

## New NISS Postdocs

NISS is extremely fortunate to have appointed six new postdoctoral fellows this year, bringing us to an all-time-high total of 8. Affiliates will have multiple opportunities to meet and work with them, but here is a quick introduction:



- Working on the NISS-NASS Joint Research Program: Patricia Gunning (Ph.D., Statistics, Dublin City University), Michael Robbins (Ph.D., Mathematical Sciences, Clemson University) and Jianqiang Wang (Ph.D., Statistics, Iowa State University)

- Joining the Clinical Proteomic Technology Assessment for Cancer (CPTAC) project: Xiangdong Feng (Ph.D., Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Xia Wang (Ph.D., Statistics, University of Connecticut)

- Becoming part of a new NSF/DTRA-funded biosurveillance project: Jian Zou (Ph.D., Statistics, University of Connecticut)

*(in the photo: 1st Row, L-R: Jian Zou, Jianqiang Wang, Michael Robbins. 2nd row: Patricia Gunning, Xia Wang, Xiangdong Feng.)*

## Affiliate Events

**2009 Affiliates Annual Meeting.** On behalf of all who attended, thanks to the Department of Statistics at UConn for a superb job of hosting the meeting.

Materials from the meeting are on the [NISS web site](#). In addition to the usual reports and Four-Minute Madness, two breakout discussions were held:



The Affiliates Clusters produced strong impetus to move ahead with formation of subgroups of affiliates with common (industry- or problem-defined) interests, but ensuring that opportunities for cross-cluster communication remain.

The Exploration Workshops, at which a profusion of suggested topics emerged, including patient records, concept drift, nanotechnology, decisions during pharmaceutical testing, smart power grids and renewable energy.

## NISS Events

**NISS-NASS Cooperative Research Conference**, June 1-2, 2009 at NISS. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
[Details here.](#)



**ITSEW 2009: The Concept of Total Survey Error-Uses and Abuses**. June 14-17, 2009, Green Hotel, T&uml;lberg, Sweden. ARA ELIGIBLE. [Details here.](#)

## SAMSI Events

**2008-09 Program on Algebraic Methods in Systems Biology and Statistics, Transition Workshop**, June 18-20, 2009  
[Details here.](#)

Application Deadline: June 5, 2009  
Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 3, 2009

**2009 Summer Program on Psychometrics**, July 7-17, 2009. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
[Details here.](#)

Application Deadline: June 19, 2009

**2009-10 Program on Space-time Analysis for Environmental Mapping, Epidemiology and Climate Change, Summer School on Spatial Statistics**, July 28 - August 1, 2009. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
[Details here.](#)

Application Deadline: May 22, 2009

**2009-10 Program on Stochastic Dynamics, Opening Workshop**, August 30 - September 2, 2009. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
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Application and Hotel Deadline: August 14, 2009

**2009-10 Program on Space-time Analysis for Environmental Mapping, Epidemiology and Climate Change, Opening Workshop**, September 13-16, 2009. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
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Application and Hotel Deadline: August 29, 2009

## Co-Sponsored Events

**Symposium on New Directions in Asymptotic Statistics**, May 15-16, 2009, The Georgia Center, Athens, GA. Hosted by the Department of Statistics, The University of Georgia. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
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**Southern Regional Council on Statistics Summer Research Conference**, June 7-10, 2009, Jekyll Island, GA. Hosted by The Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. ARA ELIGIBLE.  
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