

# 2016 Business Meeting: Design and Data Analytics (DaDA)

Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Room: Harbour C  
Saturday, July 18, 2015, 9:30 – 10:30am

# Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Overview of DaDA PIA
3. Current PIA Membership Roster
4. Plans for survey to membership: Major initiatives, working groups, and conference topics
5. Discussion of 2016-2017 goals
6. Adjournment

# 1. Welcome & Introductions:

## 2016 Executive Committee

- Scott Hofer, DaDA Chair
  - Director, Institute on Aging & Lifelong Health, University of Victoria and Director, IALSA, Dept. of Neurology, OHSU
- Graciela Muniz, DaDA Vice-Chair
  - Senior Lecturer in Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the Centre for Dementia, University of Edinburgh
- John Gallacher, Member at Large
  - Director, UK Dementia Platform, Professor, University of Oxford
- Sue Luergans, Member at Large
  - Professor of neurological sciences and preventive medicine; Core leader, Data Management and Statistics Core of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center; Rush University Medical Center
- Sharon Xie, Member at Large
  - Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, PI Biostatistics and data management core, Alzheimer's Disease Center, University of Pennsylvania
- Andrew Zhou, Member at Large
  - Professor, Department of Biostatistics, University of Washington, Co-investigator and Senior Biostatistician, NACC

# Overview of DaDA PIA

## DaDA Objectives:

- To support and coordinate joint research activities involving a variety of study designs and facilitate access to metadata from existing studies.
- To stimulate innovative research on optimal design, measurement, and harmonization of exposures and outcomes, and research synthesis of multiple sources of data.
- To promote, facilitate, and organize training in advanced statistical methods and develop and disseminate best practices in the field.

## 2a. Longitudinal Data, Big Data, Little Data

- Longitudinal Data
  - Regular and repeated follow-up
  - Natural history studies
  - Epidemiological cohorts
- Big Data
  - population-based health and health care data
- Little/Deep Data
  - Personal quantification
  - mobile health technologies
- Unobtrusive monitoring
  - Embedded technology

## 2b. Integrative Data Analysis & Harmonization

- Maximise use of existing data
- Data linkage across data types
- Analysis of multiple data sets
- Research synthesis

### 3. Current PIA Membership Roster

- 123 Current Members
- 17 Students / 105 Professional
- Wide range of disciplines and expertise
- Strategies for PIA growth
  - Identify additional researchers in design and data analytics who are not current members
  - Other suggestions?

## 4. Plans for survey to membership: Major initiatives, working groups, and conference topics

- Work with ISTAART staff to develop a survey about topics of interest for future meetings and projects
- Publications to emerge from working groups
- AAIC workshops
- Further suggestions ?



## 5. Discussion of 2016-2017 goals

- Upcoming meetings and workshops
- Links with consortia and development of DaDA PIA network
- Preliminary topic areas to consider for 2017 PIA Day Meeting
- Form working group to plan topics and submission of DaDA symposia/papers for 2017 AAIC scientific program
- Planning for teleconference topics and other communication avenues
- Development of DaDA website

## 5a. Upcoming meetings and workshops

- [Statistical Methods Conference on Aging & Dementia](#)
  - Thursday, October 13, 2016
- Plan for 2017 pre-conference AAIC workshop on DaDA

## 5b. Links with consortia and development of DaDA PIA network

- Objective: To support and coordinate joint research activities involving a variety of study designs and facilitate access to metadata from existing studies.
- How to best enhance communication across international research groups?
- Consortia may include:
  - Cohort Studies of Memory in an International Consortium ([COSMIC](#))
  - Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genomic Epidemiology ([CHARGE](#))
  - Consortium on Health and Ageing: Network of Cohorts in Europe and the United States ([CHANCES](#))
  - European Prevention of Alzheimer's Disease ([EPAD](#))
  - Integrative Analysis of Longitudinal Studies of Aging & Dementia ([IALSA](#))
  - International Centenarian Consortium of Dementia ([ICC-Dementia](#))
  - Methods for Longitudinal Studies in Dementia ([MELODEM](#))
  - STROKOG

## 5c. Preliminary topic areas to consider for 2017 PIA Day Symposia

- Please suggest topics
- Potential topics:
  - Benefits and challenges of linking longitudinal, big, and little data
  - Analysis of non-traditional designs and complex data
  - Challenges in the study of natural history of aging and dementia
  - Multistate models applied to progressive cognitive impairment
  - Modeling disease progression: Analysis of change in pre-symptomatic dementia
  - Modeling attrition, mortality, and left truncation
  - Multivariate risk scores
  - Harmonization and standardization of cognitive and health outcomes and covariates

## 5d. DaDA 2017 and onwards

- Form working group to plan topics and submission of DaDA symposia/papers for 2017 AAIC scientific program
- Raise profile of statistical and design issues in dementia research at relevant statistical meetings
  - International Society for Clinical Biostatistics (e.g., STRATOS)
  - Design and methods papers

## 5e. Planning for teleconference topics and other communication avenues

- These plans will follow the survey results and development of working groups

## 5f. Development of DaDA website

- Upcoming workshops, conferences, symposia, etc.
- Dissemination of new publications: Published papers and preprints
- Highlight member activities related to DaDA themes
- Update working group activities and opportunities
- Disseminate funding opportunities
- Highlight opportunities for students
- Provide overall progress report of DaDA PIA

## 6. Adjournment

- DaDA curated itinerary
- Join your colleagues at the ISTAART Membership Reception - Monday, July 25 from 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. at the Delta Toronto Hotel, Soco Ballroom.
- This is a great opportunity for you to meet with fellow ISTAART members and discuss the latest trends, while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.