

# **Statistics and Climate NCAR Summer School 08**

Jim Zidek,

U British Columbia

# Welcome!

From **Alejandro Adem**, New Director of the **Pacific Institute of Mathematical Sciences (PIMS)**

- Co sponsor of the Summerschool with NCAR & the NSF

And from the PIMS Collaborative Research Group (CRG) for Environmetrics which secured the PIMS funding for the Summer School with

- Co-PIs: **Charmaine Dean**, SFU; **Sylvia Esterby**, U British Columbia - Okanagan; **Peter Guttorp**, U Washington; **Jim Zidek**, UBC

# PIMS CRG Activities Overview

- **Financial and infrastructure support:**
  - Two years ending Mar 31, 2009
- **Research support:**
  - Postdocs
  - Graduate Research Assistants.

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## Meetings

### ● **Workshops:**

- Jan: **Startup workshop.** Semiahmoo, Jan. 2 days
- Jun: **Agroclimate workshop.** Regina, Jun07. 2 days
- **Water workshop.** Singapore, Jan08. 23 days.
- **Environmetrics workshop.** Banff (BIRS), May08. 5 days
- **Extreme value workshop.** Victoria? Spring09.
- **Wrap up workshop.** Spring09. 2 days.

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## ● **Conferences:**

- TIES NA Regional Conference. Seattle, Jun07. 3 days
- TIES International Conference. Kelowna, Jun08. 5 days

## ● **Summer Schools:**

- Summer School on Space - Time. Seattle. Jul07. 5 days
- **Statistics & Climate Summer School. NCAR, Aug08. 5 days**

# Housekeeping items

- **Mail Jim Zidek PIMS expense reimbursement requests asap after completing the Summer School.**
  - Maximum allowance: \$950 per student.
  - JZ will be going to Europe on Sep 2 for 2 months and needs time to process your claims before that.
  - Include boarding passes, receipts for all items except food that has a per diem maximum of \$50.
  - Send to: **Jim Zidek, Department of Statistics, U British Columbia, 6356 Agriculture Rd, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z2, CANADA.** Put Attn: Peggy on lower left hand corner of the envelope.

# Housekeeping items

- **Please register for UBC course if eligible** Will add credibility to applications for funding future summer schools.
  - 5 page report to JVZ as soon as possible so he can grade it before he leaves.
  - Write it for him, a non - expert in the subject area.
  - Figures and tables needed to support your conclusions can be extra.
  - Should link in with the summer school but can be on any topic of interest to you.
  - no need to be fancy!

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- **Please email NCAR your comments** upon completion of the course.
  - Needed for wrap-up report to be posted on web page.
  - Be constructive but frank.
  - Needed to help improve subsequent years.

# Related Future Events

One year thematic program on "Spatial Statistics, Environmental Health, and Climate Change". Statistical and Mathematical Sciences Institute, RTP, NC.

- Begins Sep 09.
- Funding for postdocs, grad students and some visitor travel expenses anticipated.
- Will include workshops & Collaborative Research.
- see [www.samsi.info](http://www.samsi.info) as details emerge.
- Co-organizer: **Jim Zidek**.