Dr. Lili Yu, Associate Professor of Biostatistics and Ms. Ruth Whitworth, IT Expert and Webmaster at Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Georgia Southern University was awarded a Special Citation by the President of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) in recognition of their contributions to the growth of the ICSA.

Dr. Yu joined the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health as an assistant professor in 2007, right after she obtained her Ph.D. in Biostatistics from the Ohio State University. At the same time, she serves as the faculty advisor of the office of ICSA, which is incubated in the JPHCOPH at Georgia Southern University. In addition to advising students on the office’s daily work, she communicates with different committees in ICSA and provides assistance for the local committees for each ICSA symposium as well. She has been a member in the ICSA Archive committee from 2008 to 2012, and serves as the chair of this committee in 2013. She has been a reviewer for Jiann-Ping Hsu pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Student Paper Award in ICSA symposium for several years. She also serves in Student award committee in 2013 ICSA/ISBS symposium. Lili Yu’s area of research is mainly focused on survival analysis. She works on semiparametric linear models for heteroscedastic survival data in various aspects. Recently, she is also interested in logistic regressions for categorical data with missing values.

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