ByLawsRevision.html>, they have also been approved by the Board of Directors on September 2, 2011.

*ICSA Meeting and Announcement

ICSA calls for nomination of Pao-Lu Hsu award

About 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.

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:

An individual is eligible if he/she has not reached 51 years of age by January 1 following the year of nomination.

Nomination Process:

Send the following materials to Award Committee Chair, Professor Xiaotong Shen, via email to the ICSA office 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, 2012. Subsequent deadlines will be announced by the ICSA.

Additional Information:

The ICSA Pao-Lu Hsu Award Committee will review nominations. Nominators and the recipient will be notified by August 2012.

ICSA 2012 Applied Statistics Symposium

International Chinese Statistics Association 2012 Applied Statistics Symposium will take place in Boston, June 23-June 26, at the Westin Waterfront, Boston, Massachusetts. Further information is not available as of the date of this posting. Please refer to the ICSA website for information as it becomes available.

Information is available at <http://www.icsa.org/2012/>

Applying to Graduate School in Biostatistics - How to Maximize the Probability of Admission and Funding

Date: November 8, 2011

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (EST)

Presenters: Amy Herring (Professor of Biostatistics, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Daniel Scharfstein (Professor of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins University)

Description: Biostatistics is a subfield of statistics devoted to advancing public health and medical science through the development of quantitative methods and the application of effective mathematical and statistical techniques. While the U.S. economy may be in a downturn, the job market for biostatisticians at the master's and doctoral levels continues to be quite strong, and applications to graduate programs in biostatistics are steadily increasing. We will discuss the applications process from start to finish, providing candid advice on finding a program that matches your interests and maximizing your probability of gaining admission and financial support for your graduate study.

Registration is limited so register today! Link to https://www.enar.org/commerce/webinar_regform.cfm.

Giann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Accredited by CEPH

Georgia Southern University's Giann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) has received accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). JPHCOPH is now one of only 48 colleges or schools of Public Health worldwide to receive this recognition. The JPHCOPH was founded in 2004. The college was endowed by Karl Peace, Ph.D. in honor of his late wife, Giann-Ping Hsu. The college has grown rapidly and recently moved into a renovated building that includes a state-of-the-art Public Health Core Laboratory. <http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/campusnews.php?id=338>
. http://www.asph.org/document.cfm?page=203&school_id=59

Dr. Karl Peace honored with reception at Georgia Southern University

Dr. Karl Peace, who endowed the Giann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University, was honored recently with a reception on the occasion of his 70th birthday at the home of GSU President Brooks Keel and First Lady Tammie Schalue. A portrait of Dr. Peace, created by the renown artist Susan Oliver, was unveiled during the reception. Dr. Keel praised Dr. Peace's contributions to the university and used the occasion to announce that the JPHCOPH was recently accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. Other special guests included Dr. Lynn Woodhouse (Interim Dean, JPHCOPH), State Senator Jack Hill, State Congresswoman Jan Tankersley, Dr. Peace's son: Christopher Peace (member Virginia House of Delegates), and Dr. Peace's brother, Mitchell Peace, and sister, Joan Godbee.

Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County, Georgia honors Dr. Karl Peace

The Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County, Georgia recently dedicated the Karl E. Peace Center for Academic Achievement. The Club created the center in recognition of Dr. Peace's contributions to the Club, particularly to its academic programs. At the dedication, Dr. Peace stated: "Education builds knowledge, understanding, wisdom, strength, character and ultimately makes us who we are. It is the great emancipator and equalizer."

***News from Statistics in Biosciences (SIB)**

We are happy to announce the publication of the 2011 first issue of Statistics in Biosciences (SIB), Special Issue on Statistical Methods for Comparative Effectiveness Research. This issue contains 7 articles of leading researchers in this area. Attached please find the Table of Contents (TOC) of the Issue. We would be grateful if you can forward the TOC to the colleagues in your institutes.

SIB is available online in many university libraries. ICSA members can have free online access to SIB through the ICSA website. You can also find the issue at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/1867-1764>.

As always, we encourage you to consider submitting papers to SIB. Thank you for your support.

Call for paper submission for Statistics in Biosciences Special Issue on Analysis of Next Generation Sequencing Data

Next generation sequencing (NGS) technologies have generated unprecedented amounts of data that have the potential to lead to better understanding of fundamental biological processes, dissection of common human diseases, and diagnostic and prognostic methods. Despite these great opportunities, the analysis and interpretation of NGS data present many computational and statistical challenges. In the past several years, many statistical methods have been developed to address these challenges and the applications of some of these methods have led to some breakthroughs in biological and biomedical research. With very rapid advances in sequencing technologies, it is conceivable that the complete human genomes will be routinely collected in the near future and the very dynamic nature of transcriptome, protein-DNA interactions, protein-RNA interactions, and epigenetic changes will be analyzed at many time points and involving many different types of molecules. To facilitate exchanges of ideas and methods in this fascinating field, Statistics In Biosciences is planning a special issue on the statistical methods for NGS data. We welcome submissions on the development and applications of statistical methods for NGS data. Authors can submit their papers at the SIB website

<http://www.springer.com/statistics/life+sciences,+medicine+%26+health/journal/12561>.

The deadline is January 1, 2012. Please email the co-editor Hongyu Zhao if you have questions about this special issue.

***News from Statistica Sinica**

All newly accepted Statistica Sinica manuscripts can now be referred to via their DOI numbers.

Forthcoming Papers from Statistica Sinica

Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. Those papers are expected to appear in Volume 22, Number 1, January 2012

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.

***Senior Instructor of Rank Comparable to Associate Professor**

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) invites applications for the position of a senior instructor in Business Statistics, beginning January 1, 2012. The Department of Information Systems, Business Statistics and Operations Management (ISOM) will accept applications until the position is filled. A PhD in statistics or a related area is required. Applicants with experience in teaching in MBA programs are particularly welcome. Applicants with less experience may be considered for appointment at the rank comparable to that of an Assistant Professor.

The successful applicant is expected to play an important role in teaching and developing business statistics courses for undergraduate and MBA programs of the School of Business and Management. Furthermore, the successful applicant will have opportunities to teach in various executive education programs and EMBA programs for additional income. Salary depends on qualifications/ experience and is comparable to that of an Associate Professor.

Special Instructions to Applicants: Applicants must submit a letter of application and curriculum vitae. Please arrange for three current letters of reference to be sent to: Search Committee (Statistics), Department of ISOM,

School of Business and Management, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, HONG KONG. For inquiries, please email: stat11@ust.hk.

*ICSA Co-Sponsored Publications

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.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Mathematical and Computational Approaches in High-Throughput Genomics

September 12– December 16, 2011, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, Los Angeles, CA, USA
<http://www.ipam.ucla.edu/programs/gen2011/>

Emerging Methodological Issues in Population-Based Chronic Disease Research: A Symposium in Honor of Ross Prentice

October 20– October 21, 2011, Seattle, Washington, USA
<http://prenticesymposium.org/default.aspx>

III Latin American Meeting on Bayesian Statistics & XXXVIII National Meeting of Statistics

October 23– October 27, 2011, Pucón, Chile
http://nimbios.org/workshops/WS_intracellular_mv.html

NIMBioS Investigative Workshop: Mathematical Modeling of Intracellular Movements

October 24– October 26, 2011, Knoxville, TN, USA
http://nimbios.org/workshops/WS_intracellular_mv.html

BASS XVIII: 18th annual Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium

November 7– November 11, 2011, Mulberry Inn Suites, Savannah, Georgia, USA

<http://bass.georgiasouthern.edu>

The Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association (SAPA) Clinical Biostatistics and Programming Symposium

November 19, 2011, Main auditorium and lecture halls of UMDNJ - 675 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey, USA

<http://www.sapaweb.org/new/index.htm>

The 67th Deming Conference on Applied Statistics

December 5– December 9, 2011, Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA

<http://www.demingconference.com/>

International Statistics Conference 2011

December 28– December 30, 2011, Waters Edge, Capital City, Sri Lanka

<http://www.asasl.lk/>

International Conference on Advances in Probability and Statistics - Theory and Applications: A Celebration of N. Balakrishnan's 30 years of Contributions to Statistics

December 28– December 31, 2011, Hong Kong, China

<http://faculty.smu.edu/ngh/icaps2011.html>

2012 Conference on Statistical Practice

February 16– February 18, 2012, Orlando, Florida, USA

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/csp/2012/index.cfm>

International Symposium on Business and Industrial Statistics 2012

June 17– June 21, 2012, Bangkok, Thailand

<http://www.isbis2012-thailand.org/>

The Second IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings

July 2– July 4, 2012, Tsukuba, Japan

<http://www.ims-aprm2012.org/>