

The World's Largest Annual Gathering of Statisticians Will Take Place in Vancouver July 31 to August 5

The Joint Statistical Meetings will bring 5,500 statisticians from the U.S., Canada, and around the globe to British Columbia

ALEXANDRIA, VA and TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA (PRWEB) JULY 12, 2010 – The 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) will attract thousands of statisticians from the US, Canada, and around the globe to sessions at the Vancouver Convention Centre from July 31 to August 5. This year's theme is *Statistics: The Key to Innovation in a Data-centric World*, and a comprehensive program of talks, roundtables and poster displays will address this topic in many fields, including the economy, medicine, the census, and climate change.

"The annual Joint Statistical Meetings provide an opportunity for statisticians worldwide to celebrate and present their innovative solutions to societal problems related to health, energy, environment and economy," said Sastry Pantula, president, American Statistical Association (ASA). "These meetings are also important evidence that statistical sciences truly do not have any borders--neither geographical nor scientific. Members from statistical societies around the globe come together at these meetings to network and set future directions in solving problems to benefit human welfare. JSM also provides a unique opportunity for academic, government, business, and industry scientists to interact with each other and to mentor our younger members to be future critical thinkers and problem solvers."

"The statistical sciences, dedicated to making sense of the mountains of data that new technologies have made possible, have blossomed in the past few decades, in Canada, the U.S.A. and internationally," said Don McLeish, president of the Statistical Society of Canada. "To quote Hal Varian, chief economist at Google, '*The sexy job in the next 10 years will be that of a statistician.*' Thanks to innovative research, and careful analysis conducted by academic, government and industry statisticians, there is nowhere with more potential for the impact of statistics than in Canada. To realize that potential, sometimes in the face of significant challenges, the support of individuals and societies represented at the JSM is essential."

The 2010 sessions feature statistical experts from the U.S. Census Bureau, Statistics Canada, various U.S. and Canadian government agencies, and numerous U.S. and Canadian universities, as well as universities around the world. Statisticians without Borders will present "Post-Earthquake Efforts in Haiti," one of the conference's late-breaking sessions. A second late-breaking session, "A Magazine to Shout For: Statistics," will feature the editor and some contributors to Significance magazine, which is now being jointly published by ASA and the Royal Statistical Society.

JSM is open to members of ASA and SSC 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 for JSM 2010 are available at the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2010/>. Press registration is located at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2010/index.cfm?fuseaction=pressregistration>.

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), and the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC). 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.

About the Statistical Society of Canada

The SSC is dedicated to the development and use of statistics and probability by working to ensure that decisions affecting Canadian society are based on appropriate data and valid statistical interpretation, promoting the highest possible standards for statistical education, methodology and practice in Canada, and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas between theoreticians and practitioners of statistics.

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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