

David Hand, President of the Royal Statistical Society, to Address Joint Statistical Meetings in Washington DC

American Statistical Association Fellows presentation follows Hand's address

ALEXANDRIA VA (Media-Newswire) JULY 29, 2009 – David Hand, president of the Royal Statistical Society, will address attendees at the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) on Tuesday, August 4, at the Washington (DC) Convention Center. Following Hand's talk, the American Statistical Association (ASA) will present certificates to the 2009 ASA Fellows.

Hand is professor of statistics at Imperial College, London, and previously was professor of statistics and head of the statistics department at the Open University. He has been a member of the Royal Statistical Society for more than 25 years. The RSS, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year, is the United Kingdom's only professional and learned society devoted to the interests of statistics and statisticians. It has members in more than 50 countries and is active in a wide range of areas both directly and indirectly pertaining to the study and application of statistics.

"The Royal Statistical Society has had a major impact on the advancement of statistical science for 175 years," said ASA President Sally Morton. "Hand's presence at the JSM greatly enhances the meeting, and highlights the partnership between the RSS and the ASA that continues to grow."

Hand also is participating in the following JSM sessions:

- **Transforming Data Evidence Into Successful Policies, Decisions, and Actions**
http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/onlineprogram/index.cfm?fuseaction=activity_details&activityid=577&sessionid=204104
- **Statistical Learning and Data Mining**
http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/onlineprogram/index.cfm?fuseaction=abstract_details&abstractid=305886

ASA Fellows

Fifty-seven ASA members have been elected as Fellows of the Association, recognized for their outstanding professional contributions to and leadership in the field of statistical science. The Fellows will receive their certificates at a ceremony following Hand's talk. A complete list of the ASA Fellows by state is available at <http://www.amstat.org/about/pressreleases/2009Fellows.pdf>

About JSM

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 2009 JSM is available at the JSM web site at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/>.

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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