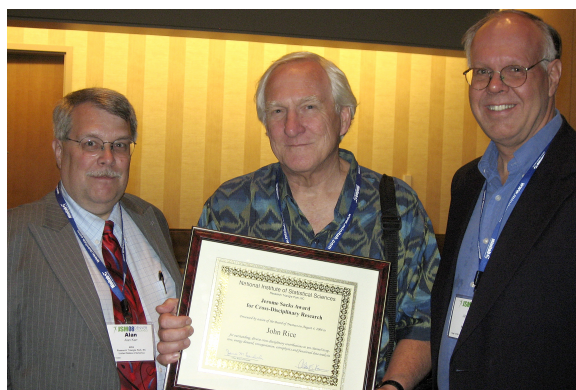


University Affiliates Update: September 2008

2008 Awards

1. Sacks Award. John Rice, professor and chair of the Department of Statistics at the University of California Berkeley, is recipient of the 2008 Jerome Sacks Award for Outstanding Cross-Disciplinary Research, in recognition of his “outstanding, diverse cross-disciplinary contributions to ion channel receptors, energy demand, astronomy, transportation and functional data analysis.” John is shown below with NISS director Alan Karr and James Landwehr, chair of the Board of Trustees, who announced the award at the NISS/SAMSI JSM reception in Denver.



2. NISS Distinguished Service Awards, announced by Alan Karr at the NISS/SAMSI JSM reception:

James Berger, Director of SAMSI and Professor of Statistical Science at Duke, for “innumerable, long-term contributions to NISS, which ranging from leading NISS projects on computer model evaluation to your unending efforts to ensure that the NISS/SAMSI relationship works to the benefit of both institutes.”

Katherine Kantner, Staff Assistant at NISS, for “contributions to NISS that are too numerous to list, which include the web site, dealing with affiliates and especially the effective, graceful way in which you handled a long series of events in the spring of 2008.”

JSM Events

Thanks to all who attended!

- 1. Affiliates Meeting.** A copy of materials handed out at the meeting accompanies this update.
- 2. NISS/SAMSI Reception.** Photos are at www.niss.org/photogallery/jsm08/reception2008/index.html.

Affiliates Events

1. Exploration Workshops (*ARA ELIGIBLE*)

- Agent-Based Modeling: November 20–21, 2008, at NISS
- Financial Risk Modeling and Banking Regulations: February 5–6, 2009, in Washington

2. Workshop on Drug Side Effects: October, 2008, RTP. *ARA ELIGIBLE*.

Details: Available shortly.

3. 2009 Affiliates Annual Meeting: Friday, April 24, 2009, Storrs, CT, hosted by the Department of Statistics at the University of Connecticut. The meeting will be followed, on Saturday, April 25, by the 23rd New England Statistics Symposium.

4. 2010 Affiliates Annual Meeting: April, 2010, Chicago, IL, hosted by SPSS and other organizations.

SAMSI Programs for 2008–09

Registration is closed for both kickoff workshops listed below.

1. Algebraic Methods in Systems Biology and Statistics

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

Kickoff Tutorials and Workshop: September 14–17, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel RTP. *ARA ELIGIBLE*.

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2008algebraic-opening200809.shtml>

2. Sequential Monte Carlo Methods

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

Kickoff Tutorials and Workshop: September 7–10, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel RTP. *ARA ELIGIBLE*.

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2008smc-opening200809.shtml>

NISS Events

1. Opening Ceremony for Building Addition: Ribbon-Cutting and Open House, 5:00-7:00 PM, Friday November 7, 2008 (in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees). Affiliates will receive formal invitations shortly. *ARA ELIGIBLE*.

2. ITSEW 2009: Tentatively planned for June 14–17, 2009, in Tällberg, Sweden. *ARA ELIGIBLE!*