

# 1Report on the Annual meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada to the Atlantic Association for Research in the Mathematical Sciences

30 October 2012

## Event Description

The 2012 Annual meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada was held at the University of Guelph, June 3-6. There were 547 delegates, the composition being 55% regular registrations, 40% students and 5% retired. There were 46 invited sessions with 116 speakers, 34 contributed paper session with 175 speakers and 4 poster sessions with 40 posters. Three one-day workshops were held concurrently on Sunday.

## Participants

There were about 25 participants from Atlantic Canada. The remaining participants were mainly from Canada and the US but with representation from seven European countries, China, Korea, Japan, Australia, South Africa and the Carribean. Travel funding was provided to Ken McRae, Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, Kentville, NS and to three graduate students from Atlantic Canada.

## Publications

The Society does not normally publish general proceedings from the conference. However, the Survey Methods Section will publish proceedings of the sessions that they sponsored.

## Scientific Highlights

- \$ the Presidential Invited Address was delivered by James O. Berger, Duke University. He spoke on the growing lack of reproducibility of scientific results and the problems stemming from multiplicity of testing.
- \$ Francis Zwiers (Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium, University of Victoria) delivered the Impact Award Address, *On Bridging Two Solitudes -- Examples of a Slow Diffusive Process*, on the interactions (and on the need for additional interaction) between statistical and climate scientists.
- \$ Roger Hoerl (GE Global Research) delivered the Isobel Loutit Invited Address, *The Next Frontier in Business and Industrial Statistics: Attacking Complex, Unstructured Problems*.
- \$ Introductory Overview Lectures were given by Steve MacEachern (Ohio State University), *Nonparametric Bayes Methods: An Overview* and Jim Zidek (University of British Columbia), *An Overview of Models and Methods for Spatio-temporal Data Analysis*.
- \$ Twelve graduate student groups, composed of a total of 35 students, tackled the analysis of two complex case studies: *Case Study I: Mark-Recapture on Atlantic Cod* and *Case Study II: Risk Factors for Osteoporotic Fracture*.
- \$ Patrice Mathieu, Normand Laniel and Julie Trépanier, all of Statistics Canada, spoke on *the Census of Population in Canada: Looking back at 2011 and into the Future*.

## Revenue and Expenses Statement

Attached

## 2012 SSC Annual Meeting in Guelph Revenues and Expenses

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### Revenues

Registrations	\$187,900
Exhibitors: 5 @ \$1300 + one unmanned	\$7,089
Sponsorships (Fields,CRM,PIMS, Mitacs,AARMS)	\$12,000
City of Guelph grant	\$5,000
Banquet tickets	\$1,920
BBQ	\$400
Excursions	\$1,981
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$216,290</b>

### Expenses

Univ conf services		
Coffee services	\$13,610	
Lunches, Monday to Wednesday	\$15,864	
Banquet	\$40,064	
Opening reception	\$11,952	
Barbeque	\$9,333	
Lecture & meeting room rental	\$12,141	
AV tech/equipment rental	\$5,934	
Exhibitor expenses	\$1,407	
Parking (net cost)	\$167	
Signage	\$244	
Part-time labour (conference staff)	\$1,299	
Sat Exec meeting - Delta hotel	\$863	
<b>Total</b>		\$112,876
Atrium rental, excluding Sunday		\$1,000
U Guelph: Design & Print - logo, bags, tees, covers		\$700
Office expenses		
Basic: 239.25@54.35	\$13,003	
Electronic Services:117@70.51	\$8,250	
HST @ 4%	\$850	
<b>Total</b>		\$22,103
Paypal fees		\$6,093
Speaker expenses		\$14,645
Graduate student travel (16@\$500; 10@\$200)		\$10,000
translations		\$12,424
program printing		\$2,468
Poster & Banner		
Design poster for SSC11 meeting		
Design banner for JSM11 meeting	\$98	
print poster	\$305	
print banner	\$284	
<b>Total</b>		\$687
Excursions		
Conservation Halton	\$156	

Woodbine dinner	\$674	
Red Car - Crawford Lake/Mohawk	\$709	
Red car - Blue Jays game	\$1,715	
Total		3253.12
Bags and contents		
Bags	\$2,888	
Pens	\$330	
Writing pads	\$612	
Total		\$3,829
copies of AGM agenda, minutes		\$92
day care accommodation		\$106
Local arrangements cttee expenses		
Tee shirts	\$260	
Thank you lunches - faculty,student volunteers	\$355	
Misc reimbursement	\$283	
Total		\$898
laptop rentals		\$0
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>\$191,175</b>