

## Thousands of Statisticians to Converge on Nation's Capital in August

***World's Largest Annual Gathering of Statisticians will bring more than 5,000 statisticians from government, industry and academia to Washington DC August 1-6***

**ALEXANDRIA VA (PRWEB) JULY 8, 2009** – More than 5,000 statisticians from across the US and around the globe will meet at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington DC August 1-6 when the 2009 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), the world's largest annual gathering of statisticians, convenes. A comprehensive program of talks, roundtables and poster displays will cover hundreds of topics including the economy, medicine, and climate change.

"The annual Joint Statistical Meetings provide members of the American Statistical Association (ASA) and members of our partner societies the opportunity to share research about issues of national and international concern and to demonstrate to the general public the impact that statistics has on everyone's daily lives," said Sally Morton, ASA president. "This year's conference will encompass a number of timely issues, including the economy and climate change, as well as statistical applications in medicine, and the physical and social sciences. Information from our federal statistical agencies, in conjunction with the analytic skills of statisticians in academia, government and industry, provide the evidence needed to make sound decisions, especially in the current economy."

The 2009 sessions feature Capital-area presenters from the Census Bureau, IRS, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Justice Statistics and other federal government agencies; the National Science Foundation; the District of Columbia Public Defenders Service; and many colleges, universities and organizations in the DC area. In addition, there will be presentations from representatives of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Microsoft Research, Google Inc., Statistics Canada, and many pharmaceutical and other companies. Statisticians from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and in Dublin, Madrid, London, Iceland and other international cities also will participate.

JSM is open to ASA members and non-members and has special pricing for students, seniors, K-12 teachers, and also offers one-day registrations. Complete program and registration information for JSM 2009 are available at the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/>. Press registration is located at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/index.cfm?fuseaction=pressregistration>

### **About JSM**

JSM, the world's largest annual gathering of statisticians, 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 (SSC). The theme for this year's conference is *Statistics: From Evidence to Policy*.

### **About the American Statistical Association**

The American Statistical Association (ASA), a scientific and educational society founded in Boston in 1839, is the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. For 170 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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