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## NISS Affiliates Update: March 2008

**1. Al Bowker.** Albert H. Bowker, the first chair of the Board of Trustees of NISS, died on January 20, 2008. He served as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley and of the City University of New York, Dean of the Graduate Division at Stanford University, and Dean of the School of Public Affairs of the University of Maryland. He was also the first Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education in the US Department of Education.

An eloquent, moving remembrance by Ingram Olkin is on the NISS web site, at [http://www.niss.org/bowker\\_olkin.html](http://www.niss.org/bowker_olkin.html).

**2. New Affiliate.** We welcome the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, US Treasury Department ([http://www.occ.treas.gov/](http://www OCC.treas.gov/)). Emre Balta is their representative.

**3. 2008 Affiliates Annual Meeting.** The dates for this meeting are Thursday afternoon and Friday, April 24–25, 2008, and the location is NISS. Details will be sent soon.

**4. Data Confidentiality: The Next Five Years.** NISS and the Office of Research and Methodology of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) are co-sponsoring a workshop, to be held at NCHS (Hyattsville, MD) on Thursday and Friday, May 1–2, 2008, Details: <http://www.niss.org/affiliates/dc200805/index.html>

**5. QMDNS.** The 2008 meeting on *Quantitative Methods in Defense and National Security* will take place on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 in Marriott Hotel Durham at the Civic Center (Durham, NC), in conjunction with Interface 2008. Details: <http://www.niss.org/sdns2008/index.html>.

**6. Interface 2008,** the 40th Symposium on the Interface between Computing Science and Statistics, will be held at the Marriott Hotel Durham at the Civic Center (Durham, NC) on Thursday–Saturday, May 22–24, 2008. NISS is the host organization, and so ARA's can be used to meet the cost of attending. Details and brochure: <http://www.niss.org/interface2008/index.html>

**7. 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*. Details: <http://www.niss.org/ITSEW/2008/itsew2008home.html>.

**8. Building Addition Construction.** A photographic log of the process is on our web site, at <http://www.niss.org/photogallery/construction2008/construction08-home.html>.

## 9. SAMSI Events

**Transition Workshop: Risk Revisited**, within the 2007–08 Program on Risk Analysis, Extreme Events and Decision Theory: May 21, 2008, at the Marriott Hotel Durham at the Civic Center (Durham, NC), as a satellite event to Interface 2008

Details: Forthcoming

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

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

**10. SAMSI Programs for 2008–09.** Two programs are planned:

- Algebraic Methods in Systems Biology and Statistics.

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008algebraicmethodsprogram.shtml>.

- Sequential Monte Carlo Methods

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008SMCprogram.shtml>.