

NISS/SAMSI Affiliates JSM Meeting Vancouver, BC

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Events Since Chicago Meeting

- 6/10 Larry Cox appointed Assistant Director for Official Statistics
- 6/10 NSF/SRS Postdoctoral Survey Research Program
- 6/10 NISS/NASS program returns to RTP
- 6/10 Executive Committee authorizes Deputy Director search (more below)
- 7/10 Richard Smith becomes Director of SAMSI; Rick Durrett (Duke Math) becomes Associate Director
- 7/10 Karen Kafadar, Fritz Scheuren join Board of Trustees; Lee Wilkinson completes term
- 7/10 Saki Kinney becomes Research Statistician
- 7/10 Tom Gerig becomes (for second time) Treasurer of NISS

Leadership

Alan Karr, Director This year's challenges below

TBD, Deputy Director Full-time, RTP-based

- Expand and diversify the NISS research program
- Oversee and build the NISS-SAMSI relationship, serving also as Associate Director of SAMSI
- Further develop NISS along multiple other dimensions

Nell Sedransk, Associate Director Transition by 6/30/11 to DC base, emphasizing interaction with affiliates, employees and postdocs located there

Larry Cox, Assistant Director, Official Statistics Affiliates Survey Cluster, data confidentiality research, survey microsimulation

Stan Young, Assistant Director, Bioinformatics Affiliates Pharma Cluster, research initiatives

Current Postdocs

NASS *Michael Robbins* (Mathematical Sciences, Clemson), *Hailin Sang* (Statistics, Connecticut), *Jay Wang* (Statistics, Iowa State)

NSF/SRS Two to be appointed

Proteomics; Hamner *Jessie Xia* (Biomedical Engineering, Duke)

Proteomics *Xingdong Feng* (Statistics, Illinois at Urbana–Champaign), *Xia Wang* (Statistics, Connecticut)

Syndromic Surveillance; Travel Time Reliability *Frank Zou* (Statistics, Connecticut)

World Statistics Day

- Initiative of UN Economic and Social Council
- Simultaneous national celebrations, on **20.10.2010**, of the importance and success of “official statistics”
- US steering committee: Connie Citro (CNSTAT), Larry Cox (NISS), Alan Karr (NISS), Katherine Wallman (OMB), Ron Wasserstein (ASA), coordinating with ISI
- Plans
 - Hill/media/public-directed event in DC, focusing on agency achievements, capabilities and resources. Highlight: talk by Ken Prewitt highlighting AAPSS *Annals* volume on federal statistical system
 - Presidential proclamation
- Web site: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/wsd/Default.aspx>

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Challenges Facing NISS This Year

- Deputy Director Search
- Project Talent Proposals
- Survey Microsimulation
- Instantiating the NISS DC Presence
- SAMSI Renewal Proposal
- Building Addition Re-Financing

Industry and Government Affiliates

Industry Avaya Labs Research, AT&T Labs-Research, Bayer HealthCare, GlaxoSmithKline, Eli Lilly, Merck & Company, MetaMetrics, PNYLAB, RTI International, SAS Institute, SPSS, Yahoo! Labs

Government Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Bureau, Energy Information Administration, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, National Security Agency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

University Affiliates

California Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon, Connecticut, *Cornell*,
Duke, Florida, Florida State, George Mason, Georgetown,
Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa State, Johns Hopkins, Medical
University of South Carolina, **Michigan**, Missouri–Columbia,
North Carolina State, **North Carolina at Chapel Hill**,
Oakland, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, Rice, Rutgers, South
Carolina, Southern Methodist, Stanford, Texas A&M, Virginia
Commonwealth

Italics: New affiliates

Bold: Multiple departments are affiliates

Events Since April 2010

- 6/6–9/10 (*) SRCOS 2010 (Virginia Beach)
- 6/13–16/10 ITSEW 2010: The Ongoing Evolution of Survey Methodology and the Impact on Total Survey Error (Stowe, VT)
- 7/5–9/10 ISBIS 2010 (Portorož, Slovenia) (ASA and NISS co-sponsored y-BIS Award, to Veronika Czellar, HEC Paris)
- 7/31/10 JSM Affiliates Meeting (Vancouver)

Upcoming Affiliates Events

8/2/10 NISS/SAMSI JSM Reception: announcement of 2010 Sacks Award and Distinguished Service Awards

Fall 2010 Workshop on Survey Microsimulation (DC)

Fall 2010 Workshop on Comparative Effectiveness Research (RTP)

11/12-13/10 Workshop on Measuring the Quality of Graduate Programs (RTP)

Spring 2011 Financial Workshop Risk III (DC)

4/14–15/11 Affiliates Annual Meeting (College Station, TX)

4/21–24/11 (*) International Indian Statistical Association Annual Conference (Raleigh)

NISS is 20! The Affiliates Program is 10!!

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Celebrating 20th year of NISS

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10th year of affiliates program