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Taylor & Francis, publisher of *Communications in Statistics: Simulation and Computation* and *Communications in Statistics: Theory and Methods*, is proud to announce that Dr. N. Balakrishnan is the 25th anniversary recipient of the American Statistical Association's Don B. Owen award. Dr. Balakrishnan received this honor during the 2008 Conference of Texas Statisticians held March 28-29 at the University of Texas at San Antonio. On hand to present Dr. Balakrishnan with the award was the very first recipient and former editor of *Communications in Statistics*, Dr. Robert Mason.

Dr. Mason praised Dr. Balakrishnan as a colleague who “has excelled as a statistician for his entire professional career, and [who] continues to be recognized for his outstanding contributions to the profession.”

Since receiving his Ph.D. in Statistics in 1981, Dr. Balakrishnan has published over 150 scholarly articles in refereed journals, co-authored 15 books and 4 handbooks, and co-edited 26 separate book volumes. In addition, during the past 25 years he has supervised 24 students seeking Ph.D. degrees and 44 students seeking Master's degrees. Dr. Balakrishnan has received numerous awards, including being elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1995, a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics in 2006, and a member of the International Statistical Institute in 1992. Dr. Balakrishnan has served as editor of the *Communications in Statistics* journals since 2001, and is Professor of Statistics at McMaster University in Canada.

Co-sponsored by Taylor & Francis, the Don B. Owen Award has been presented annually since 1983 by the American Statistical Association's San Antonio Chapter to “a statistician who embodies the three-fold accomplishments of Professor Donald B. Owen, who, before his death in 1991, was Distinguished Professor of Statistics at Southern Methodist University.” Dr. Mason describes Dr. Owen as having an “illustrious career serving as the ideal against which nominees are evaluated for excellence in research, statistical consultation, and service to the statistical community.” In addition to his role as

editor of the *Communications in Statistics* journals, Dr. Owen also served as editor and author of numerous textbooks and articles.

Other past editors of the *Communications in Statistics* journals who have also received the Don B. Owen award include Dr. William Schucany of Southern Methodist University, Dr. William Smith of Texas A&M University, and Dr. Anant Kshirsagar of the University of Michigan.

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