President’s Report

The Spring workshop on the topic of “Classification and Regression Trees” was a success. Fifty-five statisticians attended this one-day workshop and listened to the vivid teaching of Prof. Wei-Yin Loh from the Dept of Statistics, UW-Madison.

The Fall Workshop has been well prepared and it is just around the corner. Thanks to sponsorship from AbbVie, this workshop will be held on the AbbVie/Abbott campus and the registration fee is much reduced from the usual fee. Detailed information of the date, time, abstracts and speakers’ bibliographies can be found below. As of today, the # of registration has reached 80.

Fall Workshop

Date: Friday, October 10th, 2014
Registration and Breakfast: 7:30–8:00
Morning Session: 8:00–12:00
Lunch: 12:00 – 13:00
Afternoon Session: 13:00–15:00

Location: Building AP-31 at the Abbvie/Abbott Campus in Lake County (a.k.a. Abbott Park), 1 North Waukegan Road, North Chicago, IL 60064

The Abbvie/Abbott Campus is a gated location. Details of where to go to sign in as a visitor and receive a visitor badge will be emailed to registered attendees.

Cost: $50 Regular (does not include $10 NIC membership fee. If you did not attend the Spring Workshop and are not a student then your total cost for this meeting will be $60),
$0 Students

Morning Session

Title: Meta-Analysis Using R

Presenter: Prof. Ding-Geng Chen

Abstract: This workshop tutorial is based on the book: "Applied Meta-Analysis Using R (2013)" published by Chapman and Hall/CRC which will provide a most up-to-date development and a thorough presentation of meta-analysis models for clinical trial and biomedical applications with detailed step-by-step illustrations and implementation using R. Specifically, we will start with some basic review on meta-analysis using fixed-effects and random-effects models as well as the meta-regression illustrated with R packages. Then we will go further to discuss some advanced methods, such as meta-analysis methods using individual patient-level data, meta-analysis method with rare-events in clinical trials, combining p-values in meta-analysis, multivariate meta-analysis.
Bibliography: Ding-Geng (Din) Chen received his Ph.D. in Statistics from University of Guelph (Canada) in 1995 and he is now a professor in biostatistics at the University of Rochester. Before this, he was the Karl E. Peace endowed eminent scholar chair in biostatistics from the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at the Georgia Southern University. Professor Chen is also a senior biostatistics consultant for biopharmaceuticals and government agencies, with extensive expertise in clinical trials and bioinformatics. He has more than 100 referred professional publications and co-authored five books on "Clinical Trial Methodology (2010)" and "Clinical Trial Data Analysis Using R(2011)", "Interval-Censored Time-to-Event Data: Methods and Applications (2012)", "Applied Meta-Analysis Using R(2013)" and "Clinical Trial Biostatistics and Biopharmaceutical Applications(2014)" published by Chapman and Hall/CRC. The tutorial is based on his book "Applied Meta-Analysis using R" with Professor Karl E. Peace by Chapman and Hall/CRC in 2013.

Afternoon Session

Title: Communication and Presentation Skills That Enable Effective Collaboration

Presenter: Dr. Christy Chuang-stein

Bibliography: Christy Chuang-stein is Head of the Statistical Research and Consulting Center at Pfizer. She is a Fellow of the ASA since 1998. Christy has 29 years of pharmaceutical industry experience and over 140 publications including two books. Christy is one of 3 founding editors of the journal Pharmaceutical Statistics and is a member of several collaborative working groups. She received ASA’s Founders’ Award in 2012 and the Distinguished Achievement Award of the International Chinese Statistical Association in 2014.

Upcoming Meetings and Presentations

The Chicago Chapter of the ASA offers events throughout the year. Consult their website for details: http://www.chicagoasa.org

SAS Global Forum
April 26-29 2015 Dallas TX

PharmaSUG
May 17-20, 2015. Orlando FL.

Joint Statistical Meetings
August 8-13 2015. Seattle WA.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please see the chapter website for any additional opportunities.

Chapter Activities

At the Council of Chapters meeting held at the 2014 ASA Joint Meeting, Yili Pritchett attended this meeting as our chapter’s representative. Jennifer Yen received a Chapter Service Recognition Award along with about 10 other chapter officers in the US and Canada. She was recognized for her “outstanding and devoted service in many capacities to the chapter”.

Getting Involved with the NIC

The chapter is often looking for volunteers to serve as NIC officers on a yearly basis. Volunteers are sometimes needed to help with registration at meetings. Registration volunteers will be expected to arrive prior to the start of the registration period and will work at the registration desk as directed. This is a great way to connect faces with
names and get to know other Chapter members. If you would like to volunteer to assist in registration at a meeting, please contact Qi Tang via email at qi.tang@abbvie.com or by phone at (609)559-5906.

**Job Opportunities**

Please see the chapter website for any opportunities.

**Chapter Mailing List**

NIC-ASA sends announcements, such as save-the-date memos, registration information, and Statfax newsletters, via the email address, nic.amstat@gmail.com. If you would like to join our mailing list, please subscribe by sending an email to nic.amstat@gmail.com. If you encounter any issues, please contact Jennifer Yen at Jennifer.L.Yen@abbott.com.

**Chapter Website**

Our Chapter’s website has the latest news on the Chapter. Find it at: www.amstat.org/chapters/NortheasternIllinois

The website contains information about our Chapter, including events, program information, and contact information for Chapter officers and committee members. You can also peruse current and past Chapter newsletters and slides/notes from previous presentations.

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