

REPORT on the Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada to the Atlantic Association for Research in the Mathematical Sciences

October 5, 2011

Event Description

The 2011 Annual meeting of the SSC was held at Acadia University in Wolfville, NS, from June 12-15. There were 417 attendees, including 129 students. There were 46 invited sessions with 118 speakers and 26 contributed sessions, with 113 speakers as well as 34 poster presentations. There were 4 one-day workshops and a variety of social events.

Participants

There were approximately 50 participants from Atlantic Canada. The remaining 367 participants came from other regions of Canada, the USA, the UK, Australia and New Zealand

Publications

The SSC does not traditionally produce a proceedings of the annual conference. However, the Survey Methods section does produce an annual proceedings of all papers in sessions they sponsored.

Scientific Highlights

A number of high-profile presentations were given, including:

- Former Chief Statistician of Canada, Ivan Fellegi, spoke on “Official Statistics, Public Confidence and Lessons from the Story of the 2011 Canadian Census”. This session was webcast live, and a copy is still available online at <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/15358771>
- A session on Statistical Literacy featured three high-profile speakers: Neville Davies of the Royal Statistical Society, Robert Rodriguez, president-elect of the American Statistical Association, and Mary Townsend (Statistics Canada).
- Abdel El-Shaarawi delivered the SSC Impact Award address, on Environmetric research
- Dennis Lin, Penn State University spoke on “Business, Industry and Government” Statistics.
- 41 students participated as 13 different teams in two “case studies” competitions featuring the analysis of real data sets on bioinformatics and the gender gap in earnings among young people.
- Introductory overview lectures were given by top researchers:
 - Duncan Thomas (University of Southern California) on “Approaches to Pathway Modeling in Genetic Epidemiology”
 - Andrew Willan (University of Toronto) on “Why a Bayesian Be?”

Income and expenditure account

See attachment

Category	Item	amount	tax	total
Revenue				
	Registrations			\$132,625.00
	Biostatistics workshop			\$3,645.00
	BISS workshop			\$1,695.00
	Probability workshop			\$1,500.00
	Survey workshop			\$240.00
	Workshop payment for coffee breaks	\$337.60	\$50.64	\$388.24
	Banquet			\$1,950.00
	Lobster dinner			\$4,200.00
	Vineyard tour			\$1,080.00
	Vineyard tour cancellation	\$34.78	\$5.22	\$40.00
	Student BBQ			\$300.00
	Exhibitors			\$7,900.00
	Math institutes			\$10,000.00
	AARMS			\$2,000.00
	surplus T-shirt sales			\$36.00
Total				\$167,599.24
Expenses				
Translation				
	Catherine Cox (June 20)	\$191.84	\$24.94	\$216.78
	A-S. Charest	\$2,540.25		\$2,540.25
	P.Groux-Denis	\$321.00		\$321.00
	Catherine Cox (Feb 4)	\$680.32	\$88.44	\$768.76
	Catherine Cox (Mar 11)	\$263.68	\$34.28	\$297.96
	Catherine Cox	\$875.00	\$113.75	\$988.75
	Catherine Cox (May 28)	\$412.32	\$53.60	\$465.92
	P.Groux-Denis	\$900.00		\$900.00
	C.Gras	\$800.00		\$800.00
	N.Kahoudadji	\$675.00		\$675.00
	G.Lo Siou	\$675.00		\$675.00
	C.Pelletier	\$950.00		\$950.00
	A.Lafrance Paiement	\$675.00		\$675.00
	subtotal	\$9,959.41	\$315.01	\$10,274.42
Registration				
	Registration processing by office (174.75@54.33)	\$9,494.17	\$1,234.24	\$10,728.41
	Electronic Services - Program prep (45@\$70.51)	\$3,172.95	\$412.48	\$3,585.43
	Refund - F. Tounkara	\$30.00		\$30.00
	Refund - R. Phillips	\$510.00		\$510.00
	subtotal	\$12,667.12	\$1,646.73	\$14,313.85
Insurance				
	basic	\$100.00		\$100.00
	laptops	\$100.00	\$8.00	\$108.00
	subtotal	\$200.00	\$8.00	\$208.00
Speakers				
		\$19,758.48		\$19,758.48
Workshops				
	Biostatistics workshop	\$3,645.00		\$3,645.00
	BISS workshop	\$1,695.00		\$1,695.00
	Probability workshop	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
	Survey workshop	\$240.00		\$240.00

Category	Item	amount	tax	total
	subtotal	\$7,080.00		\$7,080.00
Financial charges				
	Registration - paypal fee	\$4,300.00		\$4,300.00
	bank charges	\$0.00		\$0.00
	subtotal	\$4,300.00		\$4,300.00
Local expenses - Acadia				
	Catering - lunch (1118@\$11.92)	\$13,322.83	\$1,998.43	\$15,321.26
	30 T-shirts - Cajun's	\$285.00	\$42.75	\$327.75
	Conference kits - Cajun's	\$4,213.25	\$631.99	\$4,845.24
	poster boards - Darwin Event Group	\$714.50	\$107.18	\$821.68
	custodial	\$1,204.53	\$180.68	\$1,385.21
	Box office support for registration	\$66.00	\$9.90	\$75.90
	Table/Chair placement	\$135.20	\$20.28	\$155.48
	Shipping (exhibitor boxes / sign placement)	\$101.05	\$15.16	\$116.21
	Carpentry - signage	\$76.66	\$11.50	\$88.16
	AV - technical support	\$344.50	\$51.68	\$396.18
	AV (screen, projector, microphones) /w discount	\$687.50	\$103.13	\$790.63
	Laptop rentals	\$355.00	\$53.25	\$408.25
	Streaming presentation	\$722.15	\$108.32	\$830.47
	Printing (program)	\$2,801.95	\$420.29	\$3,222.24
	Workshop coffee breaks	\$337.60	\$50.64	\$388.24
	Sun board meeting	\$572.00	\$85.80	\$657.80
	Sun Mixer	\$5,190.11	\$778.52	\$5,968.63
	Sun BBQ	\$1,530.15	\$229.52	\$1,759.67
	Coffee breaks - Monday	\$2,828.00	\$424.20	\$3,252.20
	Coffee breaks - Tuesday	\$2,339.40	\$350.91	\$2,690.31
	Coffee breaks - Wednesday	\$1,842.40	\$276.36	\$2,118.76
	Wed board meeting	\$162.50	\$24.38	\$186.88
	bottle deposits			\$100.30
	subtotal	\$39,832.28	\$5,974.85	\$45,907.43
Local expenses - Other				
	Bus rental - Lobster dinner (Perry Rand)	\$750.00	\$112.50	\$862.50
	Bus rental - Banquet (Perry Rand)	\$750.00	\$112.50	\$862.50
	Lobster Dinner - Hall's Harbour Lobster Pound	\$2,907.30	\$436.10	\$3,343.40
	Vineyard Tour - Go North Tours	\$939.60	\$140.40	\$1,080.00
	Banquet - Old Orchard Inn	\$22,675.28	\$3,401.29	\$26,076.57
	Exec dinner (Sat) - Old Orchard Inn	\$568.68	\$85.30	\$653.98
Misc supplies				
	Staples store 148 (lanyard clips)	\$35.28	\$5.29	\$40.57
	Staples store 36 (lanyard clips)	\$27.44	\$4.12	\$31.56
	Staples store 312 (lanyard clips)	\$47.04	\$7.06	\$54.10
	Staples store 149 (lanyard clips)	\$23.52	\$3.53	\$27.05
	Subway (workshop speaker drinks)	\$6.76	\$0.95	\$7.71
	Loonies & Toonies (stationary)	\$10.00	\$1.50	\$11.50
	Home Hardware (masking tape)	\$4.99	\$0.75	\$5.74
	UPS Store (AGM photocopying)	\$72.60	\$10.89	\$83.49
	Valley Stationers (lanyard clips / stationary)	\$35.95	\$5.39	\$41.34
	subtotal	\$263.58	\$39.48	\$303.06
Total		\$122,651.73	\$12,272.16	\$135,024.19