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## 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 in Montreal 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 "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 2017 meeting in Winnipeg.

### 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 2018 meeting in Montreal, there will be a student award. Visit our website for more information about this award. **We would like to congratulate Shixiao Zhang, from University of Waterloo, for winning the 2017 award!**

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## SMS Activities at the 2018 SSC Annual Meeting in Montreal

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.

**Sunday, June 3, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, room 1B45**

- **WORKSHOP** *Statistical Modeling in Survey Sampling: Some Solutions to Ever Increasing Demand for Reliable Data*

Organizer: Mahmoud Torabi, University of Manitoba

Speaker: Gauri S. Datta, University of Georgia and US Census Bureau

**Wednesday, June 6, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, room 100**

- **PRESIDENTIAL INVITED ADDRESS:** *Measures of Uncertainty for Complex Inference in Surveys*

Organizer: Mahmoud Torabi, University of Manitoba

Speaker: Jiming Jiang, University of California

**Wednesday, June 6, 10:20 am – 11:50 am, room 1100**

- **SESSION 1:** *New Inferential Procedures for Complex Survey Data*

Organizers: David Haziza, University of Montreal and Changbao Wu, University of Waterloo

**(10:20 am – 10:50 am)** Puying Zhao, University of Waterloo

**(10:50 am – 11:20 am)** Sixia Chen, University of Oklahoma

**(11:20 am – 11:50 am)** Yilin Chen, University of Waterloo

**Tuesday, June 5, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, room 1090**

- **SESSION 2:** *New Developments in Small Area Estimation*

Organizer: Mahmoud Torabi, University of Manitoba

**(3:30 pm – 4:00 pm)** Andrew Lawson, Medical University of South Carolina

**(4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)** Louis-Paul Rivest, Université Laval

**(4:30 pm – 5:00 pm)** Snigdhasu Chatterjee, University of Minnesota

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**Monday, June 4, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, room 1080**

- **SESSION 3: *Combining Data from Probability and Non-Probability Samples***

Organizer: Wesley Yung, Statistics Canada

**(3:30 pm – 4:00 pm)** Jae Kwang Kim, Iowa State University

**(4:00 pm – 4:30 pm)** Golshid Chatrchi, Statistics Canada

**(4:30 pm – 5:00 pm)** Li-Chun Zhang, University of Southampton

## SMS Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, June 5, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, room 100**

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

### *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!

## Contacts

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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](#).