

Dear all,

Spring Greeting!

I hope all is well with you.

I hope to share news about KISS since last email in January.

Before going into details, we welcome any suggestions, ideas and feedbacks for KISS from you!

Also, please send any news about you that you want to share.

**1) Dr. JongMin Kim is our new Treasurer.**

Dr. Woncheol Jang resigned due to his overwork after long service to our group. Thanks very much for your service! Dr. JongMin Kim at Univ. of Minnesota agreed to serve as Treasurer. Welcome aboard, Dr. Kim!

**2) Please create a logo for KISS!**

Please use your creative and artistic talent to make a KISS logo!

We hope to use it on our upcoming official website and official documents.

There will be a random reward if selected. Shall we say by the end of May?

**3) Volunteers for the Interim Board of Directors**

We need to form the Board of Directors for the application for IRS tax-exemption status as a nonprofit organization. Please let me know if you are interested in serving as a member of the Board of Directors. Or, feel free to nominate other colleagues. Please RSVP by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4) KISS contributes an invited session to 2011 KSS International Conference on Statistics and Probability.** (<http://www.kss-icsp2011.org/main/default.asp>)

This is a special conference celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KSS. Dr. Sung Keuk Ahn suggested the idea on this and the chair of organizing committee, Dr. Byeong U. Park, accepted the proposal. Cheers! If you visit Korea around that time, please consider attending the conference. Some of KISSers are also invited to present in other sessions. The KISS invited session is as below:

**Session II**

Sponsor: Korean International Statistical Society

Session title: Applied Biostatistics

Chair: Sung Keuk Ahn, Washington State University, USA

Speakers:

1) Jason Fine, University of North Carolina, USA

Title: Analysis of recurrent episodes data: the length-frequency tradeoff

2) Sin-ho Jung, Duke University, USA

Title: Randomized Phase II cancer clinical trials

3) Motomi Mori, Oregon Health & Science University, USA

Title: Statistical issues in evaluating the efficacy of personalized medicine

**5) KISS co-sponsors the first International Conference for Health Statistics in the Pacific Islands, held at Fiji from July 5-8,**

([http://community.amstat.org/AMSTAT/Friends\\_of\\_Australasia/ICHSPI20111/WelcomeMessage/Default.aspx](http://community.amstat.org/AMSTAT/Friends_of_Australasia/ICHSPI20111/WelcomeMessage/Default.aspx)). The conference is sponsored by Statistics Without Borders and Health Policy Statistics Section of the ASA, Statistical Society of Australia, International Chinese Statistical Association. For the first conference, I will contribute training sessions as a keynote speaker. In the future, I hope that more KISS

members can be invited. Please let me know if you are interested. Future conferences will be held in other South Pacific Islands annually.

6) The editor of KSS Newsletter (Dr. Kee-Hoon Kang) invited me to contribute a short article on KISS to the special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary KSS Newsletter. I submitted an article (title: Would you be a KISSer?). I hope it is included in the newsletter (published at the end of Apr).

Now, here are updates on old businesses.

7) Setting up KISS as a non-profit organization

KISS was incorporated in the State of Oregon on 3/8/2011 as a domestic nonprofit corporation. And, KISS has EIN (Federal Employer Id for Tax Purpose). Bylaws are still under work. Once bylaws and other supporting documents are ready, we will apply for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

8) Current officers are

President: Dongseok Choi (Oregon Health & Science University, [choid@ohsu.edu](mailto:choid@ohsu.edu))

Vice President: Jae-Kwang Kim (Iowa State University)

Secretary: Mi-Ok Kim (Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center)

Treasurer: JongMin Kim (University of Minnesota)

Webmaster: Cheolwoo Park (University of Georgia)

9) Interim website

<http://www.stat.uga.edu/~cpark/KISS/> is the interim website.

We plan to set up an official site sometime soon.

If you're interested in helping setting-up website, please contact Dr. Park ([iidist@hotmail.com](mailto:iidist@hotmail.com))

Again, we welcome any ideas and suggestions, and above all volunteers!

I hope that E-newsletter of KISS can keep us in touch.

Please ask your friends whether they are receiving this e-newsletter and ask them to contact us, if not.

Until next time and cheers,

Dongseok Choi

KISS President

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