

Mu Zhu is the First SSC AusCan Scholar

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DR. MU ZHU, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Waterloo, has been awarded an AusCan Scholarship by the Statistical Society of Canada to fund a period of travel and research in Australia.

The AusCan Scholar Program is a joint initiative of the SSC and the Statistical Society of Australia Inc. that supports exchanges between these two statisti-

cal communities. The two societies alternate years in choosing a scholar, and Dr. Zhu is the first Scholar in the program. He will visit various Australian Universities in 2006, and the SSAI is in the process of selecting a Scholar for 2007 to visit Canada.

Dr. Zhu received his Ph. D. from Stanford in 2001 after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard in 1996 and a year of working for a consulting firm

in New York. His doctoral work was supervised by T. Hastie, R. Tibshirani and J. Friedman. As might be expected with this intellectual pedigree, his research specialties include rare target detection, data mining, multivariate analysis, pattern recognition and other aspects of the investigation of large complex data sets. He is affiliated with the School of Computer Science and the Center for Computational Mathematics in Industry and Commerce at Waterloo.

Jean-Marie Dufour Gets Marcel-Vincent Prize of ACFAS

JEAN-MARIE DUFOUR, Department of Economic Sciences, University of Montréal received the Marcel-Vincent Prize of ACFAS in October 2005.

Although this prize is for work in social science, it was awarded to Jean Marie for his research contributions in econometrics and statistics. Please

see the website www.acfas.ca/prix/ for details.

UWO to Host Actuarial Research Day

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DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE of the University of Western Ontario will be hosting an Actuarial Research Day on June 1, 2006, following the conclusion of the

SSC meeting. It will feature renowned actuarial researcher Ragnar Norberg from the London School of Economics as keynote speaker as well as invited speakers from the University of Michi-

gan, University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and University of Western Ontario.

9th IMS meeting of New Researchers in Statistics and Probability

**August 1 - 5, 2006
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington**

THE IMS COMMITTEE on New Researchers is organizing a meeting of recent Ph.D. recipients in Statistics and Probability. The purpose of the conference is to promote interaction among

new researchers primarily by introducing them to each other's research in an informal setting. As part of the conference, participants will present talks and posters on their research and discuss interests and professional experiences over meals and social activities organized through the meeting as well as by the participants themselves. The relationships established in this infor-

mal collegiate setting among junior researchers are ones that may last a career, maybe a lifetime!

The meeting is to be held prior to the 2006 Joint Statistical Meetings in Seattle, WA.

Eligibility: Anyone who has received a Ph.D. in Statistics or Probability since