

# CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RELIABILITY AND SURVIVAL ANALYSIS (ICRSA2003) UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (USC) MAY 21-24, 2003

**Description:** The Department of Statistics, with its Center for Reliability and Quality Sciences, of the **University of South Carolina, Columbia**, will be holding the International Conference in Reliability and Survival Analysis 2003 during **May 21-24, 2003** on the university's historic campus. The objectives of this conference are to bring together senior researchers, young researchers, and practitioners from around the world who are working in the areas of reliability theory and its applications, survival analysis, and related topics to present current research work and future trends in these areas. The theme of the ICRSA2003 will be "*Advances, Current and Future Research in Reliability and Survival Analysis.*" There will be both invited and contributed paper sessions with a mix of senior and junior scientists, and there will be six plenary sessions each featuring a special invited speaker. Also, there will be sessions devoted to poster presentations by graduate students and beginning researchers. These sessions will provide the students and young investigators an opportunity to discuss their work at length with other participants and to closely interact with leaders in the focal areas of the conference. Partial funding for the Conference is provided by grants from the U.S. National Science Foundation and the U.S. Army Research Office.

**Call for Contributed Talks and Poster Presentations:** This announcement is to solicit contributed talks or poster presentations from interested researchers, especially from graduate students and new researchers. A limited number of contributed talks will be organized into sessions with 4 speakers, with each speaker presenting a 20-minute talk. To contribute a talk or a poster presentation, send a title and abstract to the Organizers on or before November 15, 2002. Decisions on the acceptance of a contributed talk will be made on or before January 15, 2003.

**Travel Support:** Graduate students or new investigators, especially participants from underrepresented groups, are encouraged to apply for partial travel support from the Organizers. This support is through the U.S. National Science Foundation grant. Request for travel support should be sent to the Organizers on or before November 15, 2002, and decisions will be made on or before January 15, 2003. Details on the application process are at the conference website.

**Conference Website:** <http://www.stat.sc.edu/~padgett/ICRSA2003>. This contains information about registration, lodging, travel information, travel support, abstract submission, program, and information about the University, the City of Columbia, and South Carolina.

**Invited Plenary Talks:** Plenary session speakers are Prof. H. Block (Univ. of Pittsburgh), Prof. M. Hollander (Florida State Univ.), Prof. J. Lawless (Univ. of Waterloo), Prof. R. Prentice (Univ. of Washington), Prof. N. Singpurwalla (George Washington Univ.), and Prof. L.J. Wei (Harvard Univ.).

**Invited Session Organizers:** Organizers of invited sessions are Prof. O. Aalen (Norway), Prof. T. Aven (Norway) and Prof. U. Jensen (Germany), Dr. M. Crowder (United Kingdom), Prof. N. Ebrahimi (USA), Prof. L. Escobar (USA), Prof. N. Flournoy (USA), Prof. N. Keiding (Denmark), Prof. J. Klein (USA), Prof. L. Kuo (USA), Dr. R. Launer (USA), Prof. M. Lee (USA), Prof. I. McKeague (USA), Dr. S. Keller-McNulty (Los Alamos Labs), Prof. M. Meeker (USA), Prof. X. Min (Singapore), Prof. D. Oakes (USA), Prof. L. Ryan (USA), Prof. F. Samaniego (USA), Prof. T. Savits (USA), Prof. R. Strawderman (USA), Prof. J. Wang (USA), and Prof. M. Wang (USA). Each is organizing a session with three speakers on a topic of major relevance to the theme of the Conference. Other invited speakers are listed in the conference website.

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