

Prominent Statistics Educators Present Workshops for Florida Teachers

In conjunction with the Joint Statistical Meetings in Miami Beach, the American Statistical Association offers two workshops for math and statistics teachers

ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWEB) JULY 7, 2011 – Prominent statistics educators attending the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in Miami Beach, Florida, will participate in a workshop for Florida teachers sponsored by the American Statistical Association. The program, titled “Meeting within a Meeting (MWM),” was developed to help teachers meet current mathematics and science standards for teaching statistics. The workshop will be held August 2-3 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

“One of the key missions of the ASA is to work for the improvement of statistical education at all levels,” said Ron Wasserstein, ASA executive director. “We are pleased to reach out to Florida 5-12 math and science teachers through the MWM and BAPS workshops and follow-up activities. It is fitting to hold this workshop in conjunction with JSM, the world’s largest annual gathering of statisticians, where thousands from around the world meet to share advances in statistical knowledge and education.”

The primary goal of the 2011 MWM program is to provide an opportunity for teachers to enhance their knowledge and teaching of data analysis and statistics within the mathematics and science curriculum and to learn hands-on activities they can use in their own classrooms to strengthen the teaching of statistics in their schools. It also provides participants with a network of statisticians and educators to assist in developing the quantitative literacy of their students. The course fee for the two-day program is \$50, and information and a link to register are at www.amstat.org/education/mwm.

The second workshop – “Beyond AP Statistics” (BAPS) – is offered for experienced advanced placement statistics teachers and provides enrichment material beyond the basic AP syllabus. Presenters for the four sessions on August 3 are the following noted statisticians: Linda Young, University of Florida; Robin Lock, St. Lawrence University; Allan Rossman & Beth Chance, Cal Poly; and Tom Short, John Carroll University. The session takes place from 8:30 to 4:30 pm at the Miami Beach Convention Center on Wednesday, August 3. Cost is \$50 for the day, and optional graduate credit is available. Complete information and a link to register for the course are located at www.amstat.org/education/baps.

There is space available for both workshops, but space is limited, so interested teachers should register as soon as possible. For questions regarding the workshops, please contact Rebecca Nichols, K-16 education manager, at rebecca@amstat.org, or call (703) 684-1221.

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

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 more than 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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