We are delighted to announce that ASA and IMS will be co-sponsors of the 2009 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium in San Francisco.

NEWS FOR ICSA

*ICSA 2009 Meeting

June 21-24, 2009, SFO Westin Hotel Millbrae, California, USA
The deadline for early registration is May 1, 2009
ICSA would like to invite all members of statistical community to participate in this meeting, with short courses on June 21 and scientific sessions on June 22-24, at SFO Westin Hotel Millbrae, California, USA (http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1007). The Symposium is promised to be a rewarding scientific program, with exciting social events, astonishing natural beauty, delicious food, and pleasant weather.

Symposium Highlights Keynote Speakers
Professor Wing Hung Wong, Department of Statistics, Stanford University, CA
Professor Nicholas Jewell, Group in Biostatistics and Department of Statistics, University of California, Berkeley, CA
Banquet Speaker Dr. Ronald Wasserstein, Executive Director, American Statistical Association

For More Information, Please Contact Co-Chair
Ying Lu (ying.lu@radiology.ucsf.edu, 415-353-4945) or Tze Leung Lai (lait@stanford.edu, 650-732-2622).

Call for Contributed Papers at the 2009 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium
The 18th annual ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium anticipates a number of contributed sessions. The symposium will be held on June 21-24 in San Francisco, California. For more information please visit the symposium website at http://icsa2.org/2009/. Abstracts of contributed papers should be sent to Jiming Jiang, chair of program committee, at jiang@wald.ucdavis.edu. The deadline for submission of contributed papers is May 1, 2009.

*News from Statistica Sinica
Forthcoming Papers from Statistica Sinica


The April Issue Has Been Released!

Statistica Sinica had released the on-line version of its April issue. The twenty-five interesting articles included cover a wide range of Statistics. The newly-published articles are available for subscribers when clicking on Current Issue. ICSA members could also 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.

Authors intend to submit to the theme in composite likelihood methods please note that the deadline is September 30. More details are accessible at Call for submissions on a special issue in composite likelihood methods.

*Awards and News

Change of ICSA Membership Fees
The ICSA Board of Directors has approved the following new membership fees, effectively January 1, 2009:
The permanent membership will be increased to $600 and the student membership fee has been reduced to $10. The regular annual membership remains the same at $40.

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.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Associate and Director of Statistics and SAS Programming at inVentiv Clinical
We are seeking a Director of Statistics and SAS Programming who is responsible for oversight, leadership and direction of all statistical and SAS programming activities. This individual must have a PhD with over 4 years of previous experience. Please visit http://www.icsa.org/ and click on "Job Listings" for the detailed information of this open position.

Three New Faculty Positions Are Available at UCLA Biostatistics
UCLA Biostatistics is searching for three new faculties with demonstrated research and teaching excellence. Positions are: (1) non-tenured open-rank professor in HIV/AIDS research; (2) tenure-track assistant professor (or higher as merited) in any biostatistical field; and (3) tenure-track/tenured assistant/associate professor in a statistical area related
to cancer research. For details, see
http://www.biostat.ucla.edu/CurrentFacultySearch.htm.

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

Spring Research Conference on Statistics in Industry and Technology
May 27-29, 2009, Vancouver, Canada
http://www.stat.sfu.ca/~boxint/src2009/

The 75th Anniversary of the Statistical Laboratory Conference
June 3–5, 2009
http://www.stat.iastate.edu/ISUStatistics75thAnniversary/

2009 WNAR/IMS Meeting
June 14–17, 2009, Portland State University, OR, USA
http://www.mth.pdx.edu/wnar/

Conference for Innovative Designs of Clinical Trials and Related Topics
June 19-20, 2009, Freidenrich Auditorium Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, Stanford
University
http://hrp.stanford.edu/conferences/IDCT.html

Overview: This conference is being organized by the Division of Biostatistics and the
Center for Innovative Study Design of the School of Medicine at Stanford. It will be held
June 19-20 at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. The organizing committee consists of
Tze Leung Lai, Philip Lavori, Richard Olshen, and Mei-Chiung Shih (Chair). The
conference features speakers from academia, industry, and the regulatory agency. Its goal
is the exchange of ideas between clinical researchers and biostatisticians concerning the
development, planning, execution, and statistical analyses of innovative designs in clinical
trials to meet emerging needs in the prevention and treatment of human disease.

DIA 44th Annual Meeting
June 21-25, 2009, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA
http://nextdocs.com/2008/06/45th-annual-dia-meeting/

International Workshop on Probability Theory, Statistics and Their Applications to
Biology
June 26-28, 2009, Beijing University, Beijing, China
http://www.math.pku.edu.cn/Workshop09/index.htm
The First Institute of Mathematical Statistics Asia Pacific Rim Meeting
June 28-July 1, 2009, Seoul, South Korea
http://ims-aprm.org/

The first IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings will take place in Seoul, Korea during the period June 28 - July 1, 2009. The new meeting series will provide an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers in Asia and Pacific Rim. It will also promote communications and collaborations between the researchers in this area and those from other parts of the world. The program covers a wide range of topics in statistics and probability, presenting recent developments and the state of the art in a variety of modern research topics and in applications. For more information, visit http://ims-aprm.org/ or contact the program chairs: Feifang Hu (fh6e@virginia.edu) or Runze Li (rli@stat.psu.edu).

IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability 2009
July 3-6, 2009, Weihai, China
http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~jiashun/imschina/index.html

The 2nd IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability 2009 will be held in Weihai, China. The inaugural meeting in this series was held in Hangzhou, China this past June. The meeting is open to all current and prospective IMS members by registration, until the maximum of 110 non-local participants is reached. Local participants are defined as those who reside in mainland China. It will feature plenary lectures, and invited and contributed talks in all areas of probability and statistics. The official languages of the meeting are English and Chinese.

1st International Conference on the Interface between Statistics and Engineering
July 13-15, 2009, Beijing University of Technology (BJUT), Beijing, China
http://icise.bjut.edu.cn/index.htm

This conference is focused on innovative research on the interface between statistics and engineering for the support of complex system design and operation, quality and reliability engineering, and optimal decision making. Authors are invited to submit abstracts for the conference. For more information, visit http://icise.bjut.edu.cn/index.htm or contact Kwok Tsui (ktsui@isye.gatech.edu), Industrial and Systems Engineering, Georgia Tech, 765 Ferst Drive, Atlanta, GA, USA.

International Conference on Experimental Designs
July 17–19, 2009, Guangzhou, China
http://maths.gzhu.edu.cn/iced/

Conference to Honor Joseph L. Gastwirth
August 1, 2009, George Washington University, Washington DC
http://www.gwu.edu/~stat/festschrift_jg.htm
A one-day conference will be held on August 1, 2009 to honor Joseph L. Gastwirth, Professor of Statistics and Economics at George Washington University, for his forty-five years of contributions to statistics. The conference will be at George Washington University on the Saturday before the Joint Statistical Meetings. The conference celebrates Professor Gastwirth’s outstanding contributions to the development of nonparametric and robust methods and their use in genetic epidemiology, his pioneering research in statistical methods and measurement of health disparities and economic inequality, equal employment opportunity, and other legal applications. The conference also recognizes his supervision of PhD students, mentoring young researchers as well as his outstanding service to the profession. The conference will include 6-8 invited presentations. Selected papers from the conference will be published in two journals: Law, Probability and Risk and Statistical and Its Interface. The organizing committee consists of Colin Aitken, Efstatia Bura, Mitchell Gail, Joel Greenhouse, Wesley Johnson, David Kaye, Abba Krieger, Zhaohai Li, Nancy Spruill, Scott Zeger, and Gang Zheng. For more information, please email: zhengg@nhlbi.nih.gov

**IMS Sponsored Meeting JSM2009**  
August 1–6, 2009, Washington DC  

**NISS/ASA Writing Workshop for Junior Researchers**  
August 2, 2009 and lunch on August 5, 2009, at JSM Washington DC  
[http://www.amstat.org/meetings/wwjr/](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/wwjr/)

**The 6th International Meeting on Statistical Methods on Biopharmacy**  
Sep. 21-22, 2009, Paris, France  

**Sixteenth Annual Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium**  
Nov. 9-13, 2009, Savannah, Georgia  
[http://bass.georgiasouthern.edu/](http://bass.georgiasouthern.edu/)

This symposium provides a forum for pharmaceutical, medical and regulatory science professionals to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in biopharmaceutical environments.