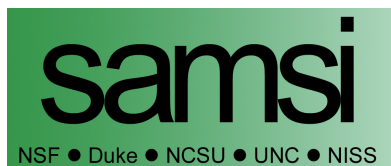# NISS

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NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates Update
November 2007

1. Groundbreaking for Building Addition. The groundbreaking for the addition to the NISS building was held as part of the November 2–3 NISS Annual Meeting (of the Board of Trustees). The "official photo" is on page two of this update; others are on the NISS web site. The schedule calls for the addition to be complete by August 1, 2008.

2. SAMSI Events

Interface Problems Workshop, within the 2007–08 Program on Random Media: November 15–16, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel RTP.

Details: http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2007ranmedia-interface200711.shtml.

Imaging Problems Workshop, within the 2007–08 Program on Random Media: January 31–February 1, 2008 in Research Triangle Park. Details: available soon.

Tutorials and Opening Workshop for the 2007–08 Program on Environmental Sensor Networks: January 13–16, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel RTP.

Details: http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2007sensor-opening200801.shtml.

Workshop on Extreme: Events, Models and Mathematical Theory, within the 2007–08 Program on Risk Analysis, Extreme Events and Decision Theory: January 22–23, 2008 in RTP. Details: available soon.

Summer 2008 Program on Meta-analysis: June 2–13, 2008 at SAMSI.

Details: http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008meta-analysisprogram.shtml.

3. Virtual High-Throughput Screening and Docking Seminar. This one-day event will be held at NISS on Wednesday, November 28. Scientists will provide overviews of their recent research on high-throughput screening and SimBioSys Inc.[1] will provide an overview of their drug discovery software tools.

For a complete agenda, and to register to attend, go to http://www.simbiosys.ca/rtp-seminar. The registration deadline is November 26.

4. Data Sharing Workshop. Details are still being worked out, but this one-day workshop will focus on scientific and other issues associated with sharing of research data, which is currently mandated by NIH

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[1] A rational drug discovery and computer-aided drug design software company that produces software for high-throughput ligand docking and *de novo* ligand design.

and may be mandated by NSF in the future. The workshop will be in Washington in February. Further information will be provided as soon as it is available.

5. EAA Workshop. NISS and the Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science (DIMACS) are co-sponsoring a workshop on the experimental analysis of algorithms (EAA), which will be held at NISS on March 6–7, 2008. The purposes are to:

- Formulate and explore specific promising opportunities for collaborative research on EAA involving statistical, computational and other mathematical scientists;
- Stimulate and support formation of EAA collaborations, including initial research.

An announcement will be sent to affiliates by November 16.

6. ITSEW 2008. Stimulated by the March 2005 Affiliates Workshop on Total Survey Error, a series of annual workshops on total survey error has been established, to be known as the International Total Survey Error Workshops (ITSEW) (It's So). The oversight committee consists of Roeland Beerten (UK Office of National Statistics), Paul Biemer (RTI International), Lilli Japec (Statistics Sweden), Alan Karr (NISS), Mary Mulry (Census), Jerome Reiter (Duke) and Clyde Tucker (BLS).

ITSEW 2008 will be held in Research Triangle Park on June 1–4, 2008, hosted by NISS and RTI International. The theme, which changes annually, is *Multiple Error Sources in Surveys and their Interactions*. Although the formal abstract deadline was October 15, those wishing to submit abstracts may still send them to Paul Biemer at `ppb@rti.org`.

Groundbreaking for the NISS Building Addition: November 2, 2007

Left to right: Daniel Solomon (chair, SAMSI Governing Board), James Landwehr (incoming chair, NISS Board of Trustees) Jon Kettenring (chair, NISS Building Committee), Nell Sedransk (associate director, NISS), James Berger (director, SAMSI), Alan Karr (director, NISS).