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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

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. From the www.ssc.ca page, select "About", "Sections & Regions" and then "Survey Methods" from the side bar navigation menu. If you then select "Proceedings", you will find them for every year, including the ones from the 2019 meeting in Calgary.

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. We would like to congratulate Yilin Chen, from University of Waterloo, for winning the 2019 award!

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SMS Activities at the 2020 SSC Annual Meeting in Ottawa

The Survey Methods Section organized three invited sessions, one Presidential Invited Address session, and one workshop. However, the Annual Meeting in Ottawa was cancelled due to COVID-19. Some of the planned activities will be held virtually in the future. Details of the planned activities are below:

- ***SESSION 1: Recent Advances in Small Area Estimation***

Organizer: Mahmoud Torabi, University of Manitoba

- Jiming Jiang, University of California
- Gauri Datta, University of Georgia and US Census Bureau
- Balgobin Nandram, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

- ***SESSION 2: Record Linkage and Data Integration***

Organizer: Zilin Wang, Wilfrid Laurier University

- Abdelnasser Saidi, Statistics Canada
- Jae-Kwang Kim, Iowa State University
- Mauricio Sadinle, University of Washington

- ***SESSION 3: Survey Methodology and Data Science***

Organizers: Susie Fortier, Statistics Canada and Kim Huynh, Bank of Canada

- Trent Buskirk, Bowling Green State University
- Samantha Iyengar, National Economic Research Associates Inc.
- Eric Rancourt, Statistics Canada

- ***SMS PRESIDENTIAL INVITED ADDRESS/ 2019 Waksberg Address***

Organizer: Wesley Yung, Statistics Canada

- Speaker: Chris Skinner, London School of Economics

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- **WORKSHOP: Introduction to big data and machine learning for survey researchers**

Organizer: Kim Huynh, Bank of Canada

- Speaker: Trent Buskirk, Bowling Green State University

SMS Annual General Meeting

Please note that the **SMS annual general meeting** will be held virtually via Zoom on June 16 at 8 pm (EST).

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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We thank you for your continued support and hope that you find your membership to be beneficial. Please consider renewing this year's membership for a fee of \$5. For more information on current as well as past activities, please visit our [website](#).