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Greetings!

Countdown to Paperless Parameter: 2

Two more issues of the paper version of the PARAMETER will be delivered. Subsequently, an email version of the PARAMETER will be used to communicate with our members.

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Luncheon Announcement

Noon to 1:00PM
March 20, 2007
The East Bank Club
500 N Kingsbury, Chicago 60610

Please join us for this exciting event in the CCASA's Tuesday Luncheon program.

Our March speaker is Rick Rungaitis, General Manager of the Schaumburg Flyers, and the talk is entitled *Challenges of Running a Minor League Baseball Team in the Baseball Rich, Chicago Market.*

GM Rick Rungaitis has the longest tenure of any current Schaumburg front office employee. He joined the Flyers organization as Assistant GM in June 1998 and became the second general manager in team history on September 11, 2000. Schaumburg

remained among the Northern League attendance leaders in 2006, ranking in the league's Top 5 for the eighth consecutive season. He has accomplished many things over the last ten years, and will discuss some of the business and marketing challenges that the Flyers face. Rick brings 15 years of professional baseball experience into the 2007 season. Prior to arriving in Schaumburg, Rick was the Assistant GM of the Class AAA Iowa Cubs in 1996-97. He also served as Director of Media Relations for the top affiliate in the Chicago Cubs organization from 1992-97, holding dual responsibilities during his final two years with the club.

Next month, on April 25, 2007—George Karabatsos will speak on the use of nonparametric Bayesian analysis. Please save this date for what promises to be an informative and fun-filled event.

Plans for our future luncheons will be included in our upcoming announcements. Lunch is \$30 for CCASA members, \$35 for nonmembers. Nonmembers, join the chapter for a year for only \$15 and get the discount plus all the benefits of membership!

Contact Lou Fogg, VP for Luncheons Phone 312-942-6239 E-mail:Louis_Fogg@rush.edu



Upcoming Events

Conference:

Friday, May 11, 2007 -- Measuring the economic impact of global climate change.

Location: Water Tower Campus, Loyola University, 820 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

This year we are planning a conference on statistical and economic issues associated with modeling atmospheric data and climate change models.

Topics:

- Evaluating climate models
- Measuring the role of human activity on the environment and predicting the impact of policies designed to respond to the consequences of this behavior
- Quantifying uncertainty in global temperature changes

Upcoming Luncheon:

April 25, 2007--George Karabatsos, UIC - On nonparametric Bayesian models, which are models that do not require a prior probability value to be estimated using a Bayesian approach.

Northeastern Chapter Workshop:

Thursday March 22nd, 2007 -- Northeastern Illinois Chapter of ASA Workshop Announcement

Venue: Embassy Suites, 1445 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield
Times: 11:00 AM

Presenters

Timothy O'Brien (Loyola University): Practical Considerations in Applied Nonlinear Regression Modeling: Design, Estimation and Testing

Brian Sullivan (Statistical Solutions): How to Obtain Accurate Sample Size and Power Using nQuery Advisor

Elizabeth Hahn (Northwestern University): Methodological Challenges in Analyzing Patient- Reported Outcomes

Additional information on workshop:

<http://www.amstat.org/chapters/northeasternillinois/spring07.htm>

For Registration: send form via e-mail to Zhen Zhao:
zzhao@tgrd.com, or by 224-554- 7861.

Sponsored by the NIC-ASA (<http://www.amstat.org/chapters/northeasternillinois/>)

Position Available

Biostatistician and Clinical SAS Programmer needed for East Coast CRO Work remotely | telecommuting

The Statistician is responsible for providing statistical support and data analysis for clinical projects of statistical tables, listings, figures and analysis datasets for clinical trials. The Statistician will also assist the Senior Statistician with the SAS programming of Commercial/NIH or regulatory reports/submissions for clinical trials.

The Clinical SAS Programmer is responsible for the SAS programming and validation of assignments associated with a clinical study or project designing tables, listings and figure programs creating, validating and executing analysis data set programs. The Clinical SAS Programmer also provides programming support for Commercial/NIH or regulatory reports/submissions for clinical trials. BS, Masters or Doctorate in mathematics, statistics, Computer Science or Bio Scientific related field with 4 years work experience in clinical research (CRO, Pharmaceutical, Academic Medicine), or equivalent using SAS. Demonstrated knowledge of the regulatory clinical research process and FDA and ICH Guidelines; knowledge of 21 CFR Part 11 compliance and assessments required.

Interested candidates please e-mail resume and cover letter to:
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