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## NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is intended to serve as a means of communication among the members of the Survey Methods Section (SMS). Please distribute it to any of your colleagues or friends that you feel may be interested.

### Proceedings of the SMS

We would like to remind all our members that electronic proceedings of the SSC Survey Methods Section are available free of charge to anyone through the web site. To access the proceedings, including those available from the most recent conference, go to the [www.ssc.ca](http://www.ssc.ca) page and click "About", at the far right of the menu bar located at the top of the website. From there, go to the side bar navigation menu, select "Sections & Regions", then "Survey Methods", and finally you will see a link to the "Proceedings". For a quick access, you can click on the following link: <https://ssc.ca/en/about/sections-regions/survey-methods/proceedings>.

### Student Award

The student award is open to all students who present at the annual meeting. Submission is done by sending a simple e-mail to the current SMS president or proceedings editor. Visit our website for more information about this award. The 2023 best student paper was awarded to Jia Ning Zhang from University of Ottawa for her paper co-authored with David Haziza of the University of Ottawa and Sixia Chan of the University of Oklahoma. The winning paper is entitled "Robust Imputation in the Presence of Influential Units in Surveys". This award was open to all students who presented at the 2023 annual meeting of the Society in the area of survey methods.

### SMS Annual General Meeting

Please note that the **SMS annual general meeting** will be held virtually this year. Details will be provided shortly.

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### *What can the Survey Methods Section do for you?*

Please attend the AGM and help us improve the Survey Methods Section. Members, as well as any person interested in becoming a member, are encouraged to attend. This is the perfect occasion to share your ideas!

## **SMS Activities at the 2024 SSC Annual Meeting in St. John's**

The SMS is pleased once again to be involved directly in the SSC annual meeting by organizing one workshop, a presidential invited address, three invited sessions, and several contributed sessions. We would like to encourage our members and others interested in survey methods to attend. Here are some more details about the workshop and invited sessions, including information on organizers and speakers.

### ***WORKSHOP: Statistical Data Privacy***

**Sunday, June 2 - 09:00 - 16:30 (NDT)**

**Organizer:** Éric Gagnon, Institut de la statistique du Québec

**Speaker:** Anne-Sophie Charest, Université Laval

### ***SMS PRESIDENTIAL INVITED ADDRESS: Statistical Inference in the Presence of Imputed Survey Data through Regression Trees and Random Forests***

**Monday, June 3 - 13:30 to 15:00 (NDT)**

**Organizer:** Éric Gagnon, Institut de la statistique du Québec

**Speaker:** David Haziza, University of Ottawa

### ***SESSION 1: New Advancements in Formal Privacy Methods and Synthetic Data Generation***

**Wednesday, June 5- 10:20 to 11:50 (NDT)**

**Co-organizer:** Bei Jiang, University of Alberta, Éric Gagnon, Institut de la statistique du Québec

- Weijie Su, University of Pennsylvania
- Monika Hu, Vassar College
- Héloïse Gauvin, Statistics Canada

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**SESSION 2: Restoring survey response rates and mitigating the nonresponse error: current approaches and recent findings**

**Wednesday, June 5- 13:30 to 15:00 (NDT)**

**Organizer:** Peter Wright, Statistics Canada

- France Lapointe, Institut de la statistique du Québec
- Emma Troughton, Statistics Canada
- Hélène Chaput, Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques

**SESSION 3: Statistical Challenges: Privacy, High-Dimensionality, and Real-World Applications**

**Wednesday, June 5- 15:30 to 17:00 (NDT)**

**Organizer:** Zeinab Mashreghi, University of Winnipeg

- Anne-Sophie Charest, Université Laval
- Mehdi Dagdoug, McGill University
- Augustine Wigle, University of Waterloo

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