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NISS Affiliates Update: December 2007

1. Bioinformatics Software. This is an early heads-up. OmicSoft, a startup company producing software for analysis of microarray experiments—more generally, large “ $n \ll p$ ” data sets—will be making a limited number of one-year licenses available to affiliates. Details will be announced in January.

2. Data Sharing Workshop. This one-day workshop will focus on scientific and other issues associated with sharing of research data, which is currently mandated by NIH and may be mandated by NSF in the future. The workshop will be at AAAS headquarters in Washington on Friday, February 8, 2008. Participants will include researchers and editors. Further information will be provided within the next week.

3. EAA Workshop. The NISS–DIMACS workshop on the experimental analysis of algorithms (EAA) will be held at NISS on March 6–7, 2008. The workshop web site is

<http://www.niss.org/affiliates/ea200803/index.html>.

New materials will be added as the program develops.

4. International Total Survey Error Workshops (ITSEW) 2008 will be held in Research Triangle Park on June 1–4, 2008, hosted by NISS and RTI International. The theme is *Multiple Error Sources in Surveys and their Interactions*. We anticipate more than thirty talks and poster presentations.

ITSEW 2009 will be held in Sweden, probably in Stockholm and in June, 2009.

5. SAMSI Directorship. Jim Berger is planning step down as director of SAMSI by July 1, 2010. This allows the new director to be in place throughout the entire process of securing SAMSI renewal funding for 2012–17. A national search for the new director, who will also hold a tenured faculty appointment at one of the three SAMSI universities, will begin during the current academic year. You will be asked multiple times for input during this process, but start thinking now, and if you have suggestions prior to the formal announcement of the search, please send them to me.

6. SAMSI Events

Imaging Problems Workshop, within the 2007–08 Program on Random Media: January 31–February 1, 2008 in Research Triangle Park. Details: available soon.

Tutorials and Opening Workshop for the 2007–08 Program on Environmental Sensor Networks: January 13–16, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel RTP.

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2007sensor-opening200801.shtml>.

Workshop on Extreme: Events, Models and Mathematical Theory, within the 2007–08 Program on Risk Analysis, Extreme Events and Decision Theory: January 22–23, 2008 in RTP. Details: available soon.

Two-Day Undergraduate Workshop on February 29–March 1, 2008, at SAMSI. Details: available soon.

Summer 2008 Program on Meta-analysis: June 2–13, 2008 at SAMSI.

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008meta-analysisprogram.shtml>.