

## News

# Visit by Professor Bimal Sinha

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Professor Bimal Sinha, from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, recently visited NIASRA. Prof. Sinha presented the short course “Statistical Meta-Analysis” on 3rd and 4th November at UoW’s Sydney Business School and visited the UoW campus on 5th and 6th November. Prof. Sinha gave two very well attended seminars with titles “A Review of Statistical Data Analysis under Confidentially Protection” and “Noise Multiplicative for Statistical Disclosure Control of Extreme Values in Log-normal Regression Sample”.

Professor Sinha and his colleagues in the US Census Bureau’s Center for Disclosure Avoidance Research and Center for Statistical Research and Methodology have undertaken research on confidential data, particularly on statistical inference for data perturbed by multiplicative noise. His research interests and directions are similar to Associate Professor Yan-Xia Lin’s research at NIASRA. It is hoped that the visit by Professor Sinha may result in collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the members of NIASRA.

Researchers in data confidentiality from the Methodology Division of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) also participated in research discussions with Prof. Sinha, Assoc. Prof. Lin and other NIASRA researchers. James Chipperfield and John Newman from ABS presented on recent work on data confidentiality. These discussions found common research interests and identified research topics that can be pursued in the future.

Acting NIASRA Director, Walt Davis organised a bridge competition for our visitor on 5th November after the busy working day. The team of Walt and Prof. Sinha were the winner!



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