

## **Media Advisory:**

### **Joint Statistical Meetings Open August First at DC Convention Center**

**ARLINGTON, VA (PRWEB) JULY 31, 2009** -- The 2009 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), organized by the American Statistical Association (ASA), open tomorrow at the Walter Washington Convention Center here. JSM, the world's largest annual gathering of statisticians, brings nearly 6,000 statisticians to the Washington DC area from across the country and around the globe. The conference runs through Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Statistical experts will participate in more than 2,500 oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, continuing education courses, career placement, business meetings, social activities and networking opportunities during the six-day program. The theme for the 2009 JSM is "*Statistics: From Evidence to Policy*." For more information about the conference visit the JSM newsroom at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/index.cfm?fuseaction=newsroom>.

#### **\*\*\*Media Registration**

Members of the media are invited to participate in any or all of the sessions at JSM. Media registration is required; call Rosanne Desmone at 703.946.3820 or sign up online at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/index.cfm?fuseaction=pressregistrationform>. Press credentials also can be requested or picked up at the Special Assistance Desk in the registration area of the conference.

#### **Conference highlights**

##### **\*\*\*Daily Highlights**

Visit the JSM newsroom Daily Highlights page for information on activities of interest for each day of the conference and to see items of interest about participants.

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/index.cfm?fuseaction=jsmhighlights>

**\*\*\*President's Invited Address (Keynote Speaker):** Rebecca Blank, Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, 4 pm, Monday, August 3, Ballroom A-B

<http://www.amstat.org/about/pressreleases/JSM200Keynote.pdf>

**\*\*\*College Stat Bowl** – Tuesday, August 4, 8:30 to 12:30 am, Room 102B. There are 16 players – including one Virginia Tech student -- in the tournament. There will be four first round games, from 8:30 to 10:30, each game consisting of four players. Round two, which will determine the winner, will begin at 10:30. For more info:

[http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/onlineprogram/index.cfm?fuseaction=activity\\_details&sessionid=204270](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/onlineprogram/index.cfm?fuseaction=activity_details&sessionid=204270)

**\*\*\*Excellence in Statistical Reporting Award:** Tuesday, August 4, 12:30 pm, Room 205

<http://www.amstat.org/about/pressreleases/SharonBegleyWinsESRAAward.pdf>

**\*\*\*20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cox Scholarship 5K race and 2.5 K Fun Run** – Tuesday, August 4, 7-8:30 am

The annual Cox Scholarship Race/Run, sponsored by the Caucus for Women in Statistics in conjunction with the ASA, benefits the Gertrude Cox scholarship fund. The race will take place at Hains Point.

**\*\*\*Royal Statistical Society (RSS) Address:** David Hand, RSS president, 8:30 pm, Tuesday, August 4, Ballroom A-B

<http://www.amstat.org/about/pressreleases/DavidHandtoAddressJSM.pdf>

**\*\*\*ASA Presidential Address:** Sally Morton, "Statistics: From Evidence to Policy," 8:45 pm, Tuesday, August 4, Ballroom A-B

### **\*\*\*News releases**

JSM news releases are available at:

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/index.cfm?fuseaction=newsreleases>

### **\*\*\*Exhibitors**

Approximately 70 exhibitors will present state-of-the-art products and services in the exhibit hall at the conference. A complete list of exhibitors is at

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2009/index.cfm?fuseaction=exhibitorlist>

### **\*\*\*Attendees & Presenters**

The JSM participants represent academia, business & industry, and federal, state, provincial, and local governments. The majority of participants are from the US; Canadian attendees are the second largest group. International participants include statisticians from Australia, the United Kingdom, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, and South America.

### **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. Nearly 6,000 statisticians from government, industry and academia are expected to attend the 2009 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; 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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