ICSＡ Member News July 2018

A. Announcements

1. 2019 ICSA Election Results
The results of the 2019 ICSA elections are in! Congratulations to the following members for being elected as new ICSA officers for 2019:

2019 President-elect: Jianguo (Tony) Sun, Ph.D. University of Missouri
2019 Biometrics section Chair: Mengling Liu, Ph.D. New York University
2019 Board of directors (2019-2021):
Yinglei Lai, Ph.D. The George Washington University
Lei Shen, Ph.D. Eli Lilly and Company
Yifei, Sun, Ph.D. Columbia University
Xin Tian, Ph.D. NIH
Kelly Zou, Ph.D. Pfizer

The voting was conducted online and election results were announced at the general member meeting during JSM in Vancouver earlier this month (August, 2018). We thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve ICSA and participating in our 2019 Election. A special thanks to all ICSA members who took the time to cast their ballot in this year’s election. Your robust participation makes for a strong and dynamic ICSA.

2. 2018 ICSA Awards Recipients
In each year’s JSM, ICSA will announce, at the general member meeting, the recipients of ICSA Awards to thank awardees for their dedicated effort, unselfish support and outstanding service to ICSA (the Outstanding Service Award), to appreciate their generosity, dedication and devoted effort for ICSA (the President’s Citation Award), to recognize their distinguished achievement in statistical research and unselfish support of the association (the Distinguished Achievement Award), and to an individual under the age of 50, who makes influential and fundamental contributions to any field of statistics and probability, and exemplifies Hsu’s deep involvement in developing statistics and probability research with significant impact on education (Pao-Lu Hsu Award) This year’s ICSA Awards recipients are:

**Outstanding Service Award**
Mei-Ling Ting Lee, Ph.D. University of Maryland
Niansheng Tang, Ph.D. Yunnan University
Zhiliang Ying, Ph.D. Columbia University

**President’s Citation Award**
Dong Han, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Dejun Tang, Ph.D. Novartis
Lanju Zhang, Ph.D. AbbVie

**Distinguished Achievement Award**
Jane-Ling Wang, Ph.D. University of California, Davis

**Pao-Lu Hsu Award**
3. Updates on ICSA Activities at JSM 2018 in Vancouver, Canada

3.1. Acknowledgment

We would like to thank ICSA JSM 2018 local committee for their excellent services to ICSA members during the JSM 2018 in Vancouver, Canada. Special thanks to the committee chairs (Dr. Jiahua Chen and Dr. Lang Wu) and student volunteers (Qiong Zhang, Haixu(Alex) Wang, Ailan Shi, Archer Zhang, Yanchao Luo, Xixi Hu, Trevor Thomson, Chi-Kuang Yeh, Wayne Wang, Yi Xiong, Yunlong Nie, Boyi Hu, Peijun Sang, Yuping Yang, Tianyu Guan, Julian Ho, Xinyao Fan, Xinze Dong, Suxian Fan, Xinmiao Wang, Chi-Kuang Lin, Xin Xu, Yuan Xia) for helping to setup ICSA booth, answer questions, collect opinions, organize the cruise dinner, provide a list of Chinese restaurants near the Vancouver Convention Center, etc.. We also would like to thank ICSA board members who helped set up the ICSA booth at JSM 2018. We would like to thank ICSA members who shared with us their comments and suggestions, such as contacting Drug Information Association China so that more ICSA members who work in industries could attend ICSA conferences held in China.

3.2. Asian Initiative: Interview Skills Workshop

The workshop was held in the morning of July 30, 2018. Representatives from International Indian Statistical Association, International Chinese Statistical Association, Korean International Statistical Society, and ASA shared their thoughts in how to sharpening interviewing and resume writing skills to prepare for a career as a statistician. Dr. Gang Li (ICSA Executive Director) gave a great presentation, representing Dr. Aiyi Liu (ICSA President). Dr. Heping Zhang (ICSA President-elect) attended the Workshop. Audiences learned the following pieces of advice from the Workshop: "how you show up" matters; learn about the company, the unit, and the people who will interview you; come with questions; show what you can bring; okay to say you don't know; be clear about what you are seeking; ask about career path; and request feedback if possible; practice to make sure control of time, speak slowly and clearly with each word.

4. 2019 ICSA Conference on Data Science

The 2019 ICSA Conference on Data Science will take place, January 11-13, 2019, in Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, China. The conference is co-organized by ICSA, Yunan Applied Statistical Association, and Shanghai Jiaotong University.

5. 2019 ICSA China Conference

The 2019 ICSA China Conference will take place, July 1-July 4, 2019, in Tianjin, China. The Conference will be organized jointly by the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), Nankai University and Shanghai Jiaotong University. It will be held on the campus of Nankai University.

The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for the exchange of recent research and developments in modern statistical methods, to create collaboration opportunities and to identify new directions for further research.

All sessions in the conference will be invited sessions. The Invited sessions will be organized through program committee members. We sincerely welcome ICSA members to propose invited sessions. Please contact one of the program committee members if you plan to organize an invited session. An invited session will be 90 minutes and include 4 speakers or 3 speakers and 1 discussant.

6. 2018 ICSA Midwest & NIC-ASA Joint Fall Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend 2018 ICSA Midwest & NIC-ASA Joint Fall Meeting, a great event for networking and updating quantitative skills, which will be held from October 11, 2018 to October 12, 2018 at Delta by Marriott Chicago Northshore, Glenview, IL.
For more information about the conference, please visit http://midwest-icsa.org/.

7. Statistics Association Presidents Establish the Elizabeth L. Scott and F.N. David Lectureships
On April 26, 2018, the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Sciences (COPSS) announced the establishment of two lectureships named after women: The Elizabeth L. Scott Lecture, and the F.N. David Lecture. The lectures will be given in alternate years at the annual Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) beginning in 2019. For more information, please click here.

8. ICSA 2020 Applied Statistics Symposium
ICSA 2020 Applied Statistics Symposium will be held on May 17-20, 2020 at The Westin Galleria Houston, Houston, TX.
Dr. Hulin Wu at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (hulin.wu@uth.tmc.edu) chairs the Organization Committee.

9. The 11th ICSA International Conference
The 11th ICSA International Conference will be held at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, from December 20, 2019 to December 22, 2019.

Organizing committee Chair: Hongzhe Li (hongzhe@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

10. ICSA 2019 Applied Statistics Symposium
ICSA 2019 Applied Statistics Symposium will be held on June 9-12, 2019 at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC.

11. ICSA 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 10 books in the series now. If you plan to write books in the series, please contact Dr. Jiahua Chen (jchen@stat.ubc.ca) or Dr. Din Chen (dinchchen@email.unc.edu). Five books in the ICSA Springer book series were published in 2017:

1) "Monte-Carlo Simulation-Based Statistical Modeling" (edited by Chen, Ding-Geng, Chen, John Dean);
2) "Phase II Clinical Development of New Drugs" (edited by Ting, N., Chen, D.-G., Ho, S., Cappelleri, J.C.).
3) "Biased Sampling, Over-identified Parameter Problems and Beyond" (edited by Qin, Jing)
4) "Statistical Modeling for Degradation Data" (edited by Chen, D.-G., Lio, Y., Ng, H.K.T., Tsai, T.-R.)
5) "New Advances in Statistics and Data Science" (edited by Chen, D.-G., Jin, Z., Li, G., Li, Y., Liu, A., Zhao, Y.)

Thanks to all authors who contributed to these books.

The following 6 books were published in 2018:

6) New Frontiers of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics (edited by Zhao, Y., Chen, D.-G.)

B. Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Journals

1. Statistica Sinica
   Forthcoming papers' information is available at http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/. The new issue (Volume 28, Number 3, July 2018) is published.
   ICSA members have access to these articles via the "membership only area" at http://www.icsa.org. If you have any problems with subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

2. Statistics in Biosciences
   The published new issue is Volume 9 Number 2, in December 2017
   https://link.springer.com/journal/12561/9/2/page/1
   Recently accepted articles can be found at the journal website
   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/

3. Statistics and Its Interface
   Statistics and Its Interface is an international statistical journal promoting the interface between statistics and other disciplines including, but not limited to, biomedical science, geosciences, computer sciences, engineering, and social and behavioral sciences. The journal publishes high-quality articles in broad areas of statistical science, emphasizing substantive problems, sound statistical models and methods, clear and efficient computational algorithms, and insightful discussions of the motivating problems. Visit SII's web page at http://intlpress.com/site/pub/pages/journals/items/sii/_home/_main/ for more information. Most recent issue is available at http://intlpress.com/site/pub/pages/journals/items/sii/content/_home/index.html.
   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.

C. Upcoming ICSA Meetings
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D. Upcoming Co-Sponsored Meetings
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1. Advances in Finite Mixture and Other Non-regular Models
The conference “Advances in Finite Mixture and Other Non-regular Models” will be held from August 12, 2018 to August 16, 2018 at Guangxi Normal University, Guilin, Guangxi, China.

For more information, please visit the website http://www.math.gxnu.edu.cn/conf2018/.

2. The 3rd International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications
The 3rd International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications will be held from October 10, 2019 to October 12, 2019 at Eberhard Conference Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.

For more information about the conference, please visit http://people.cst.cmich.edu/lee1c/icosda2019.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Deming Conference on Applied Statistics will be held from Dec. 3, 2018 to Dec. 7, 2018 at Tropicana Casino and Resort, Havana Tower, Atlantic City, NJ.

Program Committee: Walter Young, Alfred Balch, Satish Laroia, Manoj Patel, Wenjin Wang, Din Chen, Ivan Chan, Kalyan Ghosh, Naitee Ting, Xiaoming Li, Joseph Borden, Nandita Biswas
4. The 3rd Pacific Rim Statistics Conference for Production Engineering

The Pacific Rim area is one of the key manufacturing sites in the world and application of statistical thinking and methods for production engineering has never been more important than with Big Data. Following the success of the first two conferences held at Shanghai Center for Mathematical Sciences in 2014 and Seoul National University in 2016, the 3rd Pacific Rim Statistical Conference for Production Engineering (SCPE 2018) will be held at National Tsing Hua University in Hsinchu, Taiwan. The SCPE 2018 highlights the most recent developments and application of statistical thinking and methods for production engineering, in particular smart factory and AI. It features renowned speakers in statistics and engineering from academia and industry, showcasing their work in smart factory and production engineering. The 3-day conference will be composed of two plenary lectures, six scientific sessions, two panel discussions and two half-day short courses. For detailed information, please visit the conference website http://scpe2018.web.nthu.edu.tw/bin/home.php.

5. BASS (Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium) XXV

BASS provides 2.5 days of 1-hour tutorials (including Q&A) on topics in applied biopharmaceutical statistics, with a contributed poster session, followed by short courses, generally 2 course of 2 days length on topics in applied statistics. This format allows speakers to develop a subject in some depth. The moderate size of the symposium (50-70 attendees) and informal structure allows for the attendees to interact effectively with the speakers. BASS attendees are provided a flash drive with all of the presentations.

For more information, please visit www.bassconference.org.

6. Online Training Program

Online training serves as a viable alternative to traditional continuing education options, e.g., to short courses offered at biostatistical conferences. Over the past year, the ASA Biopharmaceutical Section has been working on creating an online training program aimed at clinical trial statisticians and set up a pilot program which includes half-day and full-day courses on key topics in biopharmaceutical statistics:

- Analysis of Longitudinal and Incomplete Data
- Multiplicity Issues in Clinical Trials
- Analysis of Surrogate Endpoints in Clinical Trials

The section has received much positive feedback from industry and academic statisticians. Clinical trial statisticians who took advantage of the online training program emphasized that this program is convenient, inexpensive and quite flexible.

A similar online training program has been set up for ICSA members. As a member of the ICSA, you will receive a 50% discount when you sign up for any course included in the program. The online training courses are based on professionally recorded videos using a format similar to that used in YouTube videos. The videos can be accessed 24/7 on a computer or even on a smart phone. The cost of online training is quite low compared to traditional training, and it can be further reduced by using a group-training format. Up to 25 people can view an online training course with a single registration, which lowers the cost of online training to about $20-25 per person for full-day courses and $10-15 per person for half-day courses.

For more information about the online training program and to sign up for the individual online courses, please visit this web page:

http://sprmm.com/icsa/
E. JOB LISTINGS

1. Tenure-Track Research Positions at Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica

Applications are invited for tenure-track appointments as Full/Associate/Assistant Research Fellows in the Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica (ISSAS), to commence on August 1, 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter. Applicants should possess a Ph.D. degree in Statistics, Data Science or related areas, and should submit: (1) a cover letter, (2) an up-to-date curriculum vita, (3) a detailed publication list, (4) a research proposal, (5) three letters of recommendation, and (6) representative publications and/or technical reports. Additional supporting materials such as transcripts for new Ph.D. degree recipients may also be included. Electronic submissions are encouraged. Applications should be submitted to

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E-mail: recruit@stat.sinica.edu.tw

Application materials should be received by December 15, 2018 for consideration, but early submissions are encouraged.

For more information, please visit the website http://www.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statnewsite/job/show/1777/

2. Senior Expert Biostatistics at EMD Serono

Company Name: EMD Serono
Company Information: Billerica, MA
Position Title: Senior Expert Biostatistics

Duties & Responsibilities:
A career with EMD Serono is an ongoing journey of discovery: our 50,000 people are shaping how the world lives, works and plays through next generation advancements in healthcare, life science and performance materials. For 350 years and across the world we have passionately pursued our curiosity to find novel and vibrant ways of enhancing the lives of others. EMD Serono is a business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

We bring modern statistical and epidemiological thinking to the heart of scientific decision making in healthcare, and we are recognized for the value we add to the business through our application of statistical and epidemiological science and our excellence in operations.

Your role:
Provide statistical leadership for informative decision making to optimize probability of success of new product development in at least one indication or a less complex program from the set-up of the clinical development plan to the delivery of all studies statistical analyses and objective data interpretation to reach usual scope (Clinical, Safety, Regulatory) of marketing authorization and maintenance of product of value for patients.

Position Qualifications:
Who you are:
• Bachelor's degree with 8+ years of experience, or Master's degree with 3+ years of experience, or PhD
• Advance degree strongly preferred
• Strong statistical knowledge and skills
• Effective communication skills
• Some knowledge and experience with statistical work in pharmaceutical industry
• Proficiency in SAS and/or R preferred
• Some domestic or international travels are required per project need

Benefits: Yes
Job Opening Website Link: http://bit.ly/2mCSY5F
Send Application to: Jessica Reiff, Strategic Sourcing Consultant
Contact Information: Jessica.reiff@emdmillipore.com