NEWSLETTER

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This is the updated version of April newsletter. All updates can be found in red.

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. We would like to highlight some activities of the section at the upcoming conference and hope that you decide to attend.

Proceedings of the Survey Methods Section

The SMS has been providing proceedings of the meetings for many years. We are currently trying to make them available once again, on the SSC new website. We are sorry for the inconvenience that their temporary unavailability might cause you, and we are collaborating with the SSC to remedy to the situation as quickly as possible.

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. For the 2017 meeting in Winnipeg, there will be a student award. Visit our website for more information about this award. We would like to congratulate Xichen She, from University of Waterloo, for winning the 2016 award!
SMS Activities at the 2017 SSC Annual Meeting in Winnipeg

The SMS is pleased once again to be involved directly in the SSC annual meeting by organizing one workshop, four 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.

Sunday, June 11, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, room E2 130

• **WORKSHOP: Disclosure Control Methods**
  Organizer: Karla Fox, *Canada Revenue Agency*
  - Mark Stinner, *Statistics Canada*

Wednesday, June 14, 10:20 am – 11:50 am, room E2 130

• **SESSION 1: Imputation of multivariate missing data**
  Organizer: Caren Hasler, *University of Toronto Scarborough*
  Chair: Matthias Schonlau, *University of Waterloo*
  (10:20 am – 10:50 am) Jae Kwang Kim, *Iowa State University*
  (10:50 am – 11:20 am) Louis-Paul Rivest, *Université Laval*
  (11:20 am – 11:50 am) Yves Tillé, *Université de Neuchâtel*

Tuesday, June 13, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, room E2 150

• **SESSION 2: Applied survey research with impact**
  Organizer and chair: Matthias Schonlau, *University of Waterloo*
  (3:30 pm – 4:00 pm) Kristen Himelein, *World Bank*
  (4:00 pm – 4:30 pm) Kim P Huynh, *Bank of Canada*
  (4:30 pm – 5:00 pm) Robert Clark, *University of Wollongong*

Monday, June 12, 10:20 am – 11:50 am, room E2 130

• **SESSION 3: Confidentiality**
  Organizer and chair: Karla Fox, *Canada Revenue Agency*
  (10:20 am – 10:50 am) Nathalie Shlomo, *University of Manchester*
  (10:50 am – 11:20 am) Anne-Sophie Charest, *Université Laval*
  (11:20 am – 11:50 am) Mark Stinner, *Statistics Canada*
Tuesday, June 13, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, room E2 110

• **SESSION 4: Recent Developments in Small Area Estimation**
  Organizer and chair: Mahmoud Torabi, *University of Manitoba*
  (1:30 pm – 2:00 pm) Sanjoy Kumar Sinha, *Carleton University*
  (2:00 pm – 2:30 pm) Snigdhansu Chatterjee, *University of Minnesota*
  (2:30 pm – 3:00 pm) Gauri Datta, *U.S. Bureau of the Census*

**SMS Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday, June 13, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, room E2 110

Please note that the **SMS annual general meeting** will also be held at the conference in Winnipeg.

*What can the Survey Methods Section do for you?*
Please come to 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.