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 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](http://www.ssc.ca) page, select “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 2012 meeting in Guelph containing five articles.

**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. For the 2014 meeting in Toronto, there will be a student award. Visit our website for more information about this award.
SMS Activities at the 2014 SSC Annual Meeting in Toronto

The Survey Methods Section (SMS) is pleased once again to be involved directly in SSC annual meeting by organizing one workshop, 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.

Sunday, May 25th, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, University College, King’s College Circle
- **WORKSHOP: Applied Analysis of Survey Data**
  Organizer: Susana Rubin-Bleuer, *Statistics Canada*
  - Steven Heeringa, *Joint Program in Survey Methodology, College Park, University of Michigan*

Wednesday, May 28th, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Hart House
- **SESSION 1: Surveys and Society**
  Organizer: Susana Rubin-Bleuer, *Statistics Canada*
  - Claire Durand, *Department of Sociology, Université de Montréal*

Monday, May 26th, 10:20 am – 11:50 am, Hart House
- **SESSION 2: Big Data**
  Organizer: Susana Rubin-Bleuer, *Statistics Canada*
  - Steven Heeringa, *Joint Program in Survey Methodology, College Park, University of Michigan*
  - Hugh Chipman, *Acadia University*
  - Jean Pignal, *Statistics Canada*

Tuesday, May 27th, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, Hart House
- **SESSION 3: Memorial session in honour of David Binder**
  Organizer: Mary Thompson, *University of Waterloo*
  - Natalie Schlomo, *University of Manchester*
  - Abdellatif Demnati, *Statistics Canada*
SMS Annual General Meeting

*Tuesday May 27th, 5pm – 6pm, Hart House, University of Toronto*

*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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