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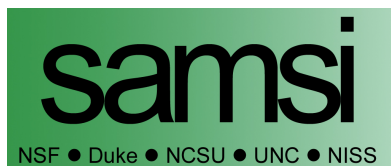
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NISS/SAMSI University Affiliates Update
February 2008

1. 2008 Affiliates Annual Meeting. The dates for this meeting are Thursday afternoon and Friday, April 24–25, 2008, and the location is NISS. The building addition will not be complete, but construction will be underway for all to see. A look at construction as of February 5, 2008 is at the end of this update.

2. SAMSI Events

Two-Day Undergraduate Workshop on February 29–March 1, 2008, at SAMSI.

>   Details: www.samsi.info/workshops/2007ug-workshop200802.shtml

Transition Workshop: Risk Revisited, within the 2007–08 Program on Risk Analysis, Extreme Events and Decision Theory: May 21, 2008, at the Marriott Hotel Durham at the Civic Center (Durham, NC), as a satellite event to Interface 2008

>   Details: Forthcoming

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

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

3. SAMSI Programs for 2008–09. Two programs are planned:

- Algebraic Methods in Systems Biology and Statistics

  Details: http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008algebraicmethodsprogram.shtml.

- Sequential Monte Carlo Methods

  Details: http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008SMCprogram.shtml.

Multiple opportunities to participate are listed on these web sites, but decisions about major participants will be finalized this spring, so please indicate interest as soon as possible.

4. EAA Workshop. The NISS–DIMACS workshop on the experimental analysis of algorithms (EAA) will be held at NISS on March 6–7, 2008.

Details: www.niss.org/affiliates/eaa200803/index.html

5. Data Confidentiality: The Next Five Years. NISS and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) are co-sponsoring a workshop, to be held at NCHS (Hyattsville, MD) on Thursday and Friday, May 1–2, 2008, whose purpose is bring together the academic and federal data confidentiality research community-both statisticians and computer scientists-and federal agency "owners" of data confidentiality problems in order to (1) Identify important unsolved research problems associated with data confidentiality; (2) Articulate a research agenda that addresses those problems in a way that responds to current and emerging needs among federal statistical agencies; and (3) Discuss and catalyze the kinds of collaborations among statisticians, computer scientists, domain scientists and data-owning agencies that are need to pursue the research agenda.

The workshop will consist of five thematic sessions—on tabular data, synthetic data, query systems, weighted data and distributed data, plus a closing panel focused on federal agency needs. Each thematic session will have one or two major talks, possibly a secondary talk on a specific sub-issue, or a response by someone from a different discipline and discussion.

Details will be available soon on the affiliates web site.

6. QMDNS. The 2008 meeting on *Quantitative Methods in Defense and National Security* will take place on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel Durham at the Civic Center (Durham, NC), in conjunction with Interface 2008.
Details: http://www.niss.org/sdns2008/index.html.

7. Interface 2008, the 40th Symposium on the 40th Symposium on the Interface between Computing Science and Statistics, will be held at the Marriott Hotel Durham at the Civic Center (Durham, NC) on Thursday–Saturday, May 22–24, 2008. NISS is the host organization, and so ARA's can be used to meet the cost of attending.
Details and brochure: http://www.niss.org/interface2008/index.html

8. International Total Survey Error Workshops (ITSEW) 2008 will be held in Research Triangle Park on June 1–4, 2008, hosted by NISS and RTI International. The theme is *Multiple Error Sources in Surveys and their Interactions*.