

Thousands Will Attend the World's Largest Annual Gathering of Statisticians in Miami Beach July 30 to August 4

The Joint Statistical Meetings expected to bring more than 5,000 statisticians from the U.S., Canada, and around the globe to Miami this summer

ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWEB) JULY 6, 2011 – The 2011 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) will attract thousands of statisticians from the US, Canada, and around the globe to sessions at the Miami Beach Convention Center from July 30 to August 4. This year's theme is *Statistics: An All-Encompassing Discipline*, and a comprehensive program of talks, roundtables and poster displays will address the application of statistics in many fields, including the economy, medicine, the census, and climate change.

"JSM is the largest and most significant statistical gathering of statisticians each year," said Nancy Geller, ASA president. "Several organizations – ASA, the International Biometric Society, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the Statistical Society of Canada, the International Chinese Statistical Association, and the International Indian Statistical Association -- sponsor this mammoth meeting, which enables statisticians from around the world to present papers and posters, exchange ideas and network with one another. The presentations and discussions address the challenging problems that arise in a broad array of applications areas ranging from agriculture to medicine to zoology."

The 2011 sessions, which illustrate the wide-ranging impact of statistics on a variety of topics, feature statistical experts from academia, government and the private sector. Presenters in Miami will include representatives of US and foreign universities, including University of Florida, Florida State and Miami Universities and Miami Dade College, as well as Harvard, Yale, University of Zurich, and Oxford University. In one of the conference's late-breaking sessions, statisticians will discuss the implications to statistics of the March 22 Supreme Court ruling on statistical significance in *Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. v. Siracusano*. A second late-breaking session will focus on the Heritage Health Prize, including lessons learned from the Netflix prize.

JSM is open to members of ASA as well as non-members and has special pricing for students, seniors, K-12 teachers, and also offers one-day registrations. Complete program and registration information are available at the JSM 2011 web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2011/>. Press may register via the JSM newsroom at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2011/index.cfm?fuseaction=newsroom>.

About the Joint Statistical Meetings

JSM, which has been held annually since 1974, is conducted jointly with the American Statistical Association (ASA), the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC), the International Chinese Statistical Association, and the International Indian Statistical Association. JSM activities include oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, continuing education courses, exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities), career placement service, society and section business meetings, committee meetings, social activities, and networking opportunities. JSM is open to members of all participating associations, as well as non-members and has special pricing for students, seniors, K-12 teachers; one-day registrations also are available. Complete JSM program information is available at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2010/index.cfm>.

About the American Statistical Association

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, the American Statistical Association is the world's largest community of statisticians and the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. For 170 years, the ASA has supported excellence in the development, application, and dissemination of statistical science through meetings, publications, membership services, education, accreditation, and advocacy. Its members serve in industry, government, and academia in more than

90 countries, advancing research and promoting sound statistical practice to inform public policy and improve human welfare. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the ASA web site at <http://www.amstat.org> or call 703.684.1221.

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