Arrival of Saw Swee Hock Professor of Statistics - Professor John David Kalbfleisch

The Department of Statistics & Applied Probability is pleased to welcome its second Saw Swee Hock Professor of Statistics for Semester 2 of AY2006/2007, Professor John David Kalbfleisch of University of Michigan.

Professor Kalbfleisch will be conducting a graduate course on Survival Analysis (ST5212) during his 5-month stay with the department.

About John David Kalbfleisch

Prof Kalbfleisch is a Professor of Biostatistics and Statistics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He received his PhD in statistics in 1969 from the University of Waterloo. He was Assistant Professor in the Department of Statistics at the State University of New York at Buffalo (1970-73) and on faculty at the University of Waterloo (1973-2002). At Waterloo, he served as Chair of the Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science (1984-1990) and as Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics (1990-1998). He joined the University of Michigan in 2002 and served as Chair of Biostatistics there until this year.

Prof Kalbfleisch has worked and published in various areas of statistics and biostatistics including survival and life history analysis, likelihood methods of inference, bootstrapping and estimating equations, mixture models and medical applications.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a Gold Medalist of the Statistical Society of Canada and was awarded the Fisher lectureship in 1999. He is also a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

From left: Prof Anthony Kuk, Assoc Prof Saw Seang Mei, Mrs Catherine Sharon Kalbfleisch, Prof John Kalbfleisch, Prof Saw Swee Hock, Dean Tan Eng Chye, Prof Louis Chen, Assoc Prof Choi Kwok Pui
About Saw Swee Hock Professorship

Established in 2003 by former NUS professor and recipient of the inaugural NUS Distinguished Alumni Service Award, Dr. Saw Swee Hock, the professorship aims to attract renowned statisticians to the department.

Under this scheme, it is hoped that the department can bring in one distinguished visiting professor for one semester every academic year. Through interacting with the faculty members and graduate students during semester long visits, the visiting professors can help enhance the research environment and raise the profile of the department.