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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 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 submitted their paper's abstract through the SSC website and were selected based on evaluation criteria to present at the annual meeting. Visit our website for more information about this award. The 2025 SMS best student presentation was awarded to Mehnaz Jahid from the University of Victoria. The winning presentation is entitled "Integrated model for dependent spatial capture-recapture and presence-absence data". This award was open to all students who gave a presentation related to survey methods at the 2025 SSC annual meeting.

SMS Annual General Meeting

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

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!

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SMS Activities at the 2026 SSC Annual Meeting in Hamilton

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 one contributed session. 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. Note that the date and time of the workshop and sessions are subject to change.

WORKSHOP: Finite-Population Inference with ML-Based Predictions

Sunday, May 31 - 09:00 - 16:30 (EST)

Organizer: Steve Matthews, Statistics Canada

- **Speakers:** Mehdi Dagdoug, McGill University and David Haziza, University of Ottawa

SMS PRESIDENTIAL INVITED ADDRESS: Inferential Issues in Model-based Small Area Estimation: Some History and New Development

Tuesday, June 2 - 10:20 to 11:50 (EST)

Organizer: Steve Matthews, Statistics Canada

- **Speaker:** J.N.K. Rao, Carleton University

SESSION 1: Privacy Protection for Survey Data

Monday, June 1 - 13:30 to 15:00 (EST)

Organizer and Chair: Anne-Sophie Charest, Université Laval

- Michael B. Hawes, Census Bureau
- Yajuan Si, Survey Research Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- Minsun Riddles, Westat

SESSION 2: Advances in Small Area Estimation and Survey Data Integration

Tuesday, June 2 - 13:30 to 15:00 (EST)

Organizer and Chair: Zeinab Mashreghi, University of Winnipeg

- J. Sunil Rao, University of Minnesota
- Changbao Wu, University of Waterloo
- Caleb Leedy, University of Ottawa

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SESSION 3: Panel Discussion “The State of Art: Current Challenges and Future Directions for Surveys and Official Statistics”

Wednesday, June 3 - 15:30 to 17:00 (EST)

Organizer: Wesley Yung, Statistics Canada

Moderator: Jean-François Plante, HEC Montréal

- Patrick Sabourin, Bank of Canada
- Mary Thompson, University of Waterloo
- Steve Matthews, Statistics Canada

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<https://ssc.ca/en/membership/how-join-ssc>. For more information on current as well as past activities, please visit our [website](#).