

Pets: One cat, named Tengu.

Partner/Family: Wife, Sophie

Sports/Hobbies: Wu Style Tai Chi Chuan, biking, hiking, drawing / illustration.

What your ideal weekend would be: Spending the weekend at the cottage and doing a lot of hiking, canoeing and, of course, eating a lot of good food.

Favourite Foods: sushi, Chinese Szchezuan, curry and roti.

If I could be anything at all (besides a SAS consultant), I would be ... a children's book writer and illustrator and / or a film director.

When I'm not involved on SAS consulting projects, I like to ... practice Tai Chi Chuan, watch films, read, hike, bike, people-watch. I also recently returned from a two-week trip to China, where I competed in the First International Traditional Wushu Festival in the city of Xengzhou. I received three medals in competition – gold, silver and bronze. As part of my trip, I also visited the cities of Xian, Beijing, Hong Kong and Macau. I may also have an opportunity to compete at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing in the new sport of Wushu.

Something I've learned out in the field doing consulting work for SAS that I feel would benefit other SAS users is ... Take advantage of MP (multiprocessing) Connect in your SAS programs. MP CONNECT can greatly reduce the total elapsed time required to execute SAS applications containing tasks that can be executed in parallel. MP CONNECT provides a syntactic interface to distribute multiple units of work across idle CPUs, either on the same SMP machine or across multiple machines on your network.