NISS and NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates Annual Meeting
Sunday, 16 March 2014
Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, Maryland
Rooms Laurel A and B

9:30 – 11:30 am
**Introduction to NISS and NISS Activities**  
*Alan F. Karr, Director, NISS*

**NISS-SAMSI Affiliation Successes: From Affiliates’ Perspective**

- **NISS-NASS**  
  *Cynthia Z.F. Clark, Administrator, USDA-NASS*
- **Explorations Workshops**  
  *Cliff Spiegelman, Dept. of Statistics, Texas A&M University*
- **Official federal statistics workshops**  
  *Phil Kott, Senior Research Statistician, RTI International*
- **Policy Task Forces – NCES**  
  *Andy White, National Center for Education Statistics*
- **Cardiac Toxicity Assessment**  
  *Keith Soper, Merck Research Laboratories*
- **SAMSI Program Planning – Affiliate Liaisons**  
  *Steve Qin, Dept. of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Emory University*

11:30am – 12:30 pm
**Hard Problems: Open Problems with High Impact for Government and Industry**

- **NASS Revision of Estimation Methods**  
  *Linda Young, University of Florida/USDA-NASS*
- **Functional Data Analysis in Neuroscience Research in the Pharmaceutical Industry**  
  *Junshui Ma, Merck Research Laboratories*

12:30 – 2:00 pm  **LUNCH**
- Informal lunch table discussions
- Discussion of future workshop suggestions
- NISS and SAMSI calendars

2:00 – 4:30 pm
**Leadership of Statistics – Paths and Challenges**  
*Keith Soper, Moderator*

- **Academia - Statistics**  
  *John Stufken, Dept. of Statistics, University of Georgia*
- **Academia - Biostatistics**  
  *Susan Ellenberg, Dept of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Pennsylvania*
- **Government**  
  *John Eltinge, Office of Survey Research Methods, Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- **Industry**  
  *Joe Heyse, Merck Research Laboratories*

4:30 – 5:30 pm
**Introduction of Junior Colleagues at Affiliates**

Brief (2 slides/4 minutes) summaries of research, papers and posters for ENAR

5:30 – 7:30 pm  **RECEPTION BUFFET**