

# American Statistical Association Announces 2010 Award Recipients

## *Awards ceremony to be held at Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver*

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWEB) JULY 24, 2010** – 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 Tuesday evening, August 3 at the President's Address session of ASA's 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver, BC. The list of awards and recipients follows.

### **Samuel S. 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 2010 Wilks Award will be presented to **Pranab K. Sen** of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who is being honored for outstanding contributions to statistical research, especially in nonparametric statistics and biostatistics, and for exceptional service in mentoring doctoral students. The Wilks Award is made possible in part by a generous donation from Dr. Alexander Mood, a student of Dr. Wilks.

### **Gottfried E. Noether Awards**

The Noether Awards were established in 1999 by the wife and daughter of the late Professor Gottfried Emanuel Noether of the University 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 2010 is **Elizaveta Levina**, University of Michigan, for outstanding early career contributions to nonparametric statistics.
- The Gottfried E. Noether Senior Scholar Award for 2010 winner is **Jerome H. Friedman**, Stanford University, for outstanding contributions to the theory, applications, and teaching of nonparametric statistics.

### **Outstanding Statistical Application Award**

Each year, the ASA recognizes a paper that is an outstanding application of statistics in the physical, biological, or medical sciences. The 2010 winner of this award is **Samuel Kou**, Harvard University, for opening the door between statistics and one of the newest areas of research: single-molecule experiments.

### **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 2010 scholarship recipient is **Brady T. West**, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, for outstanding academic achievement in survey statistics.

### **W. J. Dixon Award for Excellence in Statistical Consulting**

Established through a gift from the family of William Dixon, this award recognizes outstanding contributions to the practice of statistical consulting. The 2010 award will be presented to **Dallas E. Johnson** (retired), for outstanding contributions to advancing the science and art of statistical consulting.

### **Waller Education Award**

Retired ASA Executive Director Ray Waller and his wife Carolyn established the Waller Education Award in 2002 to recognize a statistics teacher early in his/her career for excellence and innovation in teaching introductory statistics at the undergraduate level. The 2010 Waller Award winner is **Amy G. Froelich**, Iowa State University, in recognition for outstanding contributions to and innovation in the teaching of elementary statistics.

### **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 2010 SPAIG award will be given to the following organizations: **Pfizer, Inc. and Rutgers State University of New Jersey**, for longstanding and effective synergistic collaboration in education, training, research, and service.

### **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 ASA, SSC, ENAR/WNAR, and IMS, as well as non-members and has special pricing for students, seniors, K-12 teachers, and also offers one-day registrations. 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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