



International Indian Statistical Association (IISA)

Newsletter, Summer 2009



Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to present the summer issue of the IISA Newsletter. I hope you will find many interesting and useful items as you browse through it, especially updated information about the 2010 IISA Conference in Visakhapatnam. If you have any news to share, please do forward them to me. As always, your feedback is very important and I look forward to your comments and/or suggestions.

Thank you all who contributed to this newsletter and have a great summer!

With best wishes,

Veera Baladandayuthapani
Newsletter Editor, IISA

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Request for Membership Renewal and Information Update

Dear Member,

IISA Executive Committee would like to thank you for the generous and continuous support. The greatest asset of this association is its members. Last year we have grown as an organization and we appreciate and thank you for all the help. Needless to say, we are in need of your continued support. As the JSM approaches, we are starting the Membership Renewal Drive.

We look forward to welcoming many new members this year. You can help us to grow. To strengthen IISA please tell your colleagues about IISA and nominate them for IISA membership. Together, we can continue to improve the IISA and advance its cause.

If your membership is going to expire on June 30, 2009 or currently in delinquent status, renew it now. Please consider to become a life member. Life membership is only USD 300 (for US residents) and INR 1500 (for resident Indians.) I am looking forward to welcoming you as a returning member to the IISA. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us (treasurer.iisa@gmail.com). For your convenience, the IISA membership form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please send your check and application form to: Subrata Kundu/Sudip Bose, Department of Statistics, George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052.

Your help is needed in keeping the membership database accurate and up to date. Please update your membership records - If there are any changes please send us your new e-mail address, affiliation, phone number etc. Also, if you know of someone who is a member but is not receiving our newsletters please let us know of his/her current contact address. Thanks again for your continued support of the association.

Subrata Kundu & Sudip Bose,
Treasurers, IISA
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2010 IISA Conference



International Indian Statistical Association Joint Statistical Meetings and International Conference on Statistics, Probability and Related Areas, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, January 4 -8, 2010

The Joint Statistical Meetings organized by the International Indian Statistical Association (IISA) in partnership with the American Statistical Association (ASA) as well as the Statistical Associations in India will be held at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, January 4 -8, 2010. For information about this international conference on Statistics, Probability, and Related Areas, please contact: S. Rao Jammalamadaka (Organizing Committee Chair) (rao@pstat.ucsb.edu), N. Balakrishnan (Program Committee Chair) (bala@mcmaster.ca), K. Srinivasa Rao (Local Organizing Committee Chair)(ksraoau@yahoo.co.in).

Registration is now open! at <http://www.iisa-isps2010.org>
Please register for the conference and make reservations for your accommodation!

Financial Support for Participants from India at the 2010 IISA-JSM VIZAG Conference

Participants at the 2010 IISA JSM Conference from within India, who are members of the IISA, may apply for the following travel support. The categories of the people who will qualify for the AC second-class train travel fare are:

- 1) Retired statisticians who are Invited speakers and are members of the IISA.
- 2) Any researcher who has secured his/her doctorate in 2005 or after.
- 3) All senior Doctoral Students (students who have been in a Ph.D. program for at least 2 years) at recognized Indian universities.

Because of the limited funds available, the travel award will be competitive. All participants who wish to seek this travel support are asked to send their application by the end of August, 2009 to Dr. K. S. Rao at ksraoau@yahoo.co.in

The application from people in categories 2) and 3) should include a vitae of up to three pages. The students should also include the name of their thesis advisor, the topic of the thesis and the expected date of graduation.

The committee to decide on the awards consists of Professors K. Srinivas Rao (Coordinator), Sreenivas R. Jammalamadaka, Ashis Sengupta, M. L. Aggarwal, and Ram Tiwari(Chair).

2010 IISA Conference Awards

We are proud to announce the IISA awards below to be presented at the Visakhapatnam conference.

The IISA Service Award(s):

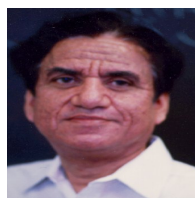


Dr. Narayanaswamy Balakrishnan, McMaster University



Dr. Kirti Shah, University of Waterloo

The IISA Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Jayanta K. Ghosh, Purdue University

Congratulations Drs. Balakrishnan, Shah and Ghosh!

Nomination Call for the IISA Young Researcher Awards

The IISA Award Committee is soliciting nominations for the Young Researcher Awards in two categories: (a) Theory and Methods, (b) Methods and Applications.

The awards will be presented at the IISA-India Joint Statistical meeting in Visakhapatnam, January 4-8, 2010. The nominated candidates

1. must have made significant contributions of high quality in category (a) or (b),
2. should be under the age of 45 years by December 31, 2009,
3. must be a current member of IISA.

The nomination package should contain a cover letter explaining the importance and quality of the contributions by the candidates, along with a recent CV, three supporting letters of nomination and other pertinent supporting materials.

The package should be sent electronically to the chair of the IISA Award Committee to Marepalli Rao at raomb@ucmail1.uc.edu by September 15, 2009.

The members of the committee are Arup Bose (India), Jayant Deshpande (India), Ravi Khattree (USA), Mani Lakshminarayanan (USA), Marepalli B. Rao (USA, Chair), and Rajeshwari Sridhara (USA).

The 2009 IISA election results

1. The 2009-2010 President-Elect and the 2010-2011 President:

Haikady N. Nagaraja
Professor of Statistics, Professor of Medicine,
Biostatistician, General Clinical Research Center
The Ohio State University

Professor Nagaraja received his M.Sc. degree in Statistics from University of Mysore, Mysore, India, in 1974, and Ph.D. degree in Statistics from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1980. He joined the Ohio State University right after his graduation from Iowa State University. His research interests include order and record statistics, general distribution theory, applied probability models, and biostatistical applications. Professor Nagaraja is a member of the IISA Executive Board and is the leader of the IISA Information Technology.

2. The 2009-2012 Member of the Board of Trustees

Jayant V. Deshpande
Professor Emeritus of Statistics
University of Pune, India

Professor Deshpande has been appointed as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Statistics at University of Pune by the National Board for Higher Mathematics for the year 2009-2010. He received his Ph.D. in Statistics in 1965 from University of Pune. His research interests include Statistical Inference, Reliability, and Survival Analysis. Professor Deshpande has served on several key committees for IISA and its India Chapter.

The IISA Nominating Committee Members: Bovas Abraham (University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada), Ajit C. Tamhane (Northwestern University, Evanston, USA), and Sastry G. Pantula (North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA), chair.

Congratulations to Professors Nagaraja and Deshpande!

Incoming IISA President-India Chapter

The incoming IISA President-India Chapter Professor M.B. Rajarshi Department of Statistics University of Pune India starting from July 1, 2009.

Professor Jayant Deshpande nominated Rajarshi for this position. Rajarshi is a life member of the IISA. Professor in Statistics Ph.D. (University of Pune) Research interests : Statistical Inference in Stochastic Process, Applied Probability. Chief editor: Journal of the Indian Statistical Association(2001-) Current Interests: Computation based estimation in State space models and censored data, stochastic modelling in various areas Ecology, time series analysis, resampling plans. Elected member: International Statistical Institute.

We want to thank the outgoing President-India Chapter Professor Ashis Sengupta, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata for his contributions to the IISA,India-Chapter. His energy and his dedication to our profession are commendable.

International Conference on Frontiers of Interface between Statistics and the Sciences,



December 31 2009 – January 2 2010 at Hyderabad, India

The conference is in honor of C.R.Rao, the living legend who will be attaining the age of 90 in 2010. The objective of the conference is to highlight the importance of statistics in knowledge discovery in the sciences. There will be sessions on a variety of topics with the participation of 3 or 4 speakers in each. All contributed papers will be in the form of poster presentations. Two prizes of Rs.5000 each will be offered to authors of the best poster presentation as judged by a panel of experts. There will be a registration fee of 100+ 25 (for the new year eve banquet) for participants from advanced countries and Rs.2,500 + Rs.500 (for the banquet) for others. The last date for sending the registration fee is 15 October, 2009. There will be additional charges for those registering later and those coming with a spouse. The registration fee will cover, the cost of conference material, three lunches and tea breaks. Accommodation will be available in the price range of 20–100 for those who register by 15 October 2009. Details will be posted in the website under preparation. Those requiring advance information are requested to contact Dr.S.B.Rao (sid-danib@yahoo.co.in) or Dr.C.R.Rao (crr1@psu.edu). The topics include new areas such as biometrics, bio-informatics, machine learning, design of experiments and orthogonal arrays, cryptography, data mining, technometrics, astrostatistics etc., in addition to current areas of Statistics and their applications. This conference is organized by C.R. Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science and sponsored by International Indian Statistical Association (IISA), and CMS-DST, GOI. More details can be found at: <http://www.stat.osu.edu/~hnn/hydstatconf2010.html>

Seventh International Triennial Calcutta Symposium



The Calcutta Statistical Association and the Department of Statistics, Calcutta University will jointly host the Seventh International Triennial Calcutta Symposium on Probability and Statistics between December 28 - 31, 2009 at the Department of Statistics,

Calcutta University, Kolkata, India.

The symposium will feature invited and contributory sessions on theoretical and applied statistics and probability. Interested participants are requested to contact the Convenor or visit the Web Site There is a website but that one does not have much information:
<http://triennial.calcuttastatisticalassociation.org/sympAnnounce.php>

For further details contact the Convenor, Gaurangadeb Chattopadhyay at caltri7@gmail.com

2011 IISA Conference at Raleigh

NC STATE UNIVERSITY The North Carolina State University (NCSU) at Raleigh will be the host for the 2011 IISA Conference in North America. The local organizing Committee consists of Sujit Ghosh, Subhashis Ghosal, and Sastry G. Pantula. See you all in NC in 2011!.

The IISA Meetings: Past, Present, and Future

The past, present, and future IISA meetings are listed below.

Canada: Montreal (1996)	Canada: Hamilton (1998)
India: Delhi (2000-2001)	USA: DeKalb (2002)
USA: Georgia (2004)	India: Cochin (2007)
USA: Storrs (2008)	India: Visakhapatnam (2010)
USA: Raleigh (2011)	

Contacts



Have some news to share with IISA members? Want to make a suggestion about the newsletter? Please contact Veera Baladandayuthapani (veera@mdanderson.org)

New Members to IISA

The following members joined us or renewed their membership recently. We welcome all new members to the IISA family!

Life Members

Sudip Bose (George Washington University)
S. Balaji (George Washington University)
Hon Keung Tony Ng (Southern Methodist University)

Regular (Three year) Members

Sounak Chakraborty (University of Missouri)

India Chapter:

Life Members

Dr. Uma C. Shankar
Dr. Subrata Chakraborty
Dr. Govinda Seepana Rao
Mr. Ichcha Shankar Sharma
Dr. Goutam Saha
Dr. Anil Kumar Ghosh
Dr. Debasis Kundu
Dr. David D. Hanagal
Mr. Ziaul Haque
Mr. Mohd. Faizan
Mr. Sukhdev Mishra
Mr. Arabin Dey
Mr. Nirpeksh
Mr. Parag Shah
Mr. Mitesh Shah
Mr. Udaya Shetty
Dr. Aruna K. Rao
Dr. Srinivas Narayan Iyer

Regular (Three Year) Members

Mr.Maitrey Bhagat
Mr.T.S.Krishnan
Dr. K.K.Thampi
Ms. Sujata Verma

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM (2009-2010)

Membership Type: Renewal New

Select one: Life Annual 2-year 3-year Student Retired

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership benefits

- 10% discount on IISA Conference fees
 - Co-Sponsorship of Workshops (through IISA Resource persons)
 - Announcement in IISA newsletter and possible nominal financial support
 - Reduced subscription fee to the journal [*Statistical Methodology*](#)
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Membership Fees

For Nonresident Indians:

- **Life Membership Fee: \$300.00 (US)**
- Regular Annual Membership Fee: \$25.00 (US)
- \$40 US for 2 years and \$50 US for 3 years
- Student Annual Membership Fee: \$5.00 (US)

Please write your check (in US funds) to **International Indian Statistical Association**.

Please return this form with cash/check (in person) or mail your check to:

Subrata Kundu (kundu@gwu.edu) or **Sudip Bose** (sudip@gwu.edu).

Treasurer, IISA

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Washington, D.C. 20052

For Resident Indians (revised):

- **Life Membership Fee: Rs. 1500**
- Regular Annual membership Fee: Rs. 100
- 2-year membership: Rs. 150, 3-year membership: Rs. 200
- Life Membership (Retired): Rs. 500

The Demand/Bank Draft for IISA (India Chapter) membership is to be prepared /issued in favour of "IISA 2000-2001 INDIA JSM" payable at State Bank of India, Service Branch, New Delhi and should be sent to Prof. Kanwar Sen by SPEEDPOST at the following address:

Prof. Kanwar Sen

115 Vaishali, Pitampura,

Delhi – 110088, India.