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–Ron Wasserstein, on behalf of [The World of Statistics Steering Committee](#)

NEWS

OECD, Statistics Korea Team Up for World Forum on Statistics Knowledge, Policy

OECD and Statistics Korea will host the 6th OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy, November 27-29, 2018 in Incheon, Korea. The event will showcase international best practices and innovations to improve quality of life and sustainable well-being. With a forward-looking perspective, it will focus on issues such as smart cities, gender equality and the role of government and business in improving society. An event website will launch in early 2018.



Croatia to Host International Multi-Discipline Statistics Conference Next May

The 2nd International Statistical Conference in Croatia, [ISCCRO'18](#), will take place May 10-11, 2018 in Opatija at the Croatian seaside. Organized by the Croatian Statistical Association, a member of FenStats - the Federation of European National Statistical Societies, the event's themes are broad and include:



- Applications of Statistics
- Medical Statistics
- Communicating and Teaching Statistics
- Biometrics
- Data Science
- Methods and Theory
- Environmental/Spatial Statistics
- Official Statistics/Public Policy
- Industry and Commerce

- Social Statistics

Invited speakers include researchers from academic institutions across Europe and North America. Authors can submit abstracts until November 20 by emailing the program chair at conference@hsd-stat.hr or [Ksenija Dumicic](#).

BigSurv18 to Connect Survey Science, Big Data in October 2018

Help solve the challenge of combining Big Data and Survey Science. Meet with experts and exchange ideas about promising technologies and methodologies for using massive datasets and state-of-the-art analytical techniques to improve, supplement or replace data and estimates from complex surveys and censuses. Conducted by RTI International and ESRA, BigSurv18 is the intersection of survey science and Big Data and takes place October 25-27, 2018 at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology, in Barcelona. A call for papers will soon be issued. Learn more about the conference, see who is on the Scientific Committee, and find out about sponsorship opportunities at www.bigsurv18.org.



Chinese Statistics Organization Announces 2018 Applied Statistics Symposium

The 2018 International Chinese Statistical Association ([ICSA](#)) [Applied Statistics Symposium](#) takes place June 14-17, 2018 at Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA. The theme of this conference is "The New Era of Data Science and Inference," in recognition of a new era for statisticians with different challenges and opportunities. Keynote speakers include:

- **Brad Efron** , Max H. Stein Professor of Humanities and Sciences, Professor of Statistics, and Professor of Biostatistics at Stanford University;
- **Lisa LaVange** , Director of the Office of Biostatistics in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), at US FDA;
- **Xuming He** , Chair and H.C. Carver Professor of Statistics at University of Michigan; and
- **Cun-Hui Zhang** , Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University.



The symposium will offer short courses, invited sessions, contributed sessions, and poster presentations. Invited session proposals are due by December 1, 2017, while course proposals are due January 1, 2018.

Call for Abstracts for 2018 International Biometric Conference

The International Biometric Society (IBS) invites abstracts for contributed oral and poster presentations at the [2018 International Biometric Conference \(IBC2018\)](#), July 8-13, 2018 in Barcelona. Abstracts may be submitted online through January 10, 2018, and may cover a broad range of topics and perspectives. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the IBC2018 International Program Committee, and presenting authors will be notified of their status in March.



Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium to Meet This Month in Atlanta

The 24th Meeting of the [Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium \(BASS XXIV\)](#) is set for October 23-27 at the Hotel Indigo Savannah Historic District in Savannah, Georgia, USA. One-hour tutorials on diverse topics pertinent to research, clinical development and regulation of pharmaceuticals will be addressed by speakers in academia, pharmaceutical industry and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). New this year is a poster session! In addition, two parallel short courses, a keynote address, reception/dinner and the FDA/Industry/Academia session are key events not to be missed.

BASS is a non-profit entity established to support graduate studies in biostatistics and has supported more than 50 Master's or Doctorate degree graduate students in biostatistics.

Celebrate European Statistics Day on October 20

European Statistics Day will be commemorated on October 20, and this year's theme is "[The Value of Official Statistics as a Public Good.](#)"



European Statistics Day is commemorated annually in the four years between each World Statistics Day. It aims to raise awareness of European citizens to the importance of official statistics. In particular, European Statistics Day provides an opportunity for European statisticians to interact with all users of official statistics and to engage with the wider public on statistical issues. Among the many events being organized around the European Union on this day, a special seminar to mark the occasion will take place in Portugal, organized by the European Statistical Advisory Committee, the Portuguese Statistical Society and the Portuguese Statistical Institute.

The 20th of October was designated the World Statistics Day by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 and is celebrated worldwide every 5 years.

Contribute News, Jobs to the World of Statistics

The editorial staff of the World of Statistics relies on you so that we can share newsworthy statistics-related events. Send us details via the links below. In addition, the World of Statistics will feature job listings for statistics and data science positions in this newsletter. There is no cost for this service, but listings are limited to 250 words and must include a link to where more detailed information can be found. Send your job listing to ron@amstat.org.

As always, we look forward to promoting the positive work of the global statistical community to educate the public, grow the profession, expand research and development, and improve the quality of life.



JOBS

Chair of the Department of Biostatistics University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Public Health

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Public Health is seeking outstanding candidates for the next Chair of the Department of Biostatistics.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chair is responsible for leading the department including developing new programs, strengthening existing programs, expanding the statistical methodology profile of the department, and growing collaborative relationships. The chair also oversees the department budget, coordinates teaching assignments, and evaluates and mentors department faculty and staff. This position is a 12-month appointment with administrative, teaching, research, and service responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Ph.D. degree in biostatistics or statistics is required. The candidate should also have a record of accomplishment of collaborative research and peer-reviewed publications, demonstrated ability to obtain extramural funding for research, and track record of effective teaching and student mentoring as would be expected for the rank of full professor. The chair is expected to have effective interpersonal and communication skills, leadership and management experience, faculty mentorship experience, and a strong track record of collaborative and/or statistical methodology work. Experience managing a biostatistics consulting service, developing and implementing biostatistics academic programs, and directing extramurally funded research will be considered positively.

To apply for this position, visit unmc.peopleadmin.com/postings/34633. Only online applications will be accepted. Interested applicants should submit a current CV, letter of interest, and 3 references. The letter should highlight the candidate's vision for the department, his/her experience and philosophy of leadership, administration, and mentoring and outline the candidate's research and teaching interests and how these

fit with the department. Salary will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries regarding this position should be directed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Li-Wu Chen at liwuchen@unmc.edu.

**Full/Associate/Assistant Professors
Post-Doctoral Fellows
National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan**

The Department of Mathematics and Institute of Applied Mathematical Sciences at National Taiwan University invite applications for several openings at the levels of tenure-track or non-tenure-track assistant, associate and full professors, and for several post-doctoral positions. The positions begin from August 1, 2018 and are open for the research areas of pure mathematics, and computational and applied mathematics, probability and financial mathematics, statistical sciences, data science and others.

Candidates for professorships should have strong commitment to research and teaching. The teaching load may be reduced to one course per semester in the beginning period. The post-doctoral position is a one-year appointment, with a possible extension for one more year. Candidates are required to have received a Ph.D. degree before the start of their appointment and they should show strong research potential. With donation from alumni, the department can possibly provide new faculty additional financial support up to three years. Young scholars with great performance in research and teaching can be awarded Junior Fellow. The prize awarded for Junior Fellow is half a million to 1.2 million TWD a year in addition to salary for five years.

Applicants for all positions please send a letter of application, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, recent publications, a research plan and three letters of recommendation to [hiring@math.ntu.edu.tw](mailto: hiring@math.ntu.edu.tw) or to the postal address: Recruiting Committee, Department of Mathematics, National Taiwan University, No. 1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei 10617 Taiwan.

The deadline is January 15, 2018 for regular positions, and March 31, 2018 for post-doctoral positions. For more information please visit www.math.ntu.edu.tw/.

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