

Dear all,

Season's Greetings!

I wish you a wonderful New Year.

I hope to thanks again for electing me as the President of the group at JSM 2010.
I am honored to serve for the group and like to share what's happened since JSM.

1) Setting up a non-profit organization

We are working on setting up our group as a non-profit organization.
We plan to use a new name, Korean International Statistical Society (KISS).
It was suggested by Prof. Xiao-Li Meng (at Harvard) and he loves to be a life-time KISSer.
I think that he deserves it. ☺

Let's start using KISS as our official name from now on!
I hope others can join us and please spread words to other fellow Korean Statisticians in North American and beyond.
We already have a member in Europe that makes us truly international beyond North America.
And, I hope that we open our membership to other nationals, too, and Prof. Meng will be the first one. ☺

Currently, we are working on the bylaws based on the ASA and the ICSA's.

2) I hope to introduce the current officers.

President: Dongseok Choi (Oregon Health & Science University)
Vice President: Jae-Kwang Kim (Iowa State University)
Secretary: Mi-Ok Kim (Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center)
Treasurer: Woncheal Jang (University of Georgia)
Webmaster: Cheolwoo Park (University of Georgia)

3) Interim website

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

There is not much at this point.
We hope to upload more documents in the future.
Eventually, we plan to look for a hosting service.
If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

4) 2011 and beyond

Registering KISS as a non-profit organization will be top priority in 2011.
To do that, we will need to elect Board of Directors.
Also, we need to start making various committees to shape up our future activities, maybe first with the nomination and election committee for an obvious reason. ☺
Constitution, Financial/membership and Program/Publication committees can be next.
Please let us know if you like to nominate someone or yourself for any of the above.

5) Collaboration with other societies

The ICSA (International Chinese Statistical Association) is very interested in working with us. I have been talking with key persons of the ICSA for cohosting conferences/symposium in the future.

The ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium in 2014 can be the first, if not earlier, which will be held in Portland, Oregon.

Another idea on the table is to cohost the ICSA International Conference in Korea (with Korean Statistical Society) in 2016.

Eventually, I hope that KISS can be a cohost of JSM.

We will also work closely with other Korean professional societies in North America.

It will be a very busy and exciting year.

We welcome any ideas and suggestions, and above all volunteers!

I hope that E-newsletter of KISS can connect us closer and be a medium to share members' activities/achievement/exciting news.

At this point, I plan this E-newsletter quarterly, so next one will be in March.

Until next time and cheers,

Dongseok Choi
KISS President
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