Announcement

1. 2017 ICSA Election Results

We thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve ICSA and participating in our 2017 Election. The voting was conducted online and election results were announced at the Members meeting during JSM in Chicago earlier this month. Congratulations to the following members for being elected as new ICSA officers for 2017:

2017 President-elect: Liu, Aiyi, NIH.
2017 Biometrics section Chair: Qu, Annie, University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
2017 Board of directors (the following 5 were elected for 2017- 2020):

Chen, Jie, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation
Hu, Jianhua, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Huang, Bo, Pfizer Inc.
Huang, Chiung-Yu, Johns Hopkins University
Wang, Sijian, University of Wisconsin, Madison

2. 2016 American Statistical Association (ASA) Fellows

Congratulations to the following thirteen ICSA members who were elected as ASA Fellows:

Chen, Cong, Merck & Co., Inc.
Chen, Din-Geng, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Chen, Joshua, Merck Research Labs
Chu, Haitao, University of Minnesota
Gentleman, Robert, Genentech
Haziza, David, Université de Montréal
Huang, Hsin-Cheng, Academia Sinica
Long, Qi, Emory University
Ng, Hon Keung Tony, Southern Methodist University
Peng, Limin, Emory University
Wang, Yuanjia, Columbia University
Xue, Xiaonan, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Zhang, Chunming, University of Wisconsin-Madison

3. 2016 Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) Fellows

Congratulations to the following two ICSA members who were elected as IMS Fellows:

Qu, Annie, University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign
Zhang, Hao (Helen), University of Arizona
4. 2017 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium

You are cordially invited to the 2017 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium in Chicago!

The ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium will be held from **Sunday, June 25 to Wednesday, June 28, 2017** at the Hilton Chicago Downtown in Chicago, Illinois. Please send any inquiry to Dr. Lanju Zhang (Lanju.zhang@abbvie.com).

The city of Chicago enjoys a beautiful Spring, Summer, and Fall throughout the year, and is easily accessible from most cities across North America. Downtown Chicago provides a great variety of dining, accommodation and shopping, etc. In addition, it offers world-class attractions, including the Art Institute of Chicago, Willis Tower - Skydeck Chicago, the Museum Campus featuring Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and Adler Planetarium; and the Millennium Park, all within walking distance from the Hilton Chicago. Details are forthcoming on the symposium website. [http://bioinfo.stats.northwestern.edu/~icsa/](http://bioinfo.stats.northwestern.edu/~icsa/)

**Call for Invited Session Proposals**

We welcome your invited session proposals. The invited sessions will be processed through program committee. If you plan to organize an invited session, please communicate with one of the program committee members. An invited session will be 100 minutes with 4 speakers or 3 speakers and one discussant. A proposal includes 1) session title, 2) organizer, 3) session chair, 4) list of speakers and discussant. It is required to confirm all speakers' availability before submitting a proposal. There is a one-talk rule for speakers, but one can serve as a discussant in another invited session while speaking in an invited or contributed session. The deadline for the invited session proposal is **November 15, 2016**.

**Call for Student Paper Award Applications**

Up to eight student award winners (five Student Travel Awards, one Jiann-Ping Hsu Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Student Paper, and possible two ASA Biopharmaceutical Awards) will be selected. Each winner will receive a plaque or certificate, an award for travel and registration reimbursement up to $1,000 or a cash award of $550, whichever is bigger, as well as free registration for a short course. The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2017**.

**Call for Short Course Proposals**

Anyone who is interested in giving a one-day or half-day short course at 2017 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium is welcome to submit a short-course proposal to Dr. Jun Zhao (zhao.jun@abbvie.com). The submission deadline is **December 31, 2016**.

**Executive Committee for the 2017 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium:**

Lanju Zhang, Chair of Organizing Committee, AbbVie Inc.
Xuming He, Program Committee Chair, University of Michigan
Yuan Ji, Program Book Chair, University of Chicago
Hongmei Jiang, Local Committee Chair, Northwestern University
5. Call for the 2017 JSM invited session proposals

The planning work for JSM 2017 has been under way. JSM 2017 will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from July 29 - August 3, 2017. The program chair is Regina Liu (Rutgers) and the ICSA program chair for JSM 2017 is Yi Li (Michigan). As in the past, the JSM will feature invited, topic– contributed, and contributed sessions; introductory overview lectures; late-breaking sessions; poster presentations; roundtable discussions; and professional development courses and workshops.

As one of the major statistical societies, ICSA has been allocated 2 invited sessions and 2 topic contributed sessions by the JSM program committee. All ICSA members are encouraged to participate in JSM 2017 and compete for the invited and topic contributed sessions (including those allocated to ICSA). The online submission system for the invited sessions is now open. Please send your invited session proposals to https://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/submissions.cfm#invitedsessions by September 6, 2016, and do adhere to the format posted on the web. If you wish to compete for the slots allocated to ICSA, please mark ICSA as the sponsor in the drop down menu.

The newly launched website https://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/index.cfm provides all the essential information regarding JSM 2017. But please do feel free to email yili@umich.edu should you have any additional questions or suggestions.

6. Call for manuscript submissions for the ICSA 2016 symposium book

Thank you very much for participating in the 25th ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium and sharing with us your cutting-edge research. We hope you enjoyed the successful symposium held in the beautiful city of Atlanta. Professors Jiahua Chen and Din Chen, who are the co-editors of the ICSA Springer book series, would like to showcase the scientific output for our statistics symposium by making a book, which reflects new challenges and advances in the contemporary data era. We welcome submissions from all areas of statistics, data science and interdisciplinary areas. Submitted papers are expected to present new methods in statistics and data science, new theories, and case applications, etc.

Below are our plans:

1. You are encouraged to submit your research that you presented in the 2016 ICSA Symposium or another paper that is related to the one presented.
2. To include high quality papers to the book, all submissions will be subject to peer review. Each submission will also be independently reviewed by the co-editors. The final accepted papers will be those selected by the co-editors.

3. To make the process moves very smoothly,
   
a. If you agree to submit a paper, we need you to indicate your intent of submission by **Sept. 15, 2016**, with a tentative title of the paper (you can change the title later), your name (first, middle and last), and your affiliation. Please email this information to Yichuan Zhao at [vichuan@gsu.edu](mailto:vichuan@gsu.edu).
   
b. A manuscript is sent to Yichuan Zhao by **Dec. 30, 2016**. The decision will be reached by **April 30, 2017**.
   
c. The book is expected to appear on **August 30, 2017**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Co-Editors of the book: Din Chen; Zhezhen Jin; Gang Li; Yi Li; Aiyi Liu; Yichuan Zhao

7. **Statistica Sinica: call for manuscript submission for the special issue in the Memory of Professor Peter Hall**

On January 9, 2016, we were all saddened by the passing of Professor Peter Hall, one of the most influential and prolific statisticians of modern time and co-Editor of Statistica Sinica from 2008 to 2011. To commemorate Peter's outstanding contributions to statistics and beyond, Statistica Sinica plans to publish a special issue in his honor. We welcome the submissions to highlight Peter's significant contributions in all areas of statistics, including density estimation, regression and classification, extreme value theory, deconvolution and measurement errors, nonparametric inference for mixture distributions, functional data analysis, empirical likelihood and the bootstrap. To submit a paper, please follow the on-line submission procedure at [https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/statisticasinica](https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/statisticasinica). Please indicate in your cover letter/message: "For the special issue honoring Prof. Peter Hall". The deadline for the submissions: **31 January 2017**. All submissions will go through the rigorous review procedure of Statistica Sinica. Guest Editors for this special issue are Ray Carroll, Texas A&M University and Qiwei Yao, London School of Economics. If you have any questions, please contact our editorial office at [ss.office@stat.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:ss.office@stat.sinica.edu.tw).

Co-editors: Hsin-Cheng Huang, Ruey S. Tsay, Zhiliang Ying

8. **ICSAS Springer book series in statistics**

The co-editors of ICSA Springer book series in statistics, Drs. Jiahua Chen and Din Chen, have reported that there are 9 books in the series now. If you plan to write books in the series, please contact Dr. Jiahua Chen ([jhchen@stat.ubc.ca](mailto:jhchen@stat.ubc.ca)) or Dr. Din Chen ([Din_Chen@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Din_Chen@urmc.rochester.edu)). Two books in the ICSA Springer book series were published recently: 1) "Innovative Statistical Methods for Public Health Data" was published (edited by Chen, D., Wilson, J.); 2) “Modeling Binary Correlated Responses using SAS, SPSS and R” (co-authored by Wilson, J., Lorenz K).
Thanks to all authors who contributed to this book.

**Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Journals**

**Statistic Sinica**
Forthcoming papers’ information is available at [http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/](http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/). ICSA members have access to these articles via the “membership only area” at [http://www.icsa.org](http://www.icsa.org). If you have any problems for subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

**Statistics in Biosciences**
Recent accepted articles can be found at the journal website [http://link.springer.com/journal/12561/onlineFirst/page/1](http://link.springer.com/journal/12561/onlineFirst/page/1).

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below [http://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/](http://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/)

**Statistics and Its Interface**
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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.

**Upcoming ICSA Meetings**
Please find below a list of upcoming ICSA meetings. This list also appeared on the ICSA website. Meetings not included in our list are not authentic ICSA meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Zhezhen Jin, the ICSA Executive Director (zj7@cumc.columbia.edu).

The 10th ICSA International Conference on Global Growth of Modern Statistics in the 21st Century
December 19–December 22, 2016, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai

2017 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium
Contact: Dr. Lanju Zhang (Lanju.zhang@abbvie.com)
http://bioinfo.stats.northwestern.edu/~icsa/

2017 ICSA Conference on Data Science: with focus on lifetime data
July 2-July 5, 2017, Jilin, Jilin Province
Contact: Dr. Tony Sun (sunj@missouri.edu)

Upcoming Co-Sponsored Meetings
Please find below a list of upcoming ICSA co-sponsored meetings. This list also appeared on the ICSA website. Meetings not included in our list are not authentic co-sponsored meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Zhezhen Jin, the ICSA Executive Director (zj7@cumc.columbia.edu).

The RSS (Royal Statistical Society) 2016 International Conference
September 5-8, 2016, Manchester, UK
The meeting will be held at University of Manchester. The information can be found at http://www.statslife.org.uk/events/events-calendar/eventdetail/480/-/rss-2016-international-conference

September 14-16, 2016, Durham, NC
Millennium Hotel Durham near Duke University campus
https://sites.duke.edu/diss2016
Contact: Professor Xiaofei Wang, xiaofei.wang@duke.edu

The 2nd International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications (ICOSDA 2016)
October 14-16, 2016, Crowne Plaza, Niagara Falls, Canada.
http://people.cst.cmich.edu/lee1c/icosda2016/index.htm

The 23RD Annual Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS)
October 24-28, 2016, Radisson Hotel, 3 Research Blvd, Rockville, MD
http://www.bassconference.org

2016 CSAT Annual Meeting and 2016 NCCU Joint Statistical Meetings (In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Department of Statistics)
December 9-10, 2016, National Chengchi University, Taipei
http://conference.nccu.edu.tw/actnews/?Sn=136

2nd Pacific Rim Statistics Conference for Production Engineering
December 15-16, 2016, Seoul, Korea

The 1st Eastern Asia meeting on Bayesian Statistics
December 18, 2016 at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), Shanghai
Contact: Dong Han, donghan@sjtu.edu.cn

2017 Lifetime Data Analysis Conference
May 25-27, 2017 at University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Contact: Program Chair Professor Mei-Cheng Wang, mcwang@jhu.edu
http://merlot.stat.uconn.edu/lida/

Job Listings

1. Job Vacancy at National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

The Department of Applied Mathematics at National Sun Yat-sen University invites applications to fill a full-time faculty position (subject to the approval by the University) beginning February 1, 2017. Recent PhDs with exceptional potential at the rank of assistant professor or internationally well-established senior candidates at the rank of associate or full professor or adjunct assistant professor will be considered. A successful candidate must have a doctorate in mathematics or statistics, and should have strong research record and excellence in teaching. All areas of mathematics, applied mathematics, scientific computing, probability and statistics and data science will be considered. Interested applicants should send, by September 15, 2016, a cover letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts, research summary, reprints to

Faculty Search committee
Department of Applied Mathematics, National Sun Yat-sen University
Kaohsiung 804, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Email: committee@math.nsysu.edu.tw
Tel : +886-7- 5252000 ext. 3800, 3834; Fax: +886-7- 5253809
Website: http://www.math.nsysu.edu.tw
Applicants should arrange three letters of recommendation sent directly to the above address. The instruction language is Mandarin and the ability of teaching in Mandarin is therefore required.

2. Faculty Position, School of Public Health, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou

The Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, School of Public Health, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China invites applications for a full-time faculty position (subject to the approval by the University) beginning August 14, 2016. The candidate could be a recent PhDs with outstanding potential. Those currently at the rank of assistant professor or a senior candidate at the rank of associate or full professor will be preferable. The candidate must have a doctorate in statistics, biostatistics, mathematics or bioinformatics, and should have strong research record and competence in teaching. All areas of statistics, applied mathematics, bioinformatics will be welcome. The instruction language is either Mandarin or English, and the teaching ability in both of Mandarin and English are required. According to your personal plan, you may choose one well matched position in our school: 1. Staff, 2. Research Fellow, 3. Postdoctoral Researcher.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter of application, three letters of recommendation, curriculum vitae, research summary, and reprints to Ms. Zhong, Secretary of Personnel Affairs, School of Public Health:

Ms. Hua Zhong
Office of Personnel Affairs, School of Public Health, Sun Yat-sen University
74 Zhongshan 2nd Road, Guangzhou, 510080 P.R. China

Email: zhongh37@mail.sysu.edu.cn
Tel : +86-20-87330672; Fax: +86-20-87335498
Website: http://gwxy.sysu.edu.cn/

3. Senior Biostatistician-Boehringer Ingelheim, Shanghai

Company name:

Boehringer Ingelheim, Asia/META, Located in Shanghai.

http://www.boehringer-ingelheim.com/

Company Information:

Boehringer Ingelheim is a different kind of pharmaceutical company, a privately held company with the ability to have an innovative and long term view. Our focus is on scientific discoveries that improve patients' lives and we equate success as a pharmaceutical company with the steady introduction of truly innovative medicines. Boehringer Ingelheim is the largest privately held pharmaceutical corporation in the world and ranks among the world's 20 leading pharmaceutical corporations. At Boehringer Ingelheim, we are committed to delivering value through innovation.
Employees are challenged to take initiative and achieve outstanding results. Ultimately, our culture and drive allows us to maintain one of the highest levels of excellence in our industry. Boehringer Ingelheim is an equal opportunity employer.

Boehringer Ingelheim is firmly committed to ensuring a safe, healthy, productive and efficient work environment for our employees, partners and customers.

Duties and Responsibilities:

• Perform duties of a Trial Statistician (TSTAT) to support multiple clinical trials within national or international development projects

• Collaborate with other scientists of Clinical Development, Medical Affairs and translational Medicine in planning complex clinical trials conforming to company and regulatory agency guidelines.

• Act as an associate PSTAT on complex, major drug projects or by taking over other PSTAT-tasks under supervision. Support PSTATs of high profile international projects in their responsibilities, especially in the planning and preparation of regulatory submissions and in the cross-trial planning and harmonization.

• Supervise contract research organizations (CROs) for all TSTAT tasks with emphasis on analysis related processes.

• Promote efficient, innovative and robust drug development processes, with emphasis on the analysis and reporting of clinical data;

Position Qualifications:

• Master of Science in statistics, biostatistics, or biometry with at least three years or Ph.D. in statistics, biostatistics, or biometry with 0-3 years’ experiences

• Ability to design, conduct and analyze a complex trial.

• Ability to interact with authorities on statistical issues at the trial level.

• Ability to work with project team.

• Ability to apply statistical methodology appropriate to drug development.

• Ability to communicate basic statistical information to non-statisticians.

• Good oral and written communication skills.

• Demonstrated ability to conduct and analyze a routine trial.

• Evidence of strong trial teamwork.

Application Instructions: CV in English

Application Deadline: August 31st 2016
4. Principal Biostatistician-Boehringer Ingelheim, Shanghai

Duties and Responsibilities:

• Act as the responsible statistician for international development projects. Participate in project teams in the role of a Project Statistician (PSTAT) to collaborate with the Clinical Program Lead in developing the clinical development plan, prepare the project statistical analysis plan, and participate in the writing of the integrated summary documents for worldwide submissions and of publications thereof.

• Take on the key statistical responsibility in the planning and preparation of regulatory submissions as required. Lead and mentor other statisticians within a project.

• Act as PSTAT-Medical Affairs (PSTAT-MA) for key marketed products. Support other project team members from Medical Affairs, Pharmacovigilance and MAPOR.

• Act as TSTAT for critical, complex clinical trials such as mega-trials.

• Mentor other statisticians and provide consultancy and expert advice in case of critical or complex statistical-methodological issues and promote innovative statistical methods at BI.

Position Qualifications:

• M.S. in statistics, biostatistics, or biometry with 8+ years or Ph.D. in statistics, biostatistics, or biometry with 4+ years of initial experience as statistician

• Ability to interact with authorities and external bodies (specialists and non-specialists) on statistical-methodological issues for pivotal trials or complex projects.

• Ability to successfully plan and conduct a submission project.

• Ability to challenge methodological issues.

• Ability to supervise scientific/technical work.

• Excellent interpersonal skills, ability to interact effectively with people, internally and externally

• Excellent oral and written communication and presentation skills.

• Evidence of strong trial teamwork.

Application Instructions: CV in English

Application Deadline: August 31st 2016

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