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ASA Announces 2007 Award Winners

Presentations will be made at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Salt Lake City

ALEXANDRIA VA (PRWEB) July 12, 2007 – The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, today announced the winners of its prestigious annual awards. The winners will be honored on July 31 at the President's Address session of the association's 2007 Joint Statistical Meetings in Salt Lake City. The list of awards and recipients follows.

Wilks Memorial Award

The Wilks Memorial Award was established in 1964 to honor the memory and distinguished career of Sam Wilks by recognizing outstanding contributions to statistics that carry on the spirit of his work. The 2007 Wilks Award will be presented to Colin L. Mallows, who is being honored for his extraordinary broad and deep contributions to applied statistics methodology, to mathematical statistics, and to probability.

Gottfried E. Noether Awards

The Noether Awards were established in 1999 by the wife and daughter of the late Professor Gottfried Emanuel Noether of Connecticut as a tribute to his memory. It recognizes distinguished researchers and teachers and supports research in nonparametric statistics. There are two Noether Awards given:

The Gottfried E. Noether Young Scholar Award winner for 2007 is Davy Paindaveine of the Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.

The Gottfried E. Noether Senior Scholar Award winner is Peter Hall, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Melbourne in Australia.

Outstanding Statistical Application Award

Each year, the ASA recognizes a paper what is an outstanding application of statistics in the physical, biological, or medical sciences. The 2007 winners of this award are Jeffrey Grogger, the University of Chicago, and Greg Ridgeway, Rand Corporation, in recognition of their paper, Testing for Racial Profiling in Traffic Stops from Behind a Veil of Darkness. The paper helped diffuse the contentious battles over racial profiling in two cities where concerns over policing had resulted in court-ordered investigations of profiling.

W. J. Youden Award in Interlaboratory Testing

The W. J. Youden Award was established in 1985 to recognize publications that make outstanding contributions to the design and/or analysis of interlaboratory tests or that describe ingenious approaches to the planning and evaluation of data from such tests. This years award will be presented to Rafael A. Irizarry, Dept. of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, in recognition of his paper, "Multiple Laboratory Comparison of Microarray Platforms," published in Nature Methods, May 2005, Vol. 2, No. 5.

Edward C. Bryant Scholarship Trust Fund Award

The Bryant scholarship trust is a permanent scholarship fund endowed by Westat to honor its co-founder and long-time leader, Edward C. Bryant. The award honors an outstanding graduate student who is studying survey statistics. The 2007 scholarship recipient is Mandi Yu, Program in Survey Methodology, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.

Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship

The Cox Scholarship is awarded annually by the ASA Committee on Women in Statistics and the Caucus for Women in Statistics to encourage women to enter statistically oriented professions. The 2007 scholarship winners are Jennifer Sinnott and Valerie Smith. Sinnott is in the Master of Applied Statistics degree program at the Ohio State University and earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard University. Smith, who has an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will begin Ph.D. studies in statistics at Stanford University in August this year.

The SPAIG Award

The ASA established the SPAIG Award in 2002 to recognize outstanding partnerships established between academe and business, industry, and government organizations and to promote new partnerships. It is the only ASA award that recognizes organizations.

The 2007 SPAIG award will be given to the following organizations: University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, National Cancer Institute, National Center for Health Statistics, National Center for Chronic Disease Presentation and Health Promotion, and Information Management Services. The award cites "an outstanding partnership, which has resulted in publication of improved small area estimates for cancer risk factors and cancer screening behavior, improved mathematical analysis techniques of survey data for survey organizations, development of advanced techniques for combining results from multiple surveys that can be adapted to other surveys, and obtaining publications and grant opportunities in relatively new research areas for junior researchers.

About the American Statistical Association

The American Statistical Association (ASA), a scientific and educational society founded in Boston in 1839, is the second oldest professional society in the United States. For more than 160 years, ASA has been providing its 18,000 members serving in academia, government, and industry and the public with up-to-date, useful information about statistics. The ASA has a proud tradition of service to statisticians, quantitative scientists, and users of statistics across a wealth of academic areas and applications. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the association's web site at <http://www.amstat.org> or call 703.684.1221.

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