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From Editor-in-Chief

Fang Yu, Ph.D.

Dear ICSA Members,

I am very happy to report that 2009 was a good year for ICSA Bulletin and join with you to welcome the start of our new year and decade of 2010. In the past year, more than 900 copies were delivered to members all over the world. I would like to thank all editorial members, the ICSA committee members, ICSA office personnel, and the authors and their colleagues for their great work and tremendous help.

This issue of the ICSA bulletin features: news about executives and members of the Committees of ICSA; 2009 election results; the 2009 ICSA Award; the report about the 2009 ICSA Banquet at JSM in Washington, DC and the first IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meeting held in Seoul, Korea; and finally announcements of five coming ICSA sponsored or co-sponsored meetings: the 2010 Applied Statistics Symposium in Indianapolis, the ICSA Banquet at JSM 2010, the eighth ICSA International Conference in Guangzhou China, the 2011 Applied Statistics Symposium in New York City, and the second IMS Asian Pacific Rim Meeting in Tokyo Japan. We encourage each ICSA member to continuously support our society by casting your votes for the executive committee and board members, participating the ICSA sponsored meetings, and visiting our new website www.icsa.org for updated information of the society.

The bulletin always looks forward to publishing news and items of general interest to the society and professions, including member news; professional accomplishments; success stories; special topics or discussions of statistical issues; and interviews with distinguished statisticians in academia, industry and government. You are the best sources of information for these articles. Please continue to send them and be on the lookout for items you think would be of interest to our ICSA family.

Thanks to all of you for continuous support of the society and the bulletin. I wish you a happy and successful new year!

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Term of reference:
(1) Recommend conference and symposium sites, including candidates for their chairs
(2) Recommend general policy for all meetings, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2010 Objectives:
(1) Coordinate **2010 ICSA Applied Symposium:**
   **June 20-23, 2010, the Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA**
   (Wei Shen, shen@lilly.com; Yongming Qu, qu_yongming@lilly.com;
   Jun Xie, junxie@stat.purdue.edu; and Menggang Yu, meyu@iupui.edu)
(2) Coordinate 2011 ICSA Applied Symposium: New York City, New York, USA
   (Zhezhen Jin, zj7@columbia.edu)
(3) Recommend the chair of the Annual Meeting Committee (2011 JSM).
(5) Select the site for 2015 ICSA Applied Symposium.
(6) Coordinate the 8th ICSA International Conference:
   December 19-22, 2010, Guangzhou, China (Yuan Li and Zhi Geng,
   Conference Co-Chairs; Bin Yu and Zhiming Ma, Co-Chairs of Conference
   Scientific Program Committee)
(7) Co-ordinate various ICSA co-sponsored meetings and conferences in 2010.

**Finance Committee:**
**Lynn Kuo (Chair, 2010-2012) (lynn@stat.uconn.edu)**
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(chen.yusong@endo.com)

**Term of reference:**
(1) Manage three ICSA bank accounts (L. Kuo, ICSA main account; L. Yau,
   ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium account; Y. Chen, ICSA J. P. Hsu
   Memorial Scholarship Fund account).
(2) Oversee the budget and to recommend long-term financial planning and invest
   the Association’s assets, subject to approval by the Board of Directors
(3) Manage ICSA PayPal account for online credit card payment

2010 Objective:
(1) Produce account summary twice a year.
(2) Execute T&E approved by the President or Board.
(3) Assist 2010 ICSA International Conference in online registration
**Nomination and Election Committee:**

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Sue-Jane Wang (2010-2012, suejane.wang@fda.hhs.gov).

**Term of reference:**
Nominate the candidates for President-elect and members of the Board of Directors

**2010 Objective:**
Produce ballot before ICSA Symposium in June and complete election prior to JSM in August.

**Publication Committee:**

**Xiao-Li Meng (2010, Chair)** (meng@stat.uconn.edu)
Peter Hall (Co-Editor of S. Sinica), Jing-Shiang Hwang (Co-Editor of S. Sinica),
Kung-Yee Liang (Co-Editor of S. Sinica), Fang Yu (Editor of Bulletin)
Kuang-Kuo Gordon Lan, Xihong Lin, Naitee Ting, Ming-Hui Chen (Ex-Officio).

**Term of reference:**
Oversee the publication policy of the Association and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**2010 Objective:**
Coordinate all ICSA publications.

**Constitution Committee:**

**Jianqing Fan (2010-2011, Co-Chair)**
**Jane-Ling Wang (2010-2011, Co-Chair)**
Ivan Chan (2010-2011),
Zhiliang Ying (2010-2011),
Ming-Hui Chen (2010-2011, secretary),
Naisying Wang and Xuming He (ex-officio).

**Term of reference:**
Review the Association’s Constitution and By-Laws and prepare a revision if necessary.
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Haoda Fu (2010-2012, Fu_Haoda@lilly.com),
Yuehua Wu (2010-2012, wuyh@mathstat.yorku.ca)

Term of reference:
Recruit new members and contact interested potential individuals and organizations.

2010 Objective:
Work with applied symposium, JSM and other opportunities to recruit new members.

Awards Committee:
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Howell Tong (2009-2011, howell.tong@gmail.com),
Georgia Tiao (2009-2011, george.tiao@gsb.uchicago.edu),
W.K. Li (2010-2012, hrntlwk@hku.hk),
Jeff Wu (2010-2012, jeff.wu@isye.gatech.edu)

Term of reference:
Accept, evaluate, and recommend nominations for ICSA various awards

2010 Objectives:
Recommend Service and Achievement Awards candidates to the Board. Discuss possible establishment of new ICSA awards and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

ICSA IT Committee:
Lixin (Simon) Gao (Chair, 2010-2012) (gaolixin@yahoo.com)
Don Sun (Chair) (dsun48@gmail.com),
Ruth Whitworth (rwhitworth@georgiasouthern.edu)

2010 Objective:
Maintain, update and improve ICSA web system and database.
**2010 Applied Statistics Symposium Committee:**
Wei Shen (shen@lilly.com), Yongming Qu (qu_yongming@lilly.com), Jun Xie (junxie@stat.purdue.edu), and Menggang Yu (meyu@iupui.edu)

Term of reference:
Organize the Applied Statistics Symposium, June 20-23, 2010, the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

**Book and Journal Donation Committee:**
Tar Timothy Chen (Chair) (tar_timothy_chen@yahoo.com)

Term of reference:
Solicit book and journal donations and to arrange their delivery to universities or colleges in need.

**Annual Meeting Committee (2010 JSM):**
Jiahua Chen (Chair, 2010) (jhchen@stat.ubc.ca)

Term of reference:
Plan and coordinate and arrange the August annual meeting at the 2010 JSM at July 31 – August 5, 2010, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

**ICSA JSM Program Chairs**
Samuel Kou (JSM 2010 Program Chair, kou.stat.harvard.edu)
Huixia Wang (JSM 2011 Program Chair, wang@stat.ncsu.edu)

Term of reference:
Represent ICSA in the JSM Program Committee, coordinate ICSA sponsored and co-sponsored sessions at JSM.

**Archive Committee:**
Naitee Ting (Chair, 2010), Smiley Cheng, Shein-Chung Chow, Nancy Lo, Lili Yu.

Term of reference:
Plan and implement electronic archive for the Association.

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Xuming He, the 2010 ICSA President, Ph.D., Professor

As the closing bell of 2009 chimes around the world, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow ICSA members for entrusting me to preside over this great society in the year of 2010. Our society is run by members and served by volunteers. I just completed the appointments of ICSA committees for 2010, and am very grateful to many of you for your enthusiasm to serve in the ICSA committees. Your commitment to ICSA is critical to our success.

I deeply appreciate the exemplary work from our outgoing Past President, Jane-Ling Wang and our incoming Past President Jianqing Fan. Their work will have lasting impacts on the success of the ICSA. The society has now reached a new point of maturity, and we have the perfect tailwind for a very busy year ahead.

A major task to begin this year is to consider an amendment of the ICSA constitution and By-laws. The ICSA Constitution and By-laws were drafted about 20 years ago when the ICSA started as a small organization and at a time business via emails and internet was uncommon. These documents have guided us well over the years. However, as our society continued to grow both in size and in diversity, and as the mode for conducting some of our business has changed; those documents may need appropriate amendments so that the ICSA, especially its officers and committees, will function more efficiently and more professionally. A new Constitution Committee, consisting of five experienced members, Iavn Chan, Ming-Hui Chen, Jianqing Fan (co-chair), Jane-Ling Wang (co-chair), and Zhiliang Ying, will be in charge of the important task of updating the By-Laws. They have strong support from the ICSA President-Elect, Naiysin Wang, and myself. I expect that a proposal for amendment will be available for broader discussion by the end of this year, and the task will be completed by summer of 2011. All ICSA members are encouraged to send your suggestions and opinions to the Constitution Committee.

Have your marked your calendar for the ICSA sponsored meetings this year? The ICSA 2010 Applied Statistics Symposium will be held in Indianapolis in June, continuing the great tradition of this symposium series that started in 1990. The 8th ICSA International Conference will take place in Guangzhou, China, in December. The ICSA International Conference typically holds once every three years, bringing statisticians around the world together from academia, industry and other sectors to exchange ideas and renew friendships. The upcoming conference will feature the frontiers of interdisciplinary and methodological statistical research, and will be co-sponsored by the American Statistician Association (ASA), Chinese Association of Applied Statistics, Chinese Society of Probability and Statistics, Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), and the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA). December is a great time to visit Guangzhou, and I hope to see many of you there. The ICSA
will also co-sponsor the 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver, featuring two invited sessions organized by the ICSA journals (*Statistica Sinica* and *Statistics in Biosciences*). Wearing the hat as Program Chair for 2010 JSM, I am particularly pleased and proud that a large number of ICSA members will present their work at the JSM. All these activities reflect the broader interaction of the ICSA with other societies, and represent the quality and impacts of what we do.

If you have not noticed the new face of the ICSA website, please take a moment to visit [www.icsa.org](http://www.icsa.org). Under the leadership of Ming-Hui Chen, we now have a fully functional and completely revamped website with our members in mind!

As the ICSA President, I will be working closely with the Board of Directors and all the ICSA committees to take new initiatives to serve the interest of 1000 plus members. We are planning to promote enhanced academia-industry collaboration between our members, consider new ways to recognize outstanding ICSA members, and engage in additional activities to interact with other national and international societies in statistics and related fields. If you have any ideas and suggestions how we can do better, please share them with me.

Xuming He  
ICSA 2010 President  
December 31, 2009
From the 2009 ICSA President

Jianqing Fan, Ph.D., Professor

With clocks struck twelve and the balls dropped, the crowds cheered with Champaign and tears. We were excited, as the new decade was dawning. It gives us new hopes. It represents the future of human endeavors; the age of information and technology; the changing environment that we are living in; and the exciting developments of science and technology. All of these aim at improving the quality of life and productivity of our endeavors. We were cheerful as we put the worst decade behind. We all experienced the technology bubble, the terrorist attack, wars, housing market bubble, and the financial crisis. With high unemployment rates, dropping housing value, and loss of hard accumulated wealth, we all have a good reason to put the past behind us and look forward for a brighter decade. Six month ago, I said in an interview that the worst fear was probably behind us and that we would probably forget what happened in 2008 three years from now. Let us hope that my prediction was correct. We are certainly ten years wiser than a decade ago. We certainly have better technology than 10 years ago! We absolutely have higher productivity than a decade ago. We absolutely know better how to manage various sources of risks than a decade ago! So, we are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the new decade and our future is certainly brighter.

The first decade of the 21st century has witnessed the explosion of data collection. Massive data collections and new scientific research have strong impact on our profession, from employment to the development of our discipline. “I keep saying that the sexy job in the next 10 years will be statisticians, and I’m not kidding”, said Hal Varian, chief economist at Google. The employment of statisticians is expected to grow even under current environment. In fact, 6700 statisticians attending the 2009 JSM is a testimony of the strength of our profession. “The rising stature of statisticians, who can earn $125,000 at top companies in their first year after getting a doctorate, is a byproduct of the recent explosion of digital data. In field after field, computing and the Web are creating new realms of data to explore -- sensor signals, surveillance tapes, social network chatter, public records and more. And the digital data surge only promises to accelerate, rising fivefold by 2012, …”, according to the New York Time (August 5, 2009). It is indeed a great time for statistics, but we do not own its copyright. We need to grab the opportunity and evolve with the tidal waves of the frontiers of the development of science and technology.

The ICSA has also experienced substantial growth over the last decade, with the membership exceeding the 1000 landmark. This is due to its strong leadership and the dedications of its members. As we enter into the new era, we are no longer a small professional society. To better serve its members with a growing status, we need to run the society by its constitution and by-laws. Last year, I made a conscientious effort to modernize the appointments of all ICSA standing committees. We need also to revise our by-laws to better serve our society.
Three important pillars of a professional society are publications, meetings and relations with sister societies. Our society is very strong with respect to all of these three aspects, with an outstanding financial balance sheet. Thank to the dedication of the ICSA Executive Director, Ming-Hui Chen and its various dedicated members, we have achieved various important milestones in 2009. We have successfully published *Statistics in BioSciences* in collaboration with Springer, owing to the dedication of its co-editors Xihong Lin and Gordon Lam. We have also partnered with ASA, IMS, ISI, Bernoulli, IBC, and SSC on publication of Statistics Wiki hosted by Springer, thanks to Yi Li’s willingness to serve as the editor that represents the ICSA. To enhance our publication portfolio, we are also considering the possibility of sponsoring the highly regarded journal “Statistics and Its Interface”. On the meeting front, the 18th ICSA applied statistics symposium, held in San Francisco in June 2009, was extremely successful, with over 400 participants, due to the dedications of its co-chairs Ying Lu and Tze-Leung Lai. We have also formalized the mechanism for the ICSA co-sponsorship of the academic meetings. On the aspects of collaborations with sister societies, we are now the official partner of the JSM, with Xuming He served as the ICSA’s program chair of the 2009 JSM and Sam Kou the ICSA’s program chair of the 2010 JSM. We have also signed the Memorandum of Understanding with International Society for Bayesian Analysis on the co-sponsorship of our future meetings. To better serve its member, the ICSA new website was launched in November, 2009, with the ICSA new database and new functionality, thanks to the leadership of our Executive Director, Ming-Hui Chen.

With quick wrap up of my report, without the danger of repeating what I said in the last two messages, it is time for me to say good-bye to my fellow ICSA members. It was a great honor to serve you and the society. My job cannot possibly be functioning without the dedicated and capable Executive Director, Ming-Hui Chen. Let me express my sincere thanks to him once again before leaving the office.

Happy New Decade! Best wishes to you for a prosperous, productive and healthy decade!

Jianqing Fan
ICSA 2009 President
Princeton University
January 2, 2010
From the Executive Director, ICSA
Ming-Hui Chen, Ph.D., Professor

Dear ICSA Members,

As the calendar quickly turns into 2010, I have completed the three years term as the ICSA Executive Director. It has been my great pleasure working with the ICSA 2009 president Jianqing Fan. I have learned a lot from him and also known Jianqing a lot more and better. As mentioned in my previous six reports, I have to say again that being the Executive Director is a very rewarding experience. During the last year, I have had so many communications with our members either in person or via emails. We have received great supports from our members. The association remains strong and has achieved several new milestones again in 2009. In particular, I am pleased to report that the ICSA new website was launched in November, 2009 and the old ICSA website was officially retired. With endless effort of Lixin (Simon) Gao of BioPier Inc, who is also an ICSA permanent member, the ICSA new database starts its full function. Being an ICSA member, you are now allowed to create your very own password to enter ICSA Membership Only Area to check the status of your membership and to have a full electronic access of two ICSA journals: Statistica Sinica and Statistics in Biosciences. I am very grateful to Lixin for finally making this possible. With great effort of Fan (Terry) Zhang, the webmaster of the Department of Statistics, University of Connecticut, we now have a much improved new ICSA website. The new ICSA website provides our members the most updated information of various ICSA events and the collective archive information of ICSA history. From the FAQ page on www.icsa.org, you may find answers of many frequently asked questions. I hope that this FAQ page is useful to you and will save your time for using our new web system and to know more about ICSA.

With assistance from Lixin (Simon) Gao again, we conducted the third ICSA online election in July, 2009. A new feature of the 2009 election is that we added color photos for all candidates. A total of 585 votes were casted and voting percentage was 67%. Compared to the 2008 election, we had 111 more votes casted in 2009 than in 2008. The voting percentage was also improved by 12% as the voting percentage was 55% in 2008. During the last three years, we are making the new records in terms of the total number of votes and voting percentage every year. I have to emphasize that without your participation and support, we would not be able to achieve any of these. It is expected that a notice of the 2010 election will be sent to you in early July, 2010. I hope that more ICSA members will participate in the 2010 online election.

I am also pleased to report that we had a very productive ICSA board of directors meeting at the 2009 JSM in Washington D.C. on August 2, 2009. 20 board members or their proxies, ICSA committee chairs, and OICS staffs attended the meeting. The board unanimously certified the 2009 election results and unanimously approved the motion of the election of six
board members. The election results were announced by the ICSA president Jianqing Fan at the ICSA Annual Members Meeting on August 5, 2009. The board unanimously approved the appointment of Shuyen Ho of GlaxoSmithKline (shu-yen.y.ho@gsk.com) as the ICSA Executive Director for 2011-2013. It is expected that Shuyen will work with me in 2010 so that a smooth transition can be made. The board also unanimously approved the appointment of Linda Yau of GlaxoSmithKline (linda.h.yau@gsk.com) as the next ICSA Treasurer for 2013-2015 with starting to serve on the ICSA Financial Committee from 2010.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge enormous supports I had received from various ICSA committee chairs and committee members during 2009. I would like to thank our treasurer Yusong Chen for his demanding work load for handling many ICSA payments, issuing receipts, maintaining the ICSA main account, and managing ICSA PayPal account. It has been my great pleasure working with Yusong during the last three year. Yusong’s term as the ICSA treasurer will be ended on December 31, 2009. However, Yusong will continue to serve on the ICSA Financial committee from 2010 to 2012. I am sure that Yusong will continue to play a major role in this important ICSA committee and will share his expertise with the new treasurer Lynn Kuo. I would also like to thank two other members in the ICSA Financial committee, Lynn Kuo and Weiying Yuan for managing ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium account and ICSA J. P. Hsu Memorial Scholarship Fund account. In particular, Weiying has completed her 9 years service as the member of the ICSA Financial committee and the former ICSA treasurer. I am really grateful to her for providing her services and for her dedication to ICSA for so many years. Let’s give her a loud applause and I have to say one more time: thank you Weiying for your great contribution to ICSA.

I have been extremely grateful to the support and help from Chair of the Communication Committee, Don Sun, for his endless effort in maintaining the old ICSA website and Don has done this over 15 plus years. I would like to thank Mei-Cheng Wang, Chair of the 2009 Nomination and Election Committee, for her outstanding job in soliciting candidates for ICSA president, Biometrics Section chair, and ICSA Board members and collecting color photos of all candidates, to thank Ying Lu, the chair of the program committee for coordinating ICSA symposiums and conferences, and to thank Xiaotong Shen, Chair of the Awards Committee for nominating candidates for ICSA awards. I would also like to thank Dr. Aiyi Liu for an outstanding job in organizing all ICSA activities, the annual membership meeting, and the annual banquet at JSM09. It was my great pleasure to working with him at the 2009 JSM. In addition, I would like to thank OICSA staffs, Ruth Whitworth, Chungfeng Ren, Adam Chen, and Lili Yu for their help and dedication to ICSA. Chungfeng Ren left from OICSA after she completed her graduate study in July 2009 at Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University. Chungfeng was the first OICSA student staff and worked at OICSA for two years and she made significant contributions to our association. I am very grateful to her hard work and dedication to ICSA. Ruth has helped us to make a smooth and successful ICSA web migration and maintain the ICSA server and
ICSA new website. Also, in 2009, OICSA purchased the web software, Dreamwaver, which will be very useful in maintaining and updating the new ICSA website and in developing web pages for ICSA symposiums and international conferences. Now, OICSA has become truly functional by all measures and provides our association vital resources for various ICSA activities.

I am looking forward to working with our members, the ICSA 2010 president Xuming He, the board members, the new ICSA treasurer Lynn Kuo, committee chairs and members, and OICSA staffs during my last year as the Executive Director. I hope that we will have another fruitful year in 2010.

I hope that we will have an opportunity to meet each other either in the Annual ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium in June 2010 or the August annual meeting at the JSM in August 2010. You are very welcome to offer your help in various ICSA meetings or activities, to serve on ICSA committees, and to make suggestions for improving ICSA. Please feel free to write or call me to discuss anything you would like regarding ICSA.

Best Wishes and have a great and productive 2010!

Ming-Hui Chen
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December 31, 2009
# 2009 International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA)

## Election Results

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Program Committee Report (January 2010)

Past Events in 2009

1. ICSA has co-sponsored the Yale workshop on “Innovation and Inventiveness in Statistics Methodologies” during May 15-17 at Yale University, New Haven, CT; Conference for Innovative Designs of Clinical Trials and Related Topics, June 19-20, 2009, at Stanford University, Stanford, CA; and the first IMS Asian Pacific Rim (APS) conference to be held in Korea, June 28-July 1.

2. ICSA successfully held its Annual Applied Statistical Symposium during June 21-24 in the San Francisco Bay area and its member meeting and banquet during JSM, August 2-6, at Washington DC.

3. For years 2009 and 2010, JSM will officially include two invited ICSA sessions. The ICSA Board decided to allocate one session to Statistica Sinica and the other session to Statistics in Biosciences.

4. Dr. Jun Zhao and Dr. Chi-Long Cheng have completed their terms as committee members. We want to thank them for their dedicated service.

Events in 2010

1. ICSA co-sponsor the conference “Frontier of Statistical Decision Making and Bayesian Analysis--in Honor of James O. Berger” The organizing committee consists of Depak Dey (dey@stat.uconn.edu), Ming-Hui Chen (mhchen@stat.uconn.edu) (both from University of Connecticut), Peter Mueller (pmueller@mdanderson.org; UT-MD Anderson Cancer Center), Dongchu Sun (sund@missouri.edu, University of Missouri) and Keying Ye (keying.ye@utsa.edu, UTSA). The conference's webpage is (http://bergerconference2010.utsa.edu/). Please direct your question to Professor Keying Ye, keying.ye@utsa.edu.

2. ICSA 2010 Applied Statistical Symposium will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 20-23, 2010. A detailed announcement is published in this ICSA Bulletin. Drs. Wei Shen (shen@lilly.com) Yongming Qu (qu_yongming@lilly.com) and Professors Jun Xie (junxie@stat.purdue.edu), Menggang Yu (meyu@iupui.edu) will be co-organizing this event. Detailed information is also available at ICSA website (http://www.icsa2.org/2010/).
3. ICSA co-sponsor the First Joint Biostatistics Symposium in Beijing, July 15-18, 2010 (http://stat.ruc.edu.cn/en/67375.html). This Symposium, organized by major Chinese statistical associations, will focus on statistical methods and their applications in basic medicine, clinical medicine, public health and preventive medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, health economics, and statistical methods in bioinformatics. The deadlines are May 30, 2010 for paper submission and June 30, 2010 for registration. Please contact Professor Andrew Zhou, azhou@uw.edu or Mr. Chang Liu, liuchang@ruc.edu.cn.

4. ICSA general member meeting and banquet dinner in 2010 JSM will take place on August 4th, 2010 at Vancouver, Canada. The banquet details are in a separate announcement in this issue. Professor Jiahua Chen (jhchen@stat.ubc.ca) organizes the banquet.

5. ICSA International Conference will be held in December 19-22 in Guangzhou, China. Professors Yuan Li of Guangzhou University (yli57@hotmail.com) and Zhi Geng (zgeng@math.pku.edu.cn) of Peking University will be co-organizing this event and Professor Bin Yu (binyu@stat.berkeley.edu) will be the program committee chair. If you would like to help, please contact them.

6. ICSA has entered an agreement with the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) to co-sponsor ICSA 2010 conference in Guangzhou. The agreements are (1) discount on registration fees for ISBA members; (2) conference organizers will include ISBA logo and link to the ISBA website; (3) organizers will include the ISBA logo in an appropriate place in the conference packet; (4) an ISBA flyer will be available and distributed; (5) a formally organized session by ISBA.

Year 2011:

1. The 20th annual ICSA Applied Statistical Symposium will be held from June 26 to 29, 2011 in Westin New York at Times Square in New York, New York, USA. The conference will include short courses, keynote lectures, technical presentations, poster presentations, paper contest, and social events. The Executive Committee consists Zhezhen Jin (Chair, zj7@columbia.edu, Columbia University), Gang Li (gli@its.jnj.com, Johnson & Johnson), Mark Chunming Li (Chunming.m.li@pfizer.com, Pfizer), Mengling Liu (Mengling.Liu@nyumc.org, New York University), Hui Quan (hui.quan@sanofi-aventis.com, Sanofi-Aventis), Ying Wei (ying wei@columbia.edu, Columbia University), Wei Zhang (wei.zhang@boehringer-ingelheim.com, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), and Tian Zheng (tzheng@stat.columbia.edu, Columbia University). We are working to make this conference a special event for everyone to enjoy and a special tribute to the 20th anniversary of ICSA Applied Statistical Symposium. The details about the conference will be provided at ICSA website soon. If you have any question or suggestion about the conference, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you in June 2011 at New York.
2. ICSA agrees to co-sponsor the second IMS Asia and Pacific Rim Meetings (APRM) will be held in Tokyo, Japan during the period July 3 (Sunday) - July 6 (Wednesday), 2011. For more details, please ask Professor Runze Li, rli@stat.psu.edu

3. 2011 JSM will take place in August at Miami Beach, Florida. There will be an ICSA member meeting and a banquet. Professor Jie Mi (mi@fiu.edu) of Florida International University will be the local organizer for the banquet.

Year 2012:

1. ICSA 2012 Applied Statistical Symposium will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Mingxiu Hu (Millennium, mingxiu.hu@mpi.com) will be organizing this event. If you would like to help, please contact Dr. Hu.

2. JSM will take place in August at San Diego, California. There will be an ICSA member meeting and a banquet. If you are interested in organizing or helping, please contact Professor Ying Lu (ylu1@stanford.edu).

Year 2013

1. ICSA 2013 Applied Statistical Symposium will be held in Baltimore, MD. If you would like to help, please contact Dr. Yi Tsong, (yi.tsong@fda.hhs.gov).

Year 2014

1. ICSA 2014 Applied Statistical Symposium will be held in Portland, Oregon. If you would like to help, please contact Dr. Dongseok Choi (choid@ohsu.edu).

If you would like to have ICSA co-sponsorship for statistical conferences and meetings, please use the website http://www.icsa.org/meetings/co-sponsorship/index.html to submit your application for co-sponsorship.
2009 ICSA Awards

1. **Outstanding Service Award**
   Wai Keung Li, University of Hong Kong
   
   Jun Shao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2. **Distinguished Achievement Award**
   George C. Tiao, University of Chicago
   
   Wing Hung Wong, Stanford University

3. **Biosketches of Award Recipients**

   ✤ **Prof. Wai Keung Li**
   
   Professor Wai Keung Li received his PhD in Statistics from the University of Western Ontario in 1981. He has been a faculty member of the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Hong Kong since 1983. Professor Li has published widely in time series analysis and was conferred an ASA Fellowship in 2003 and an IMS Fellowship in 2006. Besides being research active he has been heavily involved in administrative and professional services. He served two 3-year terms as the Head of the Department in 1997-1999 and 2006-2008 respectively. He was elected for three successive years as the President of the Hong Kong Statistical Society from 2000 to 2003. Professor Li was Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 5th ICSA International Conference held in Hong Kong, August 17-19, 2001. He has been serving as an Associate Editor of Statistica Sinica since August, 1999 and a member of the ICSA Program Committee 2002-2007 and a member of the ICSA Board of Directors for 2006-2008.

   ✤ **Prof. Jun Shao**
   
   Dr. Jun Shao is Professor in Statistics and Chair, Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin – Madison. He was Associate Chair from 1997 to 2005. He was Covance Senior Research Fellow (1998), ASA/NSF/Census Senior Research Fellow (2006-2007), and ASA/NSF/BLS Census Bureau Senior Research Fellow (1996-1997). He received his PhD in Statistics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1987. He has made significant contributions in jackknife, bootstrap, and other resampling methods, model and variable selection, variance estimation and imputation methodology in survey problems, longitudinal data analysis with missing data,
bioequivalence, drug shelf-life estimation, and clinical trials. Professor Shao has authored or co-authored 6 books and more than 145 research articles in leading statistical journals.


Professor Shao is a permanent member of ICSA, served on the ICSA Board of Directors from 2000 to 2002 and served as the president of ICSA in 2007. He has also served on the Management Board of Statistics and Its Interface since 2007.

Prof. George C. Tiao

George C. Tiao is W. Allen Wallis Professor of Econometrics and Statistics (emeritus), University of Chicago. He earned his B.S. in Economics from National Taiwan University in 1955, MBA from New York University in 1958 and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1962.

He was Assistant, Associate, Full, and Bascom Professor of Statistics and Business from 1962 to 1982 at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and served as Chairman of the Statistics Department from 1973 to 1975. He joined the Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago as W. Allen Wallis Professor of Statistics and retired in 2003. His research covers Bayesian inference, time series analysis, and environmental study of stratospheric ozone/temperature and air pollution data. He has authored, co-authored and co-edited 6 books and more than 120 articles in leading econometric, environmental and statistical journals. He has supervised more than 25 Ph.Ds. and served on numerous academic committees in the United States, China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. He was the founding president of the International Chinese Statistical Association, and the founding editor of Statistica Sinica. He has received many honors, including Fellow of ASA and IMS, elected member of Academia Sinica, Taiwan in 1976, the 2001 Wilks Memorial Medal and the Shiskin Award of the American Statistical Association, and honorary doctorates from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and National Tsinghua University in 2003. He also received the Statistician of the Year Award in 2005 from the Chicago Chapter of the American Statistical Association.
Prof. Wing Hung Wong

Professor Wing Hung Wong is Professor of Statistics, Health Research and Policy and Biological Sciences at Stanford University. Professor Wong received his BA in Mathematics and Statistics from the University of California at Berkeley (1976), MS in Statistics (1978) and Computer Sciences (1980), and Ph.D. in Statistics (1980) from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He was Assistant (1980-1985), Associate (1985-1988) and Full Professor (1988-1994) of Statistics at the University of Chicago. From 1994 to 1997, he was the Associate Director of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Statistics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was Professor of Statistics at University of California, Los Angeles, from 1997 to 2000, and was Professor of Statistics and Biostatistics at Harvard University from 2000 to 2004. In 2004, he moved to Stanford University, where he leads a laboratory to develop methods and software for the analysis of data from high-throughput genomics studies. He will be Chair of the Stanford Department of Statistics in September, 2009.

Professor Wong has made many seminal contributions to statistical theory and the biomedical sciences. His is well known to the statistical community for his contributions in data augmentation, Monte Carlo, and Bayesian methods. He has also made major contributions to computational biology and system biology. He has published more than 130 peer-reviewed scientific papers and is one of the most cited mathematicians in the world. His scientific achievements have won him many prestigious awards and honors. He is a fellow of IMS, ASA, AAAS, and an elected member of ISI. He won the COPSS award in 1993 and was recently elected to the US National Academy of Sciences.

ICSAN 2009 Banquet, Washington, DC

Aiyi Liu, Ph. D.

The annual ICSA banquet was held on August 5, 2009 at Tony Cheng’s Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown, Washington, DC during JSM 2009. This banquet was a great success with approximately 160 attendants, including about 30 honorable guests from China’s national and provincial bureaus of statistics. The banquet provided a great opportunity for statisticians to meet old friends and develop new friendship with people around the world. There was a great variety of tasteful entrees, which surely added some flavor to the harmony of the night.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all, especially the wonderful volunteers, Drs. Chunling Liu, Qizhai Li, and Hong Zhang, all from NIH, and Zhenyu Liu from George Washington University, for their help in organizing the banquet.

Aiyi Liu, PhD
Senior Investigator
Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Branch
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institutes of Health
Distinguished achievement award to George Tiao

Distinguished achievement award to Wing Hung Wong (Ying Lu, proxy of Dr. Wong)
Outstanding service award to Wai Keung Li (Guo Dong Li, proxy of Dr. Li)

Outstanding service award to Jun Shao
Report from the 2010 ICSA Symposium organizing committee by Menggang Yu

ICSU Annual members meeting
The First IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meeting at Seoul, Korea
Byeong Park, Feifang Hu and Runze Li

The inaugural meeting of the new IMS meeting series, IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meeting (IMS-APRM), took place at Seoul National University (SNU) in Seoul, Korea, during the period June 28 - July 1, 2009. SNU is the nation's top education and research institute located in the southern part of Seoul. The creation of IMS-APRM was initiated by Jianqing Fan, a former President of IMS, back in 2006. The new meeting series aims to provide an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers in Asia and Pacific Rim, and to promote communications and collaborations between the researchers in this area and those from other parts of the world. The inaugural meeting was organized by the Korean Statistical Society (KSS), and co-sponsored by the IMS, the International Chinese Statistical Association, the International Indian Statistical Association and the Japan Statistical Society.

The Local Organizing Committee, consisting of 15 members including 3 secretaries, Sunyoung Shin, Soojin Roh and Jung Hwan Yoon, was chaired by Byeong U. Park. The Scientific Program Committee was co-chaired by Feifang Hu and Runze Li. The program covered 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. The program included two plenary lectures presented by Peter Bickel (statistics) and Masatoshi Fukushima (probability). There were 17 Distinguished Lecture sessions, whose formats are similar to those of IMS Medallion Lectures, 44 invited sessions, 16 topic-contributed sessions, 13 contributed sessions and 1 large poster session. The 17 Distinguished Lecturers were (in alphabetical order of last name): Tony Cai, Louis Chen, Jianqing Fan, Peter Hall, Xuming He, Sangyeol Lee, Xihong Lin, Zhengyan Lin, Jun Liu, J. S. Marron, Rahul Mukerjee, Sastry G. Pantula, John Robinson, Xiaotong Shen, John Jen Tai, Katsuto Tanaka, Mark van der Laan. The total number of presentations including 35 posters was 386. Classifying the 386 presentations by countries the presenters were affiliated with, the largest was U.S. (135) followed by Korea (106). There were 15 speakers from 8 European countries. The meeting was prepared and held amid the outbreak of H1N1 (swine) flu and the global economic crisis. Some people canceled their planned trips to the meeting due to the flu pandemic or a drastic cutback in funding for international travels. Despite of these hurdles, more than 700 participants from 23 countries attended the First IMS-APRM. Fortunately, no one from abroad was reported quarantined on the way to the meeting.

The meeting opened with the poster session on Sunday afternoon, June 28, and was followed by a Welcome Reception held in University Cultural Center. The second day of the meeting began with opening remarks delivered by Byeong U. Park (Chair of the Local Organizing Committee), Shin Bok Kim (Vice-President of SNU), Jongwoo Jeon (President of KSS), Jianqing Fan (IMS Past-President), Sastry Pantula (President-Elect of the American Statistical Association), Peter Bickel (Statistics Plenary Speaker) and Runze Li (Co-Chair of the Scientific Program Committee). The two plenary lectures ran in parallel immediately after
the opening remarks. Peter Bickel spoke on some approaches taking advantages of sparsity in large \( p \) small \( n \) problems, and Masatoshi Fukushima gave a review on stochastic calculus in Markov processes.

A half-day conference excursion was made to some touristic points in Seoul on Tuesday afternoon, June 30. On that night there was the Conference Banquet at Hotel Lotte, one of the premium hotels in Korea. About 300 people attended the banquet and enjoyed a cultural program featuring some of the most popular Korean traditional music and dances performed by 17 dancers of ChumDaSom Dance Company. The banquet was presided over by Na Ri, the 1\textsuperscript{st} place winner of the 2008 Miss Korea Pageant, which offered an additional delight to the participants. Na Ri is a third year university student majoring in statistics.

Many ICSA members attended this conference. As a co-sponsor of IMS-APRM, ICSA has contributed to this conference by organizing three invited talk sessions:

- Regularization, Modeling and Visualization for High Dimensional Data (organized by Jane-Ling Wang)
- Bayesian Statistics and Inference with Applications (Organized by Ming-Hui Chen)
- ICSA New Journal "Statistics in Biosciences" (Organized by Xihong Lin)

The meeting concluded successfully on July 1, 2009. The local organizing committee and the scientific committee would like to acknowledge the generous finance support from SNU, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Korea Research Foundation, The Bank of Korea and The Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies. The 2\textsuperscript{nd} IMS-APRM will be held in Japan in 2011.

Conference photos are available on the website at http://ims-aprm.org/
From left, Jianqing Fan (ICSA 2009 President and IMS Past-President) and Na Ri (2008 Miss Korea, A junior student majored in Statistics in Yonsei Univ., Korea) at the conference dinner.

From left, Runze Li, Matt Wand, Feifang Hu, Byeong U. Park, Na Ri (2008 Miss Korea), Akimichi Takemura, Na Ri’s mother and her sister in law, at the conference dinner.
From left, Jon Wellner, Jon Wellner’s, Jishun Jin, Peter Hall, Hongyu Zhao, at the conference dinner.

Break Communication. Zhengjun Zhang (Left, Assistant Professor at UW at Madison) and Feifang Hu (right, Co-chair of Scientific program)
Another photo taken during the break

Participants in Mixer Party (2\textsuperscript{nd} from left: Jong Hoo Choi, 5\textsuperscript{th} from left: Byeong Park (Chair of local organizing committee), 3\textsuperscript{rd} from right: Jongwoo Jeon (President of KSS)
Audience in sessions

Photo taken from the session organized by Xihong Lin. Tianxi Cai is answering questions from audience.
Announcement
The 19th Annual ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium will be held on June 20-23, Sunday to Wednesday, 2010, with short courses on June 20th and scientific sessions on June 21-23, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. The symposium is co-sponsored by the American Statistical Association. The hotel information can be found in http://www.indianapolis.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp.

The symposium has 6 short-courses (2 full-day short courses and 4 half-day short-courses), 2 keynote address sessions, 10 roundtable lunch discussions and many invited sessions. We also invite members to submit their work in contributed sessions and poster sessions. The symposium webpage for registration and abstract submission will be activated on March 1, 2010. There will be a Mixer on the evening of June 20, Sunday and banquet on the evening of June 22, Tuesday.

In the keynote address session on Monday, June 21, Dr. Don Rubin (Harvard University) and Dr. ShaAvhrée Buckman (FDA) will give insights on the future statistics. On Tuesday, June 22, Dr. Xihong Lin (Harvard University) and Dr. Gregory Campbell (FDA) will give keynote addresses.

Key information
Deadline for student award and travel grants: March 15, 2010
Deadline for abstract and early registration: May 1, 2010
Deadline for hotel room reservation for discounted rates: May 31, 2010
Online registration activation and registration form available: March 1, 2010
Symposium Date: June 20-23, 2010
Venue: Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, located at downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana
Early short course registration fee: $250 for a full-day short course and $150 for a half-day short course
Early symposium registration fee for current ICSA members: $240
Reserved discount rate of Hyatt Regency Indianapolis: $139/night + Tax
Short Courses

Two full-day short courses and four half-day short courses will be offered on Monday, June 20.

Course 1 (Full Day): Recent Developments in Practical Bayesian Methods for Clinical Trials

Instructor: Dr. Peter F. Thall (rex@mdanderson.org), M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Abstract: This one-day short course will cover a variety of practical Bayesian methods for clinical trial design and conduct. Some frequentist methods also will be discussed. The course will include numerous illustrations from actual clinical trials. Emphasis will be on newer methods that I have developed with colleagues in recent years. As time permits, the topics will include (1) designs that deal with multiplicities and heterogeneity in early phase trials, including individualized dose-finding in phase I/II, (2) using elicited utilities as a basis for trial design and conduct, (3) monitoring multiple outcomes, monitoring possibly right-censored event times and accounting for patient heterogeneity in phase II trials, (4) a method for computing the effective sample size of a parametric prior, including both standard Bayesian models and conditionally independent hierarchical models, (5) a phase III group sequential design that uses Bayesian model selection and controls overall frequentist error probabilities (6) designs to evaluate and compare multi-stage dynamic treatment regimes, rather than individual treatments, (7) geometric methods for settings with two-dimensional parameters, including a cord blood cell transplantation trial and a phase II-III trial of chemotherapies for pediatric brain tumors, (8) a phase II-III design of prophylactic agents for atrial fibrillation following lung surgery that accounts for patient heterogeneity and (9) adaptive randomization. Many of the illustrative applications will include examples of prior elicitation and calibration, incorporating historical data, and using computer simulation to establish a design’s frequentist properties. Attendees should have at least a Masters degree in statistics, or equivalent experience, and an understanding of clinical trials and elementary Bayesian concepts.

About the Instructor:

Peter F. Thall is the Anise J. Sorrell Professor in the Department of Biostatistics at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Thall is an author of over 160 papers and book chapters in the statistical and medical literature, with research interests including Bayesian statistics, medical statistics and clinical trials. He has presented 21 short courses on statistical methods for clinical trials and over 130 invited talks. He has served as an associate editor of Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Statistics in Medicine and Biometrics, and currently is an associate editor of Clinical Trials and Statistics in Biosciences, serves on several external advisory boards and grant review panels, and is an American Statistical Association Media Expert.
**Course 2 (Full Day): Modern Techniques in Data Mining**

**Instructor:** David Banks, Professor in the Department of Statistical Science at Duke University

**Abstract:** This half-day shortcourse surveys the development of an important new subfield at the intersection of statistics and computer science. It has important applications in many areas, especially bioinformatics and information technology. The course starts from the perspective of nonparametric regression, addressing the problems of variable selection, local fitting, model assessment and uncertainty, all in the context of the Curse of Dimensionality. Then the course moves to consider comparable issues in the case of classification, cluster analysis, and multidimensional scaling. Finally, the course gives a short summary of three areas of emerging theory that provide insight on when it is possible to make inference in high dimensions, and when there is no really no hope. Key topics include support vector machines, neural networks, boosting and bagging, random forests, overcompleteness, wavelets, sparsity, VC classes, and the LASSO and related methods.

**About the Instructor:**

David Banks is a professor in the Department of Statistical Science at Duke University. Before that, he held positions in the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Transportation, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Carnegie Mellon University. He was editor of the Applications and Case Studies section of the Journal of the American Statistical Association (2007-2009), serves on the Board of the American Statistical Association, and has chaired the ASA Sections on Risk Analysis and Statistics in Defense and National Security. His research focuses on computer-intensive methods, complex data sets, dynamic network models, metabolomics, public policy, and adversarial risk analysis. He has published more than 60 papers, edited six books, and co-authored a monograph.

**Course 3 (Full Day): An Introduction to Propensity Score Methods in Observational Research**

**Instructor:** Peter Austin, Sr. Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) in Toronto, Canada

**Abstract:** This half-day workshop examines the use of propensity score methods in observational research. Confounding frequently occurs in observational studies of the effects of treatments and exposures on health outcomes. This workshop will address several statistical issues in estimating treatment effects in the presence of confounding. First, a theoretical framework for confounding will be developed and causal diagrams will be introduced. Second, the design of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) will be briefly reviewed. Third, issues in the design of observational studies will be highlighted. We will discuss designing observational studies so that their design mimics some of the characteristics of that of RCTs. Fourth, we will describe design-based and analysis-based methods for
removing confounding when estimating treatment effects using observational data. Analysis-based methods include regression-based approaches. Design-based approaches include stratification and propensity score-based methods. Fifth, attendees will be introduced to the concept of the propensity score and how it can be used to remove confounding in observational studies. Issues in propensity score analyses will be covered in more depth. The workshop will cover the following issues in propensity score analyses: specifying the propensity score model; balance diagnostics for assessing the adequacy of the specification of the propensity score model; different propensity score methods (matching, stratification, weighting, and covariate adjustment); and sensitivity analyses for propensity score analyses.

About the Instructor:

Peter Austin is a Senior Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) in Toronto, Canada and an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. His research interests include propensity score methods for causal inference, predictive models for cardiovascular outcomes, statistical methods for provider profiling, and applied Bayesian methods in health services research. He has published actively on propensity score methods and frequently collaborates with investigators in health services research, pharmacoepidemiology, and clinical epidemiology.

Course 4 (Half Day): Post-Marketing Drug Safety Evaluation

Instructor: A. Lawrence Gould, Merck Research Laboratories

Abstract: Surveillance of drug products in the marketplace continues after regulatory approval for a variety of reasons, e.g., to identify rare potential toxicities that are unlikely to have been observed in the clinical trials carried out before approval. Conventional statistically based postmarketing surveillance traditionally has focused on the large number of spontaneous reports of adverse events in spontaneous report databases. There currently is considerable interest and effort being directed towards using large observational databases containing insurance claim information or routinely maintained electronic health records. Determining which drug-event associations, of which there may be many tens of thousands, are real reporting associations and which random noise presents a substantial problem of multiplicity because the resources available for medical and epidemiologic followup are limited. This presentation will address some of the issues associated with using these sources for postmarketing safety surveillance, and will describe and compare methods for identifying potential ‘signals’ from spontaneous reporting databases.

About the Instructor:

A. Lawrence Gould received his PhD degree in Biometry from Case Western Reserve University (1967). He is currently a Senior Director at Merck Research Laboratory. He was elected as Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1988. He has served as Fellows Committee Chair and Publications Officer of the Biopharmaceutical Section. Member of
Biometric Society ENAR, served as Secretary/Treasurer 1982-1986. Served as Editor of Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics 2001-2002. His areas of research interest include use of Bayesian methods to improve effectiveness of the drug development process, adaptive trial design (including group sequential methods), evaluation of safety data from clinical trials, application of data mining and Bayesian methods to pharmacovigilance, use of data mining to identify relationships that can be used to design future trials, meta-analysis, modeling and simulation techniques to reduce cost and unnecessary patient exposure in drug development, and application of decision science methods to drug development strategy.

**Course 5 (Half Day): Principles and Techniques of Multiple testing and Multiple Comparisons**

**Instructor:** Jason C. Hsu, The Ohio State University

**Abstract:** This half-day short course is about fundamental concepts and techniques of multiple testing, in clinical trials and bioinformatics. We will discuss Familywise Error Rate (FWER), generalized Familywise Error Rate (gFWER), and various versions of False Discovery Rate (FDR, Fdr). Issues to consider in error rate control include

- True, average, or worst case scenario (to sup or not to sup)
- Number or proportion of incorrect rejections
- Conditional or unconditional
- Tail probability or expectation

We will describe the multiple test construction techniques of closed testing and partition testing. Familiar methods such as Holm’s and Hochberg’s step-wise tests turn out to be special cases of partition testing. Using clinical trial with Multiple Endpoints as an illustration, we will show Partition Testing requires drastically fewer tests than Gatekeeping, and is more powerful.

The rush to meet the challenge of Bioinformatics seems to have occasionally overlooked fundamental principles of multiple testing. Using testing for association between biomarkers and drug response or adverse events as an example, we will show that common permutation tests do not control multiple testing error rate (unless assumptions are made on the joint distributions of gene expression levels or SNP alleles between phenotypes). We will illustrate the application of fundamental principle and techniques in multiple primary-secondary endpoints efficacy testing and genome-wide association studies (GWAS). The objective of this course is to help the participant decide on an error rate to logically control, and to confidently control it.

**About the instructor:**

Jason Hsu is a professor in the Department of Statistics at the Ohio State University. He works in the area of multiple testing and multiple comparisons. Since 1998, the approach he has emphasized is to connect methodological development with emerging biomedical issues. Besides fundamental concepts and techniques, his current interests include analysis of multiple endpoints data, and pharmacogenomics.
Course 6 (Half Day): Pharmacogenomics Clinical Trials: Genomic Biomarker Associated Design and Analysis Issues

Instructor: Dr. Sue-Jane Wang (suejane.wang@fda.hhs.gov), U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Abstract: In recent years, early phase clinical studies have begun to incorporate mRNA microarrays or whole genome DNA scanning high throughput biotechnologies as a means to explore the potential genomic associations between high dimensional genomic data and clinical outcome. There are high expectations on the use of such biotechnologies to develop and validate genomic composite biomarker with prognostic, diagnostic screening, and predictive potential for drug treatment in complex disease area, such as psychiatric, cardio-renal diseases or life-threatening diseases, such as AIDS and oncology. This half-day short course will provide an overview of many considerations and challenges in incorporating pharmacogenomics in a clinical drug development program ranging from development of a genomic composite biomarker to implementation of personalized medicine. The topics will include statistical concepts in pharmacogenomics exploratory studies and evaluation of confirmatory pharmacogenomics clinical trials. The course outlines include • Development of a genomic composite biomarker

- Multiplicity issues on false discovery
- Establishment and validation of a genomic predictive model
- Genomewide association study
- Clinical utility of genomic biomarker and biomarker qualification
- Diagnostics performance characteristics assessment: companion or co-developed
- Convenience samples and confounding issues
- Evaluation of study designs and analysis methods in confirmatory PG trials
- Probability of imbalance and design issues with biomarker negative patient subset
- Reproducibility issues

The course will include clinical trial examples mimicking new drug application submissions. Literature overview and the instructor’s collaborative research will be introduced. Attendees should have at least a Masters degree in statistics, or equivalent experience, and an understanding of clinical trials.

About the Instructor:

Sue-Jane Wang is Office Associate Director for Pharmacogenomics and Adaptive Design in the Office of Biostatistics under Office of Translational Sciences, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. She has served as an Editor-in-Chief of Pharmaceutical Statistics, and currently is an Associate Editor of Statistics in Medicine and Statistics BioSciences. Based on her collaborative research publications, Dr. Wang had given short courses on adaptive design, pharmacogenomics, multi-regional clinical trials, non-inferiority and bioinformatics, and has served numerous (co)chair, discussant, and keynote roles in addition to invited talks at the professional meetings.
Roundtable Lunch Discussions

We are also excited to announce that we will offer 5 lunch table discussions on each of June 21 and June 22 to discuss some emerging issues in statistics and biostatistics.

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Student Awards and Travel Grants

The 20th Annual ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium will be held on Sunday June 20 through Wednesday 23, 2010, with short courses on June 20th and scientific sessions on June 21-23, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. The Symposium will sponsor the Student Awards and Travel Grants in order to encourage student members of the ICSA to participate in and present their research work at this annual conference.

Qualifications:

The student must be an ICSA member (or applying for ICSA membership) at the time of manuscript submission, a degree candidate in any term during the academic year 2009-2010 at an accredited institution and be able to register and present the research work at the 2010 symposium.

Manuscript Requirements:

Manuscripts should be prepared double spaced using Biometrics or JASA guidelines for authors. They must be no more than 20 pages in length exclusive of tables and figures using one-inch margins and at least 12 point type. The research work must be relevant to an application in a variety of fields including biomedicine, finance, business, etc. The manuscript may be co-authored with a faculty advisor and/or a small number of collaborators, although the student must be the first author.

Submission of Manuscripts:

The student can submit required documents through [1] electronic or [2] regular mail. The submission documents (manuscripts) should be received or postmarked no later than March 15, 2010. The submission should include:

- A cover letter;
- One complete title page with author(s), institutional affiliation, mailing address, phone/fax numbers and email address;
- The manuscript with only a title and no information on authors or affiliation on the first page (five copies of the manuscripts are required if you use regular mail);
• A single-page abstract (two copies of the abstract are required if you use regular mail); and
• A copy of an ICSA membership application form for non-members (which will go through a normal student membership application process). Membership application/renewal forms can be downloaded from http://www.icsa.org.

Review and selection process:

The members of the Student Award Committee and the J.P. Hsu Memorial Scholarship Committee will receive blinded copies of the submitted manuscripts from the Committee Chairs and review them based on the following criteria:

• The manuscript should be well-motivated by an application to a specific field(s);
• The methodology developed should be applicable to the motivating problem. Inclusion of an application of the proposed methodology to a particular study will be favorably considered;
• Organization and clarity of the presentation will be considered as well.

Up to 4 award winners will be selected by the Awards Committees.

Each winner will receive a winning certificate, $400, and tuition for one short course of his/her choice at the symposium. Winners will be notified by April 30, 2010.

[1] Send electronic mails to chappell@stat.wisc.edu

[2] Send regular mail to:

Professor Rick Chappell
Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
600 Highland Avenue, Box 4675
Madison, WI  53792  USA
Registration Fees

The early registration deadline is May 1, 2009. The registration fees (US$) are described below:

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International Chinese Statistical Association Banquet at JSM 2010

The venue of the ICSA banquet has been chosen as Shiang Garden (叙香园，摘星楼) located as Empire Centre (帝国中心), Unit 2200 – 4540 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC. Telephone number 604 273 8858. The Banquet date is August 4, 2010, Wednesday, 7:30pm. We will occupy a special hall of the restaurant that has Karaoke equipment, one piano and a stage for dancing. It has a capacity of 150 guests.

There is a convenient and direct skytrain connection (Canada Line) between the conference location and the restaurant. The train operates from 5:00am until 12:50am (over midnight). There will be a train for every 12 minutes in the evening and it took about 25-minute ride between the two stations. More detailed instructions will be given when you purchase the banquet ticket. We will provide tickets if needed. The restaurant is within 5 minutes walking distance from the nearest station. Richmond, as part of Greater Vancouver, is a very safe and pleasant city to visit. You are likely overwhelmed by the abundant commercial signs written in Chinese and get confused whether you have traveled to Hong Kong or some other westernized Chinese cities. Feel free to get there ahead of the banquet (7:30pm) to walk around or stay longer after the banquet. In August, the sky will be bright until 10:00pm. You are certainly welcome to sample completely authentic Chinese food (粵菜, 上海菜, 四川菜, 湘菜, 客家菜, 等等) in other days at hundreds of Chinese restaurants and many are conveniently located near skytrain stations.

The menu of our banquet has been tentatively created as follows:

叙香冷热四拼；海龙皇南瓜羹；
避风港双蟹；翡翠带子虾仁；银杏瑶柱浸菜苗；法式香槟骨；
清蒸海上鲜；贵妃走地鸡；飘香荷叶饭；
精美甜品.

The price of each banquet ticket is $40.00 per person both in US dollars and Canadian dollars. The difference is likely minimum then. Discount might be given to students and children and the decision is at the hand of the executive committee of ICSA.

For more information, please contact Jiahua Chen (Jiahua Chen jhchen@stat.ubc.ca)

Submitted by
Jiahua Chen, the University of British Columbia (chair, annual meeting committee)
The Eighth ICSA International Conference: Frontiers of Interdisciplinary and Methodological Statistical Research

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 jointly organized by the College of Mathematics and Information Science, Guangzhou University.

The scientific program of the conference showcases frontier statistical research, both interdisciplinary and methodological. Six plenary presentations will be delivered by world-renown scholars from different parts of the world. They are Professor Peter Guttorp of University of Washington (US), Professor Agnes Chao Hsiung of National Health Research Institutes (Taiwan), Professor Hans Kunsch of ETH in Zurich (Switzerland), Professor Shige Peng of Shandong University (China), Professor Qihua Wang of Chinese Academy of Sciences (China), and Professor Mike West of Duke University (US). More than forty five invited paper sessions will cover wide ranging areas of research including finance, bioinformatics/genomics, information technology, machine learning and high dimensional inference, Bayesian statistics, spatial statistics, survival analysis, clinical trials, and many more. More information and call for contributed papers can be found at

http://www.icsa2.org/Intl_2010/

Submitted by
Bin Yu, University of California at Berkeley (co-chair, scientific program committee)
Zhi-Ming Ma, Chinese Academy of Sciences (co-chair, scientific program committee)
Ming-Hui Chen, University of Connecticut (coordinator, scientific program committee)
ICSA 2011 Applied Statistics Symposium

The 20th annual ICSA Applied Statistical Symposium will be held from June 26 to 29, 2011 in Westin New York at Times Square in New York, New York, USA. The conference will include short courses, keynote lectures, technical presentations, poster presentations, paper contest, and social events. The Executive Committee consists Zhezhen Jin (Chair, zj7@columbia.edu, Columbia University), Gang Li (gli@its.jnj.com, Johnson & Johnson), Mark Chunming Li Chunming.m.li@pfizer.com, Pfizer), Mengling Liu (Mengling.Liu@nyumc.org, New York University), Hui Quan (hui.quan@sanofi-aventis.com, Sanofi-Aventis), Ying Wei (ying.wei@columbia.edu, Columbia University), Wei Zhang (wei.zhang@boehringer-ingelheim.com, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), and Tian Zheng (tzheng@stat.columbia.edu, Columbia University). We are working to make this conference a special event for everyone to enjoy and a special tribute to the 20th anniversary of ICSA Applied Statistical Symposium. The details about the conference will be provided at ICSA website soon. If you have any question or suggestion about the conference, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you in June 2011 at New York.

Submitted by
Zhezhen Jin, Columbia University (Chair, executive committee)

The second IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings

The second IMS Asia Pacific Rim Meetings will take place in OMIYA Sonic City conference hall (http://www.sonic-city.or.jp/modules/english/), Tokyo, Japan during the period July 3 (Sunday) - July 6 (Wednesday), 2011. This meeting series provides an excellent forum for scientific communications and collaborations for the researchers in Asia and Pacific Rim. It also promotes 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, you may contact the program chairs: Byeong U. Park (bupark@stats.snu.ac.kr) and Runze Li (rli@stat.psu.edu). The website of this conference is under construction.

Submitted by
Runze Li, Pennsylvania state University (co-chair, scientific program committee)
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### Expense

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- OICSA Staffs’ Travel to JSM                      $1,930.32
- JSM (Minghui)                                    $2,036.74
- Banquet at JSM                                   $1,981.29
- Dr. Warren Muller                                $220.00
- Accounting (Tax return)                          $450.00
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**Total Miscellaneous**                              **$6,804.67**

#### Postage and Delivery

- Formost (postage)                                $4,597.88
- Statistica Sinica                                $669.00
- General Mailing (eg, between ICSA officers)      $122.47

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- January & July Bulletin                           $7,405.85
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International Chinese Statistical Association

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Submission Guidelines for ICSA Bulletin

Articles

The International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) Bulletin welcomes the submission of articles by our members. Articles submitted should be written in English. The contents should be aimed at the general reading.

Articles should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word documents. Files with Times New Roman font size of 12 points are preferred. Leave ¾ inches of blank space on each margin in regular or letter size pages (8.5 inches in width by 11 inches in height). If photo pictures are included in the articles, the corresponding JPEG files (with extension JPG or JPEG) must be attached.

Submission deadlines are December 30 for the January issue, and June 15 for the July issue. Articles received after the deadline will be published in the following issue of Bulletin.

Reports or Announcements

The submission guidelines of reports or announcements are the same as the articles. Editable files in Microsoft Word are preferred. If needed, EXCEL may be used. If PDF files are sent, be sure that the margins or fonts are met as required in the Articles.

Advertisements

The ICSA Bulletin welcomes the submission of advertisements related to the profession of Statistics. The fee charge is $225 for a half page, $325 for a full page, $350 for a color page (in front-inside, bottom-inside, or bottom-outside pages). If it is a color page, the corresponding PDF file for printing use must be sent. If you have questions or advertisement opportunities, please contact the Advertising Manager or Editor-in Chief.

Questions

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