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THE SECOND TIME IS A CHARM!

Welcome to the second monthly publication of the GSS/SSS Newsletter! On March 1, 2005, the first electronic GSS/SSS newsletter debuted online. It opened to rave reviews from our board members. And your friendly GSS/SSS newsletter editor and publications officers thought that it worked well, too. So, how did you, our membership, like last month's electronic newsletter? Did you realize that it came via e-mail? Have you had a chance to read it? We certainly hope so, and we'd like to think that you found it interesting and useful so that you'll soon be looking forward to the next issue.

Quality is job one! So that we can keep improving and getting better at providing timely information about all things related to our sections, we need your feedback. As we said from the beginning, we want to be more actively involved with our members. And we would like this

newsletter to provide a forum for information sharing. Publishing useful and interesting topics is part of it, but we also want your participation in providing news items or by telling us what you want to read about. But we won't know what you're thinking unless you tell us.

Where are Clark Kent and Lois Lane when you need them? Your editor and publications officers have access to some of the goings on in the Social and Government Statistics arena, but certainly not all. Two of us work for Federal Government agencies in the local Washington, DC, area, so our perspective is from within the Federal statistical community. The other is with a Canadian Government agency, so we also have news from that perspective. The rest of you represent a wide spectrum of statisticians from academia, the private sector, other Federal and State government agencies, and elsewhere, and have very different experiences and could, no doubt, provide articles on a variety of different topics for our readers.

Keep those cards and letters coming! Even if you don't have time to write an article, we'll be happy to write it for you. Just send us the basic facts or information about an event or activity of interest and we'll take care of the rest. Or perhaps you know someone in our profession who has reached a highpoint in his/her career, and they are being recognized for it. Perhaps you recently received an advanced degree, or wrote a book and had it published, or were a guest speaker at a prestigious conference, or lent your statistical skills pro bono to a worthy cause, or maybe you're organizing a conference and want to advertise the call for papers. We welcome most anything that would be of general interest to our membership. Your opinions matter to us!

We're just a phone call (oops! an e-mail) away...So, we hope you'll consider contributing to our newsletter, too. And you'll now have plenty of opportunities to do so. So let us hear from you. The May issue is just around the corner. Send your items - announcements, articles, pictures, etc., by no later than March 30, 2005, to: Patricia Melvin (patricia.l.Melvin@census.gov <<mailto:patricia.l.Melvin@census.gov>>), Robert Lussier (Robert.lussier@statcan.ca <[.or">mailto:Robert.lussier@statcan.ca](mailto:Robert.lussier@statcan.ca)>), or Beth Kilss (beth.a.kilss@irs.gov <<mailto:beth.a.kilss@irs.gov>>).

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

This issue begins a new feature in the GSS/SSS Newsletter – “People in the News.” But wait, these are not just any people. We’re talking about our OWN people – the members of the Government Statistics and the Social Statistics Sections. Therefore, it’s going to take some help from you all to make it a success. **Will you help us out?**

We want to know any news on members that you would like to submit for sharing with the rest of us – promotions, awards, degrees completed, career changes, interesting projects or studies you’re involved in, a special appointment, or some other item that you think would be of general interest to your fellow statisticians. We want to celebrate your good news with you! Please do not hesitate to send us an e-mail with the details!

To get the ball rolling, we have two notes of congratulations to share this time:

Social Statistics Chair Becomes Census Bureau’s First Chief Privacy Officer

Congratulations are in order to the Social Statistics Section’s 2005 Chair **Gerald W. Gates**, who was recently named the U.S. Census Bureau’s first-ever chief privacy officer. Jerry Gates, who has served more than 33 years at the Census Bureau, is an expert on privacy and confidentiality issues. His new role will complement the data stewardship program, which he played a role in

establishing, and communicate the program's vision, principles and policies, thereby ensuring the continued protection of information provided by every person that participates in a census or survey. As chief privacy officer, Jerry will work with privacy groups, professional associations, data user groups, congressional staffs, advisory committees and other interested parties to clarify and highlight privacy issues and concerns. For more information about the Census Bureau's data stewardship program, visit <http://www.census.gov> and click on the "data protection and privacy policy" link at the bottom of the page.

Government Statistics Publications Officer Gets New Position

A bit further north, in Ottawa, Ontario, another of our board members has something to celebrate. We would like to congratulate Robert Lussier, our GSS publications officer, who is being appointed Director General, Survey Operations and Administrative Support, at Statistics Canada. Robert has over 28 years of service at Statistics Canada and was formerly the Director, Distributive Trades Division. We take this opportunity to wish Robert much good luck in his new appointment. For more information about Statistics Canada, visit <http://www.statcan.ca/start.html>.

2005 JOINT STATISTICAL MEETINGS (JSM) INFORMATION

GSS Invited Sessions at JSM 2005: Something for Everyone!!

By Brian A. Harris-Kojetin, Program Chair

The GSS has organized five invited sessions on a diverse range of topics for the JSM in Minneapolis this year. We have an impressive slate of participants and sessions you won't want to miss.

GSS is honored to sponsor an Invited Memorial session in recognition of Pat J. Doyle, entitled **"Improving Quality and Access to Federal Data – Memorial Session in Honor of Pat J. Doyle."** Pat Doyle lost her battle with breast cancer on June 13, 2004. During her very promising – but shortened – career, she made many valuable contributions to Federal statistics, both as a data user and as a Federal statistician. Her insights and expertise led to major changes in survey data that will surely continue to be felt for many years to come. She was also a very active member of the ASA and the Government Statistics Section, in particular. This memorial session focuses on some of the areas that Pat made instrumental contribution to over the past several decades and features three papers by colleagues who knew Pat and her work well:

Improving our Ability to Estimate the Impact of Changes to the Transfer System and Measure Economic Well-being: The Legacy of Pat Doyle's Early Work

Harold Beebout, Child and Family Services Agency, and John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

Striving for Data Quality: Pat Doyle's Legacy at the U.S. Census Bureau

Jeffrey C. Moore and Chester E. Bowie, U.S. Census Bureau

Potential Solutions to Meeting Data User Needs

Julia Lane, National Science Foundation

Discussant: Stephanie Shipp, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Chair: Connie Citro, National Academy of Sciences

Organizers: Wendy Alvey and Nancy Bates, U.S. Census Bureau; and John Czajka, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

GSS is also marking the 30th Anniversary of the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) with an invited session entitled “**The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM): Celebrating Thirty Years of Service to the Federal Statistical Community.**” This session profiles some of the accomplishments of the FCSM and looks forward to new opportunities and challenges. The presenters offer a diverse range of perspectives on the Federal statistical system and FCSM:

The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology: Past Accomplishments, Present Activities, and Future Directions

Katherine K. Wallman and Brian A. Harris-Kojetin, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

The Role of the FCSM in the Larger Context of the Decentralized Federal Statistical System

Rich Allen, National Agricultural Statistics Service

FCSM at 30 Years: The Perspective from the Committee on National Statistics

Connie Citro, National Academy of Sciences

Discussant: Robert Groves, University of Michigan

Chair and Organizer: Robert E. Fay, U.S. Census Bureau

Confidentiality and data access issues are central to Government statistics, and we are delighted to have an invited session on “**Researcher Access to Confidential Data for Analysis**”. This session will review new techniques being explored for researchers to gain access to microdata where restricted access and restricted data are not available. Some of the benefits, costs, and risks associated with these new approaches will also be explored by the presenters, who are leading experts in this field:

Issues in Designing a Confidentiality Preserving Model Server

Philip Steel, U.S. Census Bureau

Confidentiality Protection in the Census Bureau’s Quarterly Workforce Indicators

John Abowd, Cornell University, U.S. Census Bureau; Bryce Stephens, University of Maryland, U.S. Census Bureau; and Lars Vilhuber, Cornell University

Methods for Secure Computation and Data Integration

Jerome P. Reiter, Duke University

Discussant: Stephen Roehrig, Carnegie Mellon University

Chair: Jacob Bournazian, Energy Information Administration

Organizer: Steve Cohen, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Adequate documentation for statistical data sets is another issue of vital concern to government agencies and their data users. In addition, many statistical agencies are also facing tight budgets and looming retirements, so preserving institutional memory and redesigning or reengineering surveys efficiently is also important. GSS is pleased to sponsor an invited session on “**Metadata Management in Statistical Agencies.**” Many statistical agencies around the world are building metadata management strategies and systems. This session is composed of presenters from four different international statistical agencies who will describe their agency's strategy for metadata management.

Defining and Using Model-Based Metadata for Statistical Concepts and Processes

Ad Willeboordse, Robbert Renssen, and Peter Struijs, Statistics Netherlands

Unified Metadata Management Framework for Economic Statistics.

Michael John Colledge, Australian Bureau of Statistics

Recent Challenges in Metadata Management: Experience within Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (SORS)

Jozica Klep, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

Metadata Repository at Statistics Canada

Paul Johannis, Statistics Canada

Discussant: Bo Sundgren, Statistics Sweden

Chair and Organizer: Dan Gillman, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

GSS is also sponsoring an invited session that highlights the fruits of interagency cooperation in the area of cognitive interviewing. The session is entitled “**Q-BANK: An Interagency Database of Pretested Survey Questions.**” Q-BANK is a database of survey questions that have been pretested or evaluated (e.g., cognitive testing, respondent debriefings) by questionnaire design research laboratories and methodologists in Federal statistical agencies. In this session, the presenters will describe the initial development of Q-BANK, its structure, the taxonomies used for classifying characteristics of survey questions and response errors, and database adaptations to support interagency use. The capabilities and applications of Q-BANK will also be demonstrated, and implications for methodological advancements will be discussed by the presenters.

Q-BANK: Development of a Tested-Question Database

Kristen S. Miller, National Center for Health Statistics

Design of the Q-BANK: Determining Concepts, Content, and Standards

Paul C. Beatty, National Center for Health Statistics; Gordon B. Willis, National Cancer Institute; Jennifer E. Hunter, U.S. Census Bureau; Kristen S. Miller, National Center for Health Statistics; and Jennifer Rothgeb, U.S. Census Bureau

Broadening the Horizons of Q-BANK: Expanding the Framework to Encompass Self-Administered and Establishment Surveys

Cleo Redline, National Science Foundation; Jennifer E. Hunter, National Center for Health Statistics; Rebecca Morrison, U.S. Census Bureau; Diane K. Willimack, U.S. Census Bureau; and Roberta Sangster, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Discussant: Norman Bradburn, NORC at the University of Chicago

Chair: Gordon B. Willis, National Cancer Institute

Organizer: Diane K. Willimack, U.S. Census Bureau

Stay tuned for more information about GSS topic-contributed and contributed paper sessions. See you in Minneapolis!

SSS Invited Sessions for JSM 2005

By Renee Miller, 2005 Program Chair

There will be so many sessions vying for your attention at this year's JSM that we thought a few highlights about the SSS's offerings would help direct you to what promises to be an interesting collection of Invited Sessions. With our membership and mission statement in mind -- to advance

research in social statistics that involves the use of methods of statistical inquiry, the use of statistical data, and the development of statistical measurement -- and with the theme of this year's meetings as a framework -- Using Our Discipline to Enhance Human Welfare -- we have organized five such sessions.

We've worked very hard behind the scenes to put together an interesting invited program for you and we also have made it easy for you to attend all five sessions, because they are spread out from Sunday, August 7, through Wednesday, August 10. So for those who like to plan early, mark your JSM schedules now! Here's what we have planned for you:

Sunday, August 7, 4:00 PM – 5:50 PM:

Improving the Measurement of Disability

Organizer: *Susan Schechter, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*

Chair: *David Keer, U.S. Department of Education*

Disability Data in the Decennial Census and the American Community Survey: Review of Recent Design and Operations – *Sharon M. Stern, U.S. Census Bureau*

Development, Testing, and Recommendations for Questions on Disability for the American Community Survey – *Barbara M. Altman, NCHS; Theresa J. DeMaio, U.S. Census Bureau; Kristen S. Miller, NCHS*

Designing Questions To Identify People with Disabilities in Labor Force Surveys: A History of the Work of BLS To Measure the Employment Level of Adults with Disabilities – *Terence M. McMenamin, BLS; Adele D. Furrie, Adele Furrie Consulting, Inc.; Douglas L. Kruse, Rutgers University*

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics: International Efforts Toward Comparable General Disability Measures – *Jennifer Madans, NCHS*

Floor Discussion

Monday, August 8, 10:30 AM – 12:20 PM:

Communicating Information to Students and Teachers

Organizer: *Robert H. Rutchik, EIA*

Chair: *John Bosley, U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Evolution of the EIA Kid's Page: Disorganized Communication to Organized Communication – *Robert H. Rutchik, EIA; Howard Bradsher-Fredrick, EIA; Colleen Blessing, EIA; Herbert Miller, EIA; Renee Miller, EIA*

Hennepin County Library: Online Services to Youth – *Marilyn Turner, Hennepin County Library; Margaret Canada, Hennepin County Library; Ann Melrose, Hennepin County Library*

American Statistical Association Guidelines for Instruction in Statistics Education (GAISE) for PreK-12: What Does This Mean for Students and Teachers? – *Christine A. Franklin, University of Georgia*

Discussion: *Cathy Gaddy, User Centric, Inc.*

Floor Discussion

Wednesday, August 10, 8:30 AM – 10:20 AM:

Measuring Child Well-Being: The Pros and Cons of Composite Indices

Organizer: *Kenneth C. Land, Duke University*

Chair: *Susan Schechter, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*

Constructing Summary Indices of Social Well-Being: A Model for the Effect of Heterogeneous Importance Weights – *Michael R. Hagerty, University of California, Davis; Kenneth C. Land, Duke University*

An Evidence-Based Approach to the Construction of Composite Child Well-Being Indices
– *Kenneth C. Land, Duke University*

Ranking States Based on Improvements in Child Well-Being During the 1990's – *William P. O'Hare, Annie E. Casey Foundation; Vicki L. Lamb, Duke University*

An Index of the Condition of Children: The Ideal and a Less than Ideal Example – *Kristin A. Moore, Child Trends*

Discussion: *Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr., University of Pennsylvania*
Floor Discussion

Wednesday, August 10, 2:00 PM – 3:50 PM:

Measuring Poverty: New Developments

Organizer: *Susan Schechter, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*

Chair: *Katherine Wallman, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*

NAS Workshop Summary Report – *John Iceland, University of Maryland*

Estimating Resources for Poverty Measurement – *Kathleen S. Short, U.S. Census Bureau*

Developing Poverty Thresholds – *Thesia I. Garner, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Discussion: *Timothy M. Smeeding, Syracuse University*
Floor Discussion

In addition, we have an invited panel:

Tuesday, August 9, 10:30 AM – 12:20 PM

Cross National Comparison of Classifications of Race and Ethnicity

Organizer: *Mary Chamie, United Nations*

Chair: *Mary Chamie, United Nations*

Panelists: *Brian Pink, Statistics New Zealand*
Louis Kincannon, U.S. Census Bureau
Douglas Norris, Statistics Canada
Tukufu Zuberi, University of Pennsylvania

Floor Discussion

So there you have it! Five interesting and varied sessions. But remember these are just the Invited Sessions. In last month's *Amstat News*, we gave you a preview of the Roundtable Luncheons we've organized. And in an upcoming, *Amstat News* we'll tell you about the Topic-Contributed Sessions we've planned for you. There will be lots to choose from, and definitely something for everyone. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about these sessions, feel free to contact Renee Miller, 2005 SSS Program Chair (renee.miller@eia.doe.gov).

The Social Statistics Section officers are striving always to strengthen our program for JSM, and we hope you'll support our efforts by attending these sessions in August. Keeping you informed is one way to make sure you'll come. Now the rest is up to you! See you in Minneapolis!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

The E.C. Bryant Scholarship for Students in Survey Sampling Nominations Deadline: April 30, 2005.

The E.C. Bryant Scholarship is sponsored by Westat and given annually to an outstanding graduate student in survey statistics. The scholarship winner receives \$1,500 toward further graduate study. All application materials must be received by April 30, 2005. To obtain an application, visit the Bryant Web page on the ASA Web site at <http://www.amstat.org/awards/index.cfm?fuseaction=bryant> where you can download the forms. For more information about the E.C. Bryant Scholarship, contact Elizabeth Stasny, Chair of the E.C. Bryant Scholarship Committee at eas@stat.ohio-state.edu. The award will be presented at the JSM in August 2005 in Minneapolis, MN.

Committee on National Statistics Seminar Announcement Deadline: May 2, 2005

What: **Seminar on Discrepant Estimates of Social and Economic Phenomena:
Love 'Em or Leave 'Em?**

When: Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 3:00 pm
Coffee and cookies will be available at 2:30 pm, followed by a reception at 4:30 pm.

Where: Auditorium of the Main Building of the National Academy of Sciences
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

RSVP: By May 2, 2005

To: Bridget Edmonds at (202) 334-3096 or cnstat@nas.edu

All are welcome to attend.

Chair: *Joel Horowitz, Committee on National Statistics and Northwestern University*

Panel Session I—How Data Producers Handle Discrepant Estimates

Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Estimates from Household Surveys—*Charles Nelson, Assistant Chief, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau*

Estimates of Disability from the Same and Different Surveys—*Jennifer Madans, Associate Director for Science, National Center for Health Statistics*

Estimates of Jobs from the Household and Payroll Surveys—*Philip Rones, Deputy Director, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Panel Session II—Views from Downstream Users

Robert Moffitt, Department of Economics, Johns Hopkins University
Barry Bosworth, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution

Abstract: Discrepant estimates from two or more sources exist for many key social and economic statistics that are widely used for policy analysis and in policy debates. Just think of the two estimates of monthly job creation that featured prominently in political discourse before the November 2004 elections—one estimate from the CPS household survey, the other estimate from employer payroll records. Discrepancies can arise from differences (major or minor) in concepts, question wording, data collection mode, and other aspects of data collection and processing. In some instances, estimates would not be expected to agree; in other instances, estimates should be close but diverge for such reasons as sampling variability and measurement error differences. Panelists in Session I will briefly describe some discrepant statistics, what is known (and not known) about the reasons for them, what problems they present for statistical agencies, and what agencies have done to educate the media and data users about them. Panelists in Session II will discuss the benefits and problems of discrepant estimates for users of the data for policy analysis, research, and program evaluation. A book of source documents on different estimates will be available at the seminar.

REPORT ON RECENT SYMPOSIUM...

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Symposium

By John Czajka and Karen Davis

"Statistics and Public Health Policy" was the theme of the Tenth Biennial CDC and ATSDR Symposium on Statistical Methods, held March 1 to 2, 2005, in Bethesda, Maryland. This marked the first time that the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) held their Symposium in the Washington area. As in 2003, the Washington Statistical Society cosponsored the Symposium.

Statisticians are involved at every level of public health research and practice. Symposia like this one provide the opportunity for statisticians from all levels of government, academia, and the private commercial sector to enhance their familiarity with and use of state-of-the-art methodologies. This year's Symposium, by its title, "A Statistics and Public Health Policy," reflected an increasing recognition of how the field of statistics can and does contribute to the entire range of activities that comprise public health. Special presentations addressed statistical issues in public health surveillance for bioterrorism. In general, the topics presented at the Symposium evidenced a broadening perspective on the ways that statisticians apply their methods to have a direct effect on the public's health.

A one-day short course, "Dealing with Frame Error and Nonresponse in Surveys," taught by William Kalsbeek of the University of North Carolina, preceded the Symposium. Opening

remarks were presented by Jennifer Madans who stressed the importance and impact of science in developing health policy. The program for the Symposium featured four invited paper sessions, an invited panel session, nine contributed paper sessions (three concurrently), and more than a dozen contributed posters. The first invited paper session, on "Sampling, Surveys and the Role of Observational Data in the Development of Public Health Policy," included presentations by William Kalsbeek, Robert Groves, and Graham Kalton. The second invited paper session, "Determining the Effects of Public Health Interventions," featured presentations by Monroe Sirken and Nathaniel Schenker. The third invited paper session, on "Bioterrorism, Biometrics and Security," had presentations by Joe Scanlon, Martin Kulldorff, and Henry Rolka. The fourth invited paper session, "Evaluating Causation," included presentations by Susan Murphy and Alan Zaslavsky. The invited panel session, organized by the Center for Discrete Mathematics and Computer Science (DIMACS) at Rutgers University, featured a discussion of "Statistical Issues in Public Health Surveillance for Bioterrorism Using Multiple Data Streams." Participants included Howard Burkom, Gregory F. Cooper, Martin Kulldorff, and Henry Rolka.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Journal of Statistics (JOS) 20th Anniversary Celebration

The JOS 20th anniversary will be celebrated at Statistics Sweden, **August 24-26, 2005**. The first two days will be devoted to four one-day courses. You will be able to attend two courses if you wish. The third day will be filled with interesting plenary seminars. The invited speakers and course leaders are prominent researchers that have contributed to the methodological development of official statistics. Make sure that you reserve these days in your calendar since this will be an event that you do not want to miss! The following preliminary information was obtained from the Web site at: www.josanniversary.scb.se. It is recommended that you visit this site frequently to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information.

August 24-25 -- During these two days four short courses will be given. The schedule is such that people can attend one or two courses.

Course I: Analysis of Nonresponse Bias
Instructors: *Mike Brick, Westat and Robert Groves, University of Michigan*

Course II: Advanced Topics in Survey Sampling
Instructor: *J.N.K. Rao, Carleton University*

Course III: Questions for Standardized Measurement in Surveys
Instructor: *Nora Cate Schaeffer, University of Wisconsin*

Course IV: It Takes More Than Words to Write A Question: How Visual Layout Affects Answers to Mail and Internet Surveys
Instructor: *Don Dillman, Washington State University*

August 26 -- During this day there will be a plenary all-day session featuring the following speakers:

Svante Oberg, Statistics Sweden, Opening the JOS Anniversary
Lars Lyberg, Statistics Sweden, 20 Years with JOS I
Robert Tortora, Gallup Institute, 20 Years with JOS II
Cynthia Clark, Office for National Statistics, A U.S. Perspective on European Statistics

Walter Radermacher, Statistisches Bundesamt, Some Thoughts on European Official Statistics

Susanne Ressler, University of Nurnberg, Data Fusion

Graham Kalton, Westat, Survey Response in the Future: Prospects and Challenges

Edith DeLeeuw, Methodika, How to Mix Modes

Robert Groves, University of Michigan, Perspectives on Survey Errors

A "First" for the GSS!!!!

The Executive Committee of the GSS has decided to sponsor its first conference. We are very pleased to report that we are co-sponsoring the next International Conference on Establishment Surveys. The conference will take place in Montreal in 2007. Peruse the following information or view the attached flyer announcing the conference, and mark your calendar!!!

Third International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICESIII) - Survey Methods for: Businesses, Farms, and Institutions

June 18-21, 2007, Hyatt Regency Montréal – Montréal, Québec, Canada

In sponsorship with the American Statistical Association, the ASA Section on Survey Research Methods, the ASA Section on Government Statistics, the International Association of Survey Statisticians, and the Statistical Society of Canada.

The Third International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICESIII) will be held in Montréal, Québec, Canada, June 18-21, 2007. ICES-III will explore the current state of the art. ICES-I in 1993 convened more than 400 experts in the area of surveys of businesses, farms and institutions to formally set the stage for documenting the state of the art. ICES-II in 2000 took a forward look at survey methods.

December 1, 2005 is the deadline for proposals for organizing invited paper sessions.

The conference will also include:

- Selection of contributed paper proposals,
- three short courses on Monday, June 18,
- a keynote speaker and reception on Monday evening, and
- Poster sessions and software demonstrations.

Approximately 500 participants are expected. Following the conference, a CD ROM of conference papers will be sent to all participants.

All Conference activities will be held at the Hyatt Regency Montréal. The Hyatt Regency Montréal web site is: <http://montreal.hyatt.com/>. (Hotel reservations will open March 1, 2007).

The invited program, the schedule of sessions (when available), as well as other conference information, can be accessed on the Internet at: <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2007/>.

For further information, please send an email message to ices3@census.gov.

Please note that the official language of the conference is English. Translators will not be provided.



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