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Maryland, Virginia, and DC Statisticians to Participate in 169th Joint Statistical Meetings in Denver

Statisticians from the Academic and Private Sectors will keynote, present papers, chair and participate in panels, and teach courses on timely topics

[Note to editors: Media may attend the sessions at no cost; please visit the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2008/index.cfm?fuseaction=pressregistration> for complete registration information. Requests for interviews may be made to rosanne@amstat.org]

ALEXANDRIA VA, JUNE 19, 2008 – More than 175 statisticians from the academic and private sectors in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia will keynote, present papers and teach courses at the Joint Statistical Meetings, the world's largest annual gathering of statisticians, August 3-7 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Topics cover a wide range of subjects, including the electoral process, education, clinical trials and other health care topics, weather and climate, risk analysis, census, and more.

Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD, director of the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, will deliver a major keynote address, the American Statistical Association President's Invited Address. McClellan's talk is titled "Health Care Considerations for the Millennium;" he will speak on Monday, August 4, at four pm. McClellan, who holds the Leonard D. Schaeffer Director's Chair in Health Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, McClellan has served two presidential administrations as administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, commissioner of the FDA, member of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, senior director for health care policy at the White House, and deputy secretary of the Office of Economic Policy at the U.S. Treasury.

The DC-Virginia-Maryland participants represent the following organizations: American University, George Mason University, Georgetown University, James Madison University, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland Hospital Association, National Opinion Research Center, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland, U.S. Naval Academy, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic, Virginia State University, and Westat Inc. The names of the DC-MD-VA participants are given below; a complete list of their sessions, with links to session content, is available on the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/pressroom/pdfs/DCMDVAParticipantsChart.pdf>

American University: Elizabeth Malloy, Mark Meyer
George Mason University: Richard Griffiths, Alan Tupek

George Washington University: Heibatollah Baghi, Johan Bjursell, Deanna Breslin, Guoqing Diao, James Gentle, Panagiota Kitsantas, Teresa Panniers, Matthew Perdoni, Yasmin Said, Walid Sharabati, Liansheng Tang, Faye Taxman, George Wang, Edward Wegman

James Madison University: Ali Arab, Christine Elsik, Bonnie Green, George Luta, Anne-Michelle Noone, J. Ord, Mahlet Tadesse, Rochelle Tractenberg, Andrew Vogt, Antai Wang,

Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions: Linda Fried

Johns Hopkins University: Howard Burkom, Brian Caffo, Adam Cardinal-Stakenas, Kwun Chuen (Gary) Chan, Sining Chen, Leslie Cope, Ciprian Crainiceanu, Francesca Dominici, Yevgeniy Elbert, Constantine Frangakis, Sonja Greven, Seth Guikema, Yen-Yi Ho, Thomas Louis, Sheng Luo, Ahiliang Ma, Joseph Margolik Wang Mei-Cheng, Linda Moniz, Giovanni Parmigiani, Roshanak Nateghi, Youngser Park, Carey Priebe, Ravi Varadhan, Chi Wang

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health: Karen Bandeen-Roche, Simina Boca, Lauren Cain, Paolo Chaves, Yong Chen, Stephen Cole, Sandrah Eckel, Aidan McDermott, John McGready, Roger Peng, Jonathan Samet, Scott Zeger

Maryland Hospital Association: Jacob Cheng, Nikolas Matthes, Sam Ogunbo

National Opinion Research Center: Ashley Amaya, Safaa Amer, Martin Barron, Chet Bowie, Sadeq Chowdhury, Kennon Copeland, Stephanie Eckman, Nadarajasundaram Ganesh, Rachel Harter, Susan Hinkins, Cindy Howes, Robert Montgomery, Timothy Mulcahy, Edward Mulrow, Steven Pedlow, Hee-Choon Shin, Benjamin Skalland, Tom Smith, John Thompson, Yongyl Wang, Kirk Wolter, Douglas Wright, Zhiwei Zhang

University of the District of Columbia: Valbona Bejleri

University of Maryland: Carolina Casas-Cordero, Hong-Bin Fang, Michael Fu, Yi Huang, John Iceland, Wolfgang Jank, Frauke Kreuter, Partha Lahiri, Zhenqiu Liu, Thomas Mathew, Robert Mislevy, Wendy Moe, Nagaraj Neerchal, Justin Newcomer, Santanu Pramanik, Anindya Roy, Galit Shmueli, Linda Simoni-Wastila, Ming Tan, Guo-Liang Tian, Yufeng Tu, Inbal Yahav, Guangyu Zhang, Lirong Zhao

U.S. Naval Academy: Gary Fowler, Leah Jager

Virginia Commonwealth University: Kellie Archer, Al Best, Edward Boone, Jozsef Bukszar, James Davenport, Chris Gennings, Tobias Guennel, Jessica Ketchum, Scott Marshall, Christine Schubert, Emily Sheldon, Shumel Sun, Edwin van den Oord

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: Pang Du, Laura Freeman, Feng Guo, Leigh Harrell, Dong-Yun Kim, Ying Liu, Jianying Lou, Denisa Olteanu, Marion Reynolds Jr., George Terrell, Geoffrey Vining, Xiaowei Wang, Sara Wilson, William Woodall,

Virginia State University: Shubhabrata Mukherjee

Westat: J. Brick, Dwight Brock, David Cantor, B. de Castro, Sylvia Dohrmann, Robert Fay, David Ferraro, Ismael Flores Cervantes, Daifeng Han, Lee Harding, Frank Jenkins, Bryce Johnson, David Judkins, Graham Kalton, Jeffrey Kerwin, Tom Krenzke, Hyunshik Lee, Lin Li, Tiandong Li, Annie Lo, David Marker, Leyla Mohadjer, Jill Montaquila, David Morganstein, Tom Munk, Greg Norman, Andrea Piesse, John Rogers, Gary Shapiro, Wendy VanDeKerckhove

JSM 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. More than 5,000 statisticians from government, industry and academia are expected to attend the 2008 JSM, which features a range of activities, including more than 2,500 presentations, panels, roundtables, poster presentations, and continuing education courses. There also is an exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities); a career placement service; society, section and committee meetings; and social and networking opportunities.

Complete program and registration information for the 2008 JSM is available at the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2008/index.cfm>.

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