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ICSA Member News October 2012

NEWS FOR ICSA

*ICSA Meeting and Announcement

ICSA 2013 Applied Statistics Symposium / ISBS International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics Joint Meeting

The 22nd Annual ICSA Applied Statistical Symposium and the 3rd ISBS International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics will be held jointly from Sunday, June 9 to Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. 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.

There will be keynote speeches, short courses, invited sessions and contributed sessions. Details will be announced on our website <http://www.icsa.org/2013/> and <http://www.isbiostat.org/main/>.

We at ICSA and ISBS join the strengths and efforts to make this conference a unique and memorable learning experience. We sincerely welcome all ICSA and ISBS members, and all people interested in application of statistics to participate, organize invited sessions, submit papers to the contributed sessions, and provide suggestions. The executive committee welcomes suggestions and help from all interested members. Questions and suggestions can be addressed to Aiyi Liu at liua@mail.nih.gov or Mark Chang at mchang@amagpharma.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), Ji Zhu (jizhu@umich.edu) and Lixing Zhu (lzhu@math.hkbu.edu.hk). Please refer to the conference website <http://www.math.hkbu.edu.hk/ICSA2013/> for more details.

*Awards and News

2012 ICSA Awards:

Congratulations to the following members for receiving the 2012 ICSA Awards:

1. Distinguished Achievement Award

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

Howell Tong, Ph.D. Emeritus Professor, London School of Economics

Jun Liu, Ph.D. Professor, Harvard University

2. Outstanding Service Award

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

Jing-Shiang Hwang, Ph.D. Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

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.

Karl E. Peace, Ph.D. 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.

The Pao-Lu Hsu Award:

Congratulations to Dr. **Xiao-Li Meng** from Harvard University, **Jianqing Fan** from Princeton University, and **Bin Yu** from University of California at Berkeley for being the first recipients of the Pao-Lu Hsu Award.

This award recognizes their excellent scholarly accomplishments in statistical research as well as outstanding contributions to the development of sound statistics in Chinese communities. An award announcement was made at the Members meeting during JSM in San Diego earlier this month. An official award ceremony with special presentations by the award recipients will be held at the ICSA International Conference in Hong Kong, December 20-23, 2013.

Members News:

Bin Yu, Chancellor's Professor of Statistics and EECS at Univ of California at Berkeley, delivered the second Tukey Lecture on "Stability" at the 8th World Congress of Probability and Statistics in Istanbul in July, 2012. The Tukey Lecture is a named lecture of the Bernoulli Society and has been given every four years since 2008. She has been elected President-Elect of IMS (Inst of Mathematical Statistics).

Click [here](#) to see more information.

Dr. Xiao-Li Meng, the Whipple V. N. Jones Professor and the chair of the Department of Statistics at Harvard University, has been named

dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, effective August 15, 2012. In the announcement, Xiao-Li was noted for his scholarly breadth, pedagogical innovation, and dedication to professional development for graduate students. Details of the announcement are given at <http://www.gsas.harvard.edu/news/xiao-li-meng-named-gsas-dean.php>. Congratulations again Xiao-Li.

Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium to Offer Tutorials, Short Courses

The biopharmaceutical applied Statistics symposium, BASS XIX, will be held November 5–9 at the Mulberry Inn Suites in historic Savannah, Georgia. At least 16 one-hour tutorials on diverse topics pertinent to the research, clinical development, and regulation of pharmaceuticals will be presented from November 5–7 by speakers from academia, the pharmaceutical industry, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Four parallel two-day short courses will be presented November 7–9. Highlights of the symposium include the keynote address and reception on November 5 and the FDA biometrics session on November 7.

BASS is a nonprofit entity, sponsored by the department of biostatistics at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at [Georgia Southern University](http://www.gsu.edu). Its purpose is to raise funds for graduate fellowships in biostatistics. For more information, contact the BASS registrar at bassxix2012@gmail.com or Karl E. Peace at peacekarl@frontier.com.

The 4th IMS-China International Conference:

The IMS-China International Conferences promote communications and collaborations between the researchers in China and those from other parts of the world. The 1st to 3rd conferences in this series were successfully held in Hangzhou, Weihai and Xi'an, China, respectively.

We are pleased to announce the 4th IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability 2013 to be held in Chengdu, China from June 30 – July 4, 2013. The scientific program of this

conference will cover a wide range of topics in probability, statistics and their related areas, focusing on recent developments and the state of the art in a variety of modern research topics and in applications. It will provide an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers. For more information, you may contact the scientific program chair: Runze Li (rli@stat.psu.edu). Please check the conference website: <http://imscn2013.swufe.edu.cn> for updated information.

Video Competitions for Early Career Statisticians

In conjunction with the aims of the International Year of Statistics and Mathematics of Planet Earth, we invite all early-career statisticians (studying, or within 5 years of graduation) to produce a short (3-5 minute) video for the ABS YSC2013 Video Competition, or a static infographic for the ABS YSC2013 Infographic Competition. Both competitions have a 1st prize of \$500, and 2nd prize of \$250.

Entries close 16th November, and winners will be notified by mid-December.

Details available at: ysc2013.com/program/competitions/

***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 ICSA.

We encourage all ICSA Members who do research in the biosciences to consider submitting their scientific papers and review articles to SIBS.

Statistics in Biosciences is published twice a year in print and electronic form. It aims at the development and application of statistical methods and their interface with other quantitative methods, such as computational and mathematical methods, in biological and life science, health science, and biopharmaceutical and biotechnological science.

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to reviewing your submissions in the future.

Xihong Lin

<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.

Now in its fifth volume, the journal, edited by Yale University professor of biostatistics Heping Zhang, publishes high-quality articles dealing with broad areas of statistical science, and emphasizing substantive problems, sound statistical models and methods, clear and efficient computational algorithms, and insightful discussions of the motivating problems. SII is currently indexed by MathSciNet, Zentralblatt MATH and Science Citation Index Expanded.

Among SII's publications are numerous special issues, including: "Financial Engineering and Risk Management" (Vol. 1, No. 2), "Statistics and Machine Learning" (Vol. 2, No. 3), and "Singular Spectrum Analysis" (Vol. 3, No. 3).

The latest issue, Vol. 5 No. 3 (2012), is entitled "Empirical Likelihood" and guest edited by Liang Peng.

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

News from 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 23, Number 1, January 2013.

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.

*Upcoming Workshops and Meeting

BASS XIX 2012

November 5–November 9, 2012, Savannah, GA, USA

<http://bassconference.org/>

WCBF's Using Lean to Improve Hospital Bed Management and Patient Flow

November 7–November 9, 2012, Orlando, FL, USA

<http://www.wcbf.com/quality/>

2nd Annual Sequencing and Complex Traits: beyond 1000 Genomes

November 15– November 16, 2012, Boston, MD, USA

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/research/pqg-conference-2012/index.html>

Performance Analysis of Monte Carlo Methods

November 28– November 30, 2012, Providence, RI, USA

<http://icerm.brown.edu/sp-f12-w4>

The 68th Deming Conference on Applied Statistics

December 2–December 7, 2012, Atlantic City, NJ, USA

<http://demingconference.com/>

SAMSI-FODAVA Workshop on Interactive Visualization and Analysis of Massive Data

December 10–December 12, 2012, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA

<http://www.samsi.info/workshop/samsi-fodava-workshop-in-teractive-visualization-and-analysis-massive-data-december-10-12-20>

Spatial Statistics Conference

December 13–December 14, 2012, Miami, FL, USA

<http://www.bus.miami.edu/ssc/>

Bayesian methods in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
December 17–December 19, 2012, Barcelona, Spain
<http://www.irbbarcelona.org/index.php/en/events/barcelona-bioconferences/bayesian-methods-in-biostatistics-and-bioinformatics>

29th European Meeting of Statisticians
July 20–July 25, 2013, Budapest, Hungary
http://ems2013.eu/site/index.php?page=en/Abstract_submission

First Asian International Statistical Institute Satellite Meeting
on Small Area Estimation
September 1–September 4, 2013, Bangkok, Thailand
<http://www.math.sc.chula.ac.th/sae2013>