

ICSA Member News February 2015

ICSA February Announcements

1. Statistica Sinica to Join JSTOR archive

Recently Statistica Sinica was invited to join the JSTOR archive. We believe it will enhance the visibility of the journal and the Co-Editors unanimously support it.

2. 2015 ICSA-Canada Chapter Statistics and Data Science Symposium

The 2015 ICSA-Canada Chapter Statistics and Data Science Symposium will be held on August 4-6, 2015 at University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. For more information please contact Professor Xuewen Lu (xlu@ucalgary.ca) at the University of Calgary.

3. Call for Nominations for 2015 Officers Election

ICSA 2015 officers election will be held in July 2015, please send your nomination to the Chair of Nomination and Election Committee, Dr. Ouhong Wang (owang@amgen.com).

4. Call for Nominations for 2015 ICSA Awards

ICSA award committee is seeking nominations for “Outstanding Service Award” and “Distinguished Achievement Award”. The “Outstanding Service Award” is in recognition and with sincere appreciation for the dedicated effort, unselfish support and outstanding service; and “Distinguished Achievement Award” is in recognition of the distinguished achievement in statistical research and unselfish support of the association. The nomination should include nominee's current CV and a cover letter stating the basis for the nomination. The length of the cover letter should not exceed 2 pages. The materials should be emailed to Award Committee Chair, Professor Heping Zhang, via email to the ICSA office oicsa@icsa.org with the subject entitled "ICSA Award Nomination." by **April 15, 2015**.

5. 2015 Joint ICSA and Graybill Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado

The Joint ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium and Graybill Conference will be held from Sunday, June 14 to Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Fort Collins, Colorado. Please send any inquiry to naitee.ting@boehringer-ingenelheim.com. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/>. **Online registration is OPEN now.**

6. 2015 ICSA China Statistics Conference

The 2015 ICSA China Statistics Conference will be held on July 6-7, 2015 at Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R. China. For more information, please contact Professor Guoyou Qin (gyqin@fudan.edu.cn) at Fudan University.

7. ICSA Call for Nomination of Pao-Lu Hsu Award

The Pao-Lu Hsu Prize is presented every three years by the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), usually at an ICSA conference, 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.

The first Pao-Lu Hsu Award was announced in 2012 and presented in the 9th ICSA International Conference in Hong Kong, 2013. Professor Jianqing Fan (Princeton), Professor Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard), and Professor Bin Yu (UC Berkeley) shared the first ICSA Pao-Lu Hsu Award.

Hsu, who was born in 1910, was as a pioneer and founder of the newly formed discipline of statistics and probability in china. Hsu was best known for his rigorous research with depth and breadth, and for his profound impact on younger generations. He became the first professor of statistics and probability, Beijing University, in 1940. In 1948, he was elected to the very first class of Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He published about 40 articles; see "Pao-Lu Hsu Memorial Collection" published by Peking University Press for more details.

The prize is open to all nationalities. Priorities are given to the candidates whose work contributes greatly to the research and education of Chinese statisticians. The award recipient will speak at an ICSA International Conference. The award includes \$3000 in cash prize.

Eligibility

For the next PL Hsu award, which will be given in the 10th ICSA International Conference in Shanghai, P.R. China in 2016, an individual is eligible if he/she was born **on or after January 1, 1965**.

Nomination Process

Send the following materials to Award Committee Chair, Professor Heping Zhang, via email to the ICSA office oicsa@icsa.org with the subject entitled "PL Hsu Award Nomination". Items below can be sent as pdf, ps or plain text attachments.

(A) Nomination letter which include the following information: nominator's name, mail/email address and phone number; nominee's name, date of birth, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; a summary of the supportive evidences that are the basis for the nomination. The length of the nomination letter should not exceed 3 pages.

(B) Nominee's current CV

(C) Three letters of recommendation

Deadline

All nominations must be received by **February 28, 2015**. Subsequent deadlines will be announced by the ICSA.

Additional Information http://icsa.org/awards/pl_hsu.html

8. Lingzhi Lu Memorial Award

The recipient for the 2014 award was Steven (Xiaotian) Gao from University of Pittsburgh. This award was announced at the ASA CSP conference, New Orleans, Feb 19-21, 2015. Ivan Chan, chair of the Lingzhi Lu Award Committee presented the award to Steven Gao at the award ceremony. Details on the Lingzhi Lu award are available on <http://www.amstat.org/committees/commdetails.cfm?txtComm=CCRAWD09>

9. ICSA Springer book series in statistics

The co-editors of ICSA Springer book series in statistics, Drs. Jiahua Chena and Din Chen, have reported that there are 8 books in the series now. If you plan to write books in the series, please contact Dr. Jiahua Chen (jhchen@stat.ubc.ca) or Dr. Din Chen (Din_Chen@urmc.rochester.edu).

10. Memorial Article for George Box by George Tiao

A memorial article for late George Box was written by Professor George Tiao, upon a request of the Royal Statistical Society (UK). A shorter version (about a half of the length) was published in JRSS-A, pp.1073-6, 2013, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/rssa.12029/epdf>

ICSA Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Publication

Statistic Sinica

Forthcoming Papers from Statistica Sinica

Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. Those papers appeared in Volume 25, Number 1, January 2015.

ICSA members please access those articles via the "membership only area" at <http://www.icsa.org/>. If you have any problems for subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

Statistics in Biosciences

The journal is growing and now and has published new issue, Volume 6 Number 2, in November 2014. The number of author initiated submissions has increased rapidly. Recent articles can be found at the journal website <http://link.springer.com/journal/volumesAndIssues/12561>

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below

<http://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/>

<http://www.springer.com/statistics/life+sciences%2C+medicine+%26+health/journal/12561?changeHeader>

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

Upcoming Workshops and Meeting

The 29th New England Statistics Symposium

April 24–April 25, 2015, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA

<http://merlot.stat.uconn.edu/ness15/>

2015 ICSA Applied Statistics symposium

June 14–June 17, 2015, Fort Collins, CO, USA

<http://www.stat.colostate.edu/graybillconference/>

2015 5TH IMS-FIPS Workshop on "Probability and Statistics in Finance and Insurance

June 25–June 27, 2015, Ruteers University, Piscataway, NJ, USA

www.fsrn.rutgers.edu/FIPS2015

The Fourth International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics

June 29-July1, 2015, Beijing Marriot Hotel City Wall, Beijing, P.R. China

<http://www.isbiostat.org/>

2015 ICSA China Statistics Conference

July 6–July 7, 2015, Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R.China. For more information Please contact Professor Guoyou Qin (gyqin@fudan.edu.cn) at Fudan University.

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Psychometric Society (IMPS 2015)

July 12–July 16, 2015, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China
<https://www.psychometricsociety.org/content/imps-2015>

2015 ICSA-Canada Chapter Statistics and Data Science Symposium

August 4-August 6, 2015, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
Please contact Professor Xuewen Lu (xlu@ucalgary.ca) for more information.

The 9th International Conference on Multiple Comparison Procedures (MCP 2015)

September 2 – September 5, 2015, Westin Hyderabad, India.
<http://www.mcp-conference.org/hp/2015/>

2015 International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (ICHPS) Workshop

October 7- October 9, 2015, Providence Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island
<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2015/committees.cfm>

2016 ICSA Applied Statistics symposium

June 12–June 15, 2016, Atlanta, GA, USA

2016 ICSA International Conference

December 19–December 22, 2016, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, P .R. China

Job Listings

1. Assistant Professor, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science (Beijing, China)

Department of Statistical Science at Institute of Systems Science, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences invites applications for an assistant professor position in the area of Statistics. Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in statistics, biostatistics, or related fields and demonstrate excellence or potential in research. Proficiency in Chinese language is required. The position is subject to the outcome of interviews (or electronic interviews) in January, 2015 from Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science.

Department of Statistical Science has a group of ten faculties conducting research in statistical theory, industrial statistics, biostatistics and econometrics. As a traditional participant for national and huge tasks, Department of Statistical Science undertakes various projects that relate to aeronautics, aviation, nanoscience and other fields. New faculty members are encouraged to participate in these projects. Unlike in most universities, teaching activities are optional to faculty members.

Applicants should send a detailed curriculum vitae, representative research papers (unpublished ones are fine too), a research statement and five names of potential referees to both of

Dan Yu: dyu@amss.ac.cn and Jianjun Shi: jianjun.shi@isye.gatech.edu

2. Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Statistics, University of Haifa, Mount Carmel, Haifa, 31905, Israel

Position title: Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Statistical Methods for Ordered and Rank Data.

Duties and responsibilities: The Department of Statistics at the University of Haifa Israel has a Postdoctoral Research Fellow position available. The Fellow will develop novel statistical methodology for analyzing varied types of ordered and rank data. The projects require careful attention to both statistical theory and the underlying question of scientific interest.

Position qualifications: A PhD or equivalent degree in statistics, biostatistics or a related area is required. In addition to having a strong background in statistics and strong computational skills, the ideal candidate would keen on applications. Strong communication skills are highly desirable.

Special requirements: None.

Start day & duration: Fellowship begins October 1st, 2015. However the start date is flexible. Expected duration 6 months–2 years.

Application address: To apply, please send your CV, a research statement and contact information and three references letters to: Professor Ori Davidov, davidov@stat.haifa.ac.il

Comment: A limited number of positions for Indian or Chinese Citizens are generously funded by the Israeli Ministry of Science and are highly competitive. Early applicants (those applying before March 10) improve their chances.

Other Announcements

The University of Connecticut is offering a new graduate program—a Professional Master's Degree in Biostatistics!

This exciting new program will focus on practical, sought-after skills in health-related fields, including pharmaceutical science and genomics. Students will undergo rigorous training on the theory and application of statistical science to solve problems in areas such as public health, health services, health policy, biomedical research, environmental health, and ecology.

For more information, please visit: <http://stat.uconn.edu/m-s-in-biostatistics/> or call [860-486-3413](tel:860-486-3413)

To apply: www.grad.uconn.edu

The University of Connecticut is located in Storrs, Connecticut, USA

BASS XXII, 2-6 November, 2015 in Rockville.

The Twenty Second meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS XXII) will be held 2-6 November, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Washington D.C.- Rockville, 3 Research Ct., Rockville, MD 20850. At least 16 one-hour tutorials, on diverse topics pertinent to the research, clinical development and regulation of pharmaceuticals, will be presented 2-4 November, 2014, by speakers from academia, the pharmaceutical industry and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Two parallel, two-day short courses will be presented 6-7 November, 2014. Popular features of BASS XXII are the keynote address, on Tuesday, 3 November, 2015, with reception dinner following, and the Wednesday morning, 4 November, 2015, FDA/Industry/Academia session.

BASS is a nonprofit entity established for the purpose of raising funding to support graduate studies in biostatistics. To date BASS has provided support to over 50 Master's or Doctorate degree graduate students in Biostatistics. For further information, contact the BASS registrar at Rewhitworth@gmail.com, Andreas Sashegyi at [317-532-7414](tel:317-532-7414), email aisasheg@lilly.com, or Karl Peace, [912-225-3713](tel:912-225-3713), email peacekarl@frontier.com. The BASS Webpage may be viewed at www.bassconference.org.