

Dear all,

Happy 2012!

KISS wishes a wonderful and fruitful year to all members!

Y2011 was a quite fruitful year for KISS. Both the first KISS annual meeting and the Board of Directors' meeting were very successful. Also, the ASA provided a booth in JSM 2011 and we could recruit many new members, in particular, international members. Welcome all new members, again!

1) KISS website and facebook group

- KISS official website is at <http://www.statkiss.org/>. You can find some basic information on KISS including the current board members/officers, constitution and bylaws. Please visit the website and leave your message on the guest board.
- We also have a facebook group <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/190717430950968/> (Korean International Statistical Society). This is an informal place. I hope we can share our news more frequently in 2012. Don't be shy on posting and sharing your news and thoughts.

2) Upcoming KISS co-sponsoring conferences.

- KISS will co-sponsor the Second Joint Biostatistics Symposium in Beijing. It will be from July 7 – 8. The symposium will be after the 2nd IMS-APRM (July 2-4 in Tsukuba, Japan). KISS will organize two invited sessions. Please contact me ([choid@ohsu.edu](mailto:choid@ohsu.edu)) if you like to organize a session, give a talk or chair a session. The session proposal is due by early March. This may be a good opportunity visit Japan/China/Korea in one trip, if you are planning to visit the region in July.
- KISS is having a conversation with Korean Statistical Society (KSS) if we can participate in the KSS semi-annual meetings by organizing invited. I will keep you posted as we make progress.
- KISS plans to co-sponsor ICSA 2014 Applied Statistics Symposium in Portland, Oregon. I will be the chair of the symposium and start to organize symposium committees. I hope KISS members can participate in the committees and will talk with the ICSA leaders. Please let me know if you are interested in such activities.
- If you serve as an organizing member of a conference, please let us know. KISS hopes to co-sponsor other conferences. If KISS members contribute to a conference, it would be nice if KISS can be listed as a co-sponsor.

3) KISS projects/events in 2012

- KISS is still working on the non-profit organization form for the IRS. Hope to finalize in 2012.
- Becoming a special partner for JSM: KISS applied to become a special partner of JSM. The ASA endorsed our request and forwarded our request to other 4 partners (ENAR, WNAR, IMS, SSC). Two more partners need to endorse the KISS request to become a special partner. We may hear the final decision sometime in spring, 2012. If everything goes well, KISS can be a special partner from JSM 2013 (Montreal). Currently, ICSA and IISA are two special partners of JSM other than 5 partners.

- Annual meeting: July 30 (M) at JSM, San Diego
- Board meeting: July 29 (S) at JSM, San Diego

4) 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.

I think that KISS had a great year in 2012 and hope that we can keep the momentum in 2012. KISS welcomes any ideas and suggestions what to do next! Also, we will need more volunteers for committees. Please share this news letter with your colleagues and friends.

Until next time and cheers,

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