

161 Attend Twin Cities Chapter Fall Conference  
Grant Weller and Lindsay Renfro

The Twin Cities chapter held its second annual Fall Research Conference on October 3 at Medtronic in Mounds View, MN. The full-day event featured the short course presentation, “Graphical Approaches to Multiple Testing” by Dr. Dong Xi of Novartis, followed by an afternoon of invited presentations and a student poster session. The chapter welcomed 161 attendees to Medtronic for the event.

The afternoon invited sessions were delivered by Dr. Alicia Johnson of Macalester College, Dr. Julian Wolfson of the University of Minnesota Division of Biostatistics, and Dr. Aaron Rendahl of the University of Minnesota School of Statistics. There were 16 poster presentations, and \$100 cash prizes were given to the two most outstanding presentations. This year’s winners were Mark Ruprecht and Haema Nilakanta, both of the University of Minnesota. Ruprecht’s presentation was “The Determination of an Effective Smile” and Nilakanta’s poster was titled “Statistics in Psychology: studying trauma and stress”.

The conference was organized by Chapter Vice President Dr. Lindsay Renfro of Mayo Clinic, Chapter President Dr. Grant Weller of Savvysherpa, Inc., Chapter Secretary Dr. Cavan Reilly of the University of Minnesota Division of Biostatistics, and Dr. Ted Lystig of Medtronic. The Twin Cities Chapter has 313 members throughout Minnesota, representing academic departments at the University of Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and many liberal arts colleges in addition to local industry statisticians employed at health research, medical device, manufacturing, and marketing firms, among others.

Conference information and materials are available at  
<http://www.AmStatMN.org/events.html>.

\*\* Attached photos:

- 1) [xi.jpg] Dong Xi of Novartis delivers the short course “Graphical Approaches to Multiple Testing”.
- 2) [speakers.jpg] Twin Cities Chapter president Grant Weller (left) and vice president Lindsay Renfro (right) with invited speakers Alicia Johnson, Julian Wolfson, and Aaron Rendahl.
- 3) [ruprecht.jpg] Undergraduate winner Mark Ruprecht presents his poster.
- 4) [Johnson.jpg] Alicia Johnson presents her invited talk.