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Keynote Speakers Announced for 2007 Joint Statistical Meetings

ALEXANDRIA VA (PRWEB) JUNE 14, 2007 – The American Statistical Association (ASA) has announced the keynote speakers for the 2007 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), the world's largest annual gathering of statisticians, which will convene this summer at Salt Lake City's Salt Palace Convention Center July 29 to August 2.

The **ASA Presidential Address** will be delivered by Mary Ellen Bock, professor and head of the Department of Statistics at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and current ASA president. She will speak on "Statistics: Harnessing the Power of Information," which is the theme for this year's conference.

Grace Wahba, I. J. Schoenberg-Hilldale Professor of Statistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will deliver the **ASA President's Invited Address**, entitled "Statisticians, Computer Scientists, Classification, and Machine Learning."

Douglas C. Montgomery, Regents Professor of industrial and management systems engineering at Arizona State University, will present the **ASA Deming Lecture**. Montgomery's talk is entitled "A Modern Framework for Enterprise Excellence."

Jim Pitman, professor of statistics and mathematics at the University of California, Berkeley, and IMS President, will deliver the **IMS Presidential Address**, entitled "Open Access to Professional Information."

Jim Berger, Arts and Sciences Professor of Statistics, Institute of Statistics and Decision Sciences at Duke University, and director of the Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute, will deliver the **IMS Wald Lectures I, II and III**. Wald Lecture I is entitled "A Review of Some Surprises Encountered in Bayesian Model Selection;" Wald Lecture II title is "Model Selection: Approximations and Multiplicities;" and Wald Lecture III is entitled "Working with Invalid Models: the World of Computer Modeling."

Marvin Zelen, professor of statistical science at the Harvard School of Public Health, is the 2007 **Fisher lecturer**; his talk is entitled "Fisher, Randomization, and Current Practice." The Fisher Lectureship, awarded annually by the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS), honors Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher and recognizes a leading current-day statistician who has contributed significantly to scientific investigation through the development and promotion of statistical methods.

IMS Special Lectures

The 2007 IMS special lectures will be delivered as follows:

- The Rietz Lecture, "Statistical Problems of Gene Mapping," David Siegmund, professor of statistics, Stanford University

- Medallion Lecture I, "Modeling Genes: Statistical Challenges in Modern Genetics," Peter Donnelly, professor of statistical science, University of Oxford
- Medallion Lecture II, "Understanding Ecological Communities," Claudia Neuhauser, HHMI Professor and head of the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior (EEB) at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Medallion Lecture III, "Functional Regression Analysis: Models, Methods, and Applications," Hans-Georg Müller, professor of statistics, University of California, Davis
- Medallion Lecture IV, "Quantile Regression under Censorship," Xuming He, professor of statistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Medallion Lecture V, "Joint Modeling of Longitudinal and Survival Data," Jane-Ling Wang, professor of statistics and graduate adviser of the biostatistics program, University of California, Davis

Biographies of all the speakers, and presentation dates and times are available at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/JSM/2007/index.cfm?fuseaction=keynotespeakers>.

JSM is held jointly with the American Statistical Association (ASA), the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), and the Statistical Society of Canada. More than 5,000 statisticians from government, industry and academia are expected to attend the 2007 JSM, which features a range of activities, including more than 2,500 presentations, panels, roundtables, poster presentations, continuing education courses, exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities), career placement service, society, section and committee meetings, and social and networking opportunities.

Complete program and registration information for the 2007 JSM is available at the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/JSM/2007/>.

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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