



The American Statistical Association

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The journal recording the history of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the American Statistical Association has been turned to a blank page to list the activities and accomplishments for the coming year. I am deeply honored for the privilege to lead our chapter during the sixty-third year since the chapter was chartered in 1928. I will be joined in this endeavor by the following officers:

President-Elect: Dean Fearn, Cal State University, Hayward
Vice President, General Applications: David Kimble, Pacific Bell
Vice President, Biostatistical Programs: Michael Tarter, University of California, Berkeley
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ASQC Statistical Task Group Representative: Curtis Engelhard, Intel Corporation

The officers met in mid-summer to outline plans for the coming year. We recognize that we will be unable to satisfy all our members at all times, as the composition of our membership is wide both in geographical locations and in areas of application. If you have any suggestions about how we can meet your professional needs better, please do not hesitate to call me or any of the officers.

At the annual meeting in Anaheim, I had a chance to compare notes with officers from other chapters. I heard of chapters which had only a few activities during the past year, others whose only activity was the annual meeting, and even one or two chapters which have been inactive for the past year or two. In comparison with these chapters, the SF Bay Area Chapter has been among one of the more active ones. No doubt this record has been built on the outstanding leadership that the chapter has had over its history, both recent and over the years. I pledge to continue this leadership with your cooperation and support.

I would like to close this message with first an appeal and then a challenge. During 1990-1991, if your company or university will be visited by a statistician (for example, to give a short course or seminar, to serve as a consultant or a visiting scholar) who you feel might give a talk that will be of benefit to our membership, please contact one of the vice presidents with as much advance notice as possible. We are always looking for interesting and stimulating speakers in areas of statistical applications.

I would like to challenge each Chapter member to make an effort to participate in at least one chapter activity this year. I am sure each of us (including me) can list many reasons and excuses for not attending the meetings: I'm too busy; it's too far away; I don't want to be caught in rush hour traffic; the speaker is too theoretical (or too applied); I won't know anyone there; a luncheon meeting is too disruptive of my day; the topic of the talk is outside my area of interest or expertise, etc., etc. Certainly, some of these reasons will be valid for some meetings, but each of us should make a resolution to attend one Chapter function this coming year. The vice presidents devote a lot of time and effort into setting up interesting activities. Meetings serve a social as well as an educational function; professionals can meet to learn from each other. After all, regardless of whether we work in industry, academia, government, or as a consultant, and regardless of the area of application, we are all STATISTICIANS.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the various Chapter events during the coming year.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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CONTACT: Victor Battistich, Ph.D., Deputy Director of Research, Developmental Studies Center, 111 Deerwood Place, Suite 165, San Ramon, CA 94583

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RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide support to electronic data processing of lab data using SAS package and other computer software packages. Be able to create SAS datafiles, produce final statistical support tables, data listings, CRF tabulations, and graphs. Must know routinely used SAS procedures very well. Verify the printouts prior to presenting them to client(s). Ensure accuracy, consistency, and timeliness. Must be able to interact with coworkers and other clients.

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CALENDAR

OCT 4, 1990 THURSDAY Jessica Utts
"The Meaning of Replication"

JOINT GENERAL APPLICATIONS AND BIOSTATISTICS PROGRAM

SPEAKER: Jessica Utts
University of California, Davis

TOPIC: "The Meaning of Replication"

Dr. Utts is an Associate Professor in the Division of Statistics and the Director of the Statistical Laboratory at U.C. Davis.

This talk will focus on what it means for an experimental effect to be replicated, including some popular misconceptions such as Tversky and Kahneman's "Law of Small Numbers." Data from parapsychology will be used to illustrate these concepts.

DATE: Oct 4, 1990 (Thursday)
3:30 - 4:00 Coffee
4:00 Presentation

PLACE: Stanford Medical Center
Room M106
Stanford, California

DIRECTIONS: From El Camino in Palo Alto, drive onto Palm Drive heading toward the university. At Campus Drive, turn right. The Medical Center is on the right, past Quarry Road. Free parking is available in the multi-level parking structure on the left. (See map on the reverse.)

Professor Bill Brown has kindly offered to be the local host. Refreshment will be served at his home following the presentation. Directions will be provided at the meeting.

Although there will be no charge for this meeting, the chapter would like to get an idea of the attendance. Please notify Dean Fearn (415) 537-3439 or Mike Tarter(415) 642-4601, by October 2.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES(continued)

3. BIOSTATISTICIAN, City of Hope, Duarte CA

RESPONSIBILITIES: Participate in the design, analysis, database management and reporting of cancer clinical trials. Collaboration with 3 Ph.D level biostatisticians on applied statistical research is encouraged.

REQUIREMENTS: M.S. in Biostatistics. Experience with computer packages (SAS or BMDP) for the analysis of clinical trial data is required. Computer Science background/ knowledge of clinical trials is highly desired.

SEND RESUME: Dr. Joyce Niland, Department of Biostatistics, City of Hope National Medical Center, 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA 91010.

4. Clinical Trials Coordinator, City of Hope, Duarte CA

RESPONSIBILITIES: Coordination of all activities relating to protocol and data management, including supervision of 13 data managers and 3 research coordinators. The CTC interacts with all City of Hope departments and disciplines involved in clinical trials.

REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. or M.S. in a health related field, with a minimum of 3-5 years (Ph.D)/ 7-10 years (M.S) clinical trials experience; administrative experience; experience with writing protocols and manuals of operations; a strong background in data management; and a commitment to research excellence.

SEND RESUME: Dr. Joyce Niland, Department of Biostatistics, City of Hope National Medical Center, 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA 91010.

5. Supervisor of Biostatistics, San Francisco Bay Area

RESPONSIBILITIES: Top diagnostics company in the Bay area seeks a Supervisor of Biostatistics with the ability to implement novel uses of statistics company-wide.

REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. with 5-10 years experience.

SEND RESUME: Tom O'Bremski, Executive Recruiter, 1015 7th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 980234, Phone (206) 889-9848. FAX (206) 889-9663.

APPLICANTS

Ph.D. in Probability and Statistics from University of Moscow seeks research or teaching position in Mathematical Statistics(primarily Nonparametric Estimation), Applied Statistics and Data Analysis, Applied Probability or Stochastic Processes. Contact: Yuri Koshevnik, 411 Great Road, Apt 15, Acton, MA 01720 (508) 264-0627.

SF Bay Area Chapter Business

ADDRESS CHANGES/DUES:

Changes of address should be sent to the chapter treasurer, Lenny Ayyangar at the address listed below.

Several members are more than a year behind in local chapter dues. Please check the date on your mailing label. The printed date is the date that your dues **expires** (This is a revision of previous printed date conventions.) If you are overdue please send \$8 to:

Lenny Ayyangar
Syntex Research
3401 Hillview Avenue
P.O. Box 10850
Palo Alto, CA 94303

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Complete your collection of JASA. A set of Journal of the American Statistical Association, 1971-1981 is available. Contact Lucy Klein at (415) 344-9859 in the morning hours.

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