

From the editor's desk...

Martin Cooke

I feel as though I should apologize for what feels like a somewhat abbreviated edition of the News. Of course, it's not that our members have been any less active over the past few months, or that there is a shortage of interesting news and events. Quite the opposite, I have the impression that everyone has been far too busy to pass information about their recent activities on to me! I know everybody is tremendously busy right now, whether it is with research, writing, planning, and managing, or teaching. At any rate, rather than wait or pester for further submissions, I thought we should get this edition out to members. Part of the reason was so we could remind members of the postponed (and imminent) deadline for the submission of abstracts for the 2006 CPS annual meetings in June. The new deadline is February 17, and I hope that this will allow some who had missed the previous deadline to make a submission. Also in this edition, we have a message from our super-busy President, Rajulton Fernando, and the regular listing of news and events. I'm looking forward to our meetings in Toronto in June, and hope we can all find a little space to relax before then.

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CPS Call For Abstracts Extended!

The deadline for abstracts for the 2006 CPS meetings has been extended to **February 17**. The Call for Abstracts is posted in the web at www.canpopsoc.org, and abstracts should be e-mailed to Gustave Goldmann at gustave.goldmann@statcan.ca. Abstracts for the student paper competition should be e-mailed to Don Kerr at dkerr@uwo.ca.

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Deadline for articles for the next issue of CPS News: June 30, 2006

Message from the President

Rajulton Fernando

Dear Colleagues,

Much water flows under the bridge, every minute of our crazily busy life, and sooner than later we find ourselves at a crossroad where we exchange our duties and responsibilities with other colleagues and friends. Yes, the time has come for the next round of CPS elections through which new officers and councilors will assume the responsibility of running our small association and carrying forward the works we have done so far. By the middle of this month, you will receive a package from the CPS secretary-treasurer that will contain the first slate of nominations for the CPS officers and Councilors. The Nominating Committee consisting of myself and two past Presidents, Rod Beaujot and Frank Trovato, prepared this first slate. In no way does this restrict further nominations (either self-nominations or nominations by others) from the membership. Please take a minute to send in your suggestions and extra nominations, supported by at least two members (see Article 8.3 of CPS Constitution), in the *prepaid* envelope included in the package. The final list of nominations will be ready for voting by the end of March.

Now that we have all sorts of (supposedly) time-and-cost saving devices, the Council during its last meeting discussed (but did not decide on) the possibility of electronic voting. Setting up voting online, however, needs an amendment in our Constitution which says "Members of the Council, including the officers, shall be elected by secret vote recorded on ballot papers..." (Article 8.2). I consulted the Council on this. The Council does not have any objection to go for electronic voting this time, except for some hesitation that some members may not be able to exercise their right this way for various reasons. And, any amendment to the Constitution needs to be passed by the General Assembly. In consultation with the Nominating Committee, therefore, I decided to get the approval from the General Assembly for voting online by sending a ballot on the proposed amendment. You will find this ballot with the slate of nominations. Please take a moment to read it carefully and express your choice whether you approve or do not approve online voting by returning the ballot in the same prepaid envelope.

During the last year, our colleagues have taken extraordinary efforts in making our Society "vibrant and full of life", as I noted in my last message. Various committees are taking intensive efforts to make our Society more visible in Canada and abroad. I should mention in particular the excellent conference we had in Montreal last November. It was excellent in many ways, including the thorough organization, high quality of the papers presented, international participation, and not the least, refreshing catering. On behalf of the Society, let me express our sincere thanks to Evelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk and Anne Gauthier, the past President and Vice President of FCD respectively.

As you know, our journal *Canadian Studies in Population* has already "gone electronic". According to the hit statistics that I could collect on the electronic web page of the journal, there have been about 2500 visitors either to browse or download the articles since mid-August 2005. To make our journal more visible in this electronic age needs contributions from us all, either by submitting research papers for publication or by reviewing the submitted papers for their quality. I sincerely wish that all CPS members will consider this as a top priority in their career.

As Canadian demographers we are making great progress not only on the international front but also on the domestic front. History has somehow splintered the Canadian demographers on language grounds. Thanks to **Russell Wilkins**, the President of FCD, we are aiming at better communication and more collaborative work between CPS and ADQ. An important development among demographers from both CPS and ADQ during the last year has been to respond to SSHRC's invitation to form a "cluster" of researchers who will jointly contribute to the successful confluence of social research and policy making in Canada. The cluster on Population Change and Public Policy (led by **Rod Beaujot** and whose members include non-demographers as well), have already met once. It will meet again in March during a symposium in which members of two other SSHRC clusters [Bringing All the Threads Together, led by Paul Bernard, and The Canadian Labour Market, led by Craig Riddell] will also participate. This symposium in Ottawa is organized by the Policy Research Initiative (PRI), Social Development Canada (SDC), Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), and Statistics Canada. The three clusters come together under the umbrella name of Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration (PWFC). It is gratifying to see the government agencies turning to us for evidence-based research for their policy planning. If you would like to know more about this cluster, you can have a look at the following web page <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/sociology/popchange/>. You can also refer to the web site of PRI where you can find more about the symposium: <http://policyresearch.gc.ca/>.

Let me end this message with a note of thanks and appreciation to one of our members. You might have heard about the “retirement” of **Doug Norris**, who was the Director General of Social and Demographic Statistics Branch, Statistics Canada, since January 2000. Before becoming the Director General, he was the Director of Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division, which was in charge of collecting and disseminating data on Canadian social conditions through major surveys like GSS. Doug’s contributions to enriching the socio-demographic data environment in Canada are well known and I do not have to mention them here. I am glad to announce to the membership that the CPS Council has unanimously agreed to honour Doug Norris with a CPS Award during the annual meetings in June at York University. I invite you all to join me in congratulating and thanking Doug for all his contributions to Canadian Population Society and to Canadian social science research. We wish him well in his new post at Environics Analytics, where he says he is “enjoying the work with clients in putting demographic data to work in on-the-ground applications”.

Our achievements over the year will be many to be proud of when we meet in June at York University. I hope to see many of you at the Meetings this year.

All the best,

Rajulton Fernando

Conference Presentations

Romaniuc, A. (February 2005). *Stationary Population as Theoretical Concept and as Policy Vision for Canada*, presented at the Workshop on *Population Change and Public Policy*, at the University of Western Ontario, London Ontario.

Romaniuc A. (July 2005). *Persistence of Traditional High Fertility in Tropical Africa: The Case of the Democratic Republic of Congo*, XXV International Population Conference (IUSSP), Tours, France.

Gagnon, A. (November 2005) *Post-reproductive survival in a natural fertility population*, Presentation at the International Seminar on Kinship and Demographic Behaviour Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Committee on Historical Demography. Salt Lake City, USA

Gagnon, A (June 2005) The quest for genes of susceptibility for preeclampsia Presentation at a workshop on the Genetics and the Epigenetics of Preeclampsia London, Canada:.

Gagnon, A (January 2005) Bongaart’s Projection on population aging and the rising cost of public pensions Presentation at the Planning Workshop for a SSHRC *Population Change and Public Policy in Canada* Cluster.

2006 CPS Annual Meetings

Gustave Goldmann

Planning for the annual meetings to be held at York University in June is continuing. We have received many abstracts and the process of evaluation and selection has started. We are also planning a number of special events – please watch the CPS website for further information.

There will, once again, be a one day workshop on May 31st, immediately preceding the CPS meetings. This workshop is being organised jointly with the CSAA. It will cover topics of interest to researchers working with complex survey data. Details to follow.

Forthcoming Conferences

Second Triennial Aboriginal Policy Research Conference

March 21-23, 2006
Ottawa, Ontario

<http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/sociology/aprc-crmpa/>

Population Research Initiative Annual Symposium of the Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration (PWFC)

March 23-24, 2006
Ottawa, Ontario

http://www.policyresearch.gc.ca/page.asp?pagenm=PWFC_index&langcd=E

Population Association of America (PAA)

March 30-April 1, 2006
Los Angeles, California

<http://www.popassoc.org/meetings.html>

L'Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS)

May 15-19, 2006
Montreal, Quebec

<http://www.acfas.ca>

Statistics Canada Socio-Economic Conference 2006

May 15-16, 2006
Ottawa, Canada

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/socioeconomic2006/>

Canadian Population Society Annual Meetings

June 1-3 2006
York University, Toronto.
Deadline for submitting abstracts is February 17, 2006.
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Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association

May 30-June 2, 2006
York University, Toronto
www.csaa.ca

Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities

May 27-June 3, 2006
York University, Toronto
www.fedcan.ca

International Conference on Longevity: Early-life Conditions, Social Mobility and Other Factors that Influence Survival to Old Age

June 8-10, 2006
Lund, Sweden,

<http://www.iussp.org/Activities/scc-his2/hist%20early-lifeannounce.pdf>

2006 European Population Conference

June 20-24, 2006

Deadline for submitting abstracts is **November 1, 2006**
<http://epc2006.princeton.edu>

European Society for Population Economics (ESPE).

June 22-24, 2006
Verona, Italy

Deadline for submitting abstracts is February 1, 2006
<http://dse.univr.it/espe/>

World Congress of Sociology

July 23-29, 2006
Durban, South Africa

<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2006/>

International Conference on Child Cohort Studies

Oxford, UK
September 12-14, 2006

<http://www.cls.ioe.ac.uk/news.asp?section=00010001003&item=282>

Association internationale des démographes de langue française (AIDELF)

September 18-23, 2006
Aveiro, Portugal

<http://www.aidelf.org>

Canadian Association on Gerontology

October 26-28, 2006
Quebec City, Québec

Deadline for Submitting Abstracts: March 31, 2006
www.cagacg.ca

Keeping Posted...

P. Krishnan (Professor Emeritus, University of Alberta) will be at the University of Botswana for another year, before settling down in India.

Mary Jane Norris has moved from Heritage Canada to the Strategic Research and Analysis at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

Daniel Sahleyesus, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Western Ontario, has been awarded a SSHRC postdoctoral Fellowship.

Rosemary Bender has been appointed Director General, Social and Demographic Statistics Branch, replacing **Doug Norris**, who has retired (to Environics Analytics). Rosemary will also remain as Acting Director, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division.

Recent Member Publications

Mazan, R. & A. Gagnon (Forthcoming) Familial and environmental influences on longevity in a pre-industrialized population *Population* (English Edition).

Gagnon, A., B. Toupance, M. Tremblay, J. Beise, & E. Heyer (forthcoming). Transmission of migration propensity increases genetic divergence between populations. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, Published online (early view) December 9, 2005.

GAGNON, A., J. Beise & J. W. Vaupel (2005). Genome-wide Identity-by-Descent sharing among CEPH siblings. *Genetic Epidemiology*, 29: 215 – 224.

Pavard, S., **A. Gagnon**, B. Desjardins & E. Heyer (2005). Mother's death and child survival: the case of early Quebec. *Journal of Biosocial Sciences*, 37: 209-227.

Krishnan, P. (2005) *Political Demography of India: Determinants and Consequences*. New Dehli: B. R. Publishing Corporation. Synopsis, etc. at www.baqchee.com/BookDisplay.aspx?Bkid=B29936

Romaniuc, A. (2005) Review of Population Change in Canada by Roderic Beaujot and Don Kerr, *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 31, No. 1, March 2005.

Wilkins, R. (2006) *PCCF+ Version 4G User's Guide. Automated geographic coding based on the Statistics Canada Postal Code Conversion files, including postal codes to October 2005*. Catalogue no. 82F0086-XDB. Ottawa: Health Analysis and Measurement Group, Statistics Canada. 64 pp. [available free through DLI]

Ng Edward, Wilkins R, Gendron F, Berthelot JM. (2005) Dynamics of immigrants' health: evidence from Canada, 1994-95 to 2002-03. Summary report. *Canadian Studies in Population* 32(1):131-133.

Statistics Canada: 2005 GSS on Time Use

The results of the 2005 General Social Survey on *Time Use* (Cycle 19) will be released in the course of four consecutive weeks, starting on June 28, 2006. As the survey collects a wide range of topics, each release will focus on a specific theme. The following articles are planned to be available via Statistics Canada's Daily.

- June 28 Canada's Seniors: Aging Well? - Donna Dosman, Susan Stobert
- July 5 Commuting to work. - Martin Turcotte
- July 12 The Internet: Is it saving us time? - Ben Veenhof
- July 19 The diminishing gender line between paid and unpaid work. - Katherine Marshall

A tabulation package will also be accessible on the first day of release and the custom tabulation service will be available on a cost recovery basis.

Finally, the Public Use Microdata File (PUMF) is planned to be released in November 2006.

For any additional information please contact Marcel Béchard at (613) 951-6115.

Doug Norris retires from Statistics Canada

Monica Boyd

Doug Norris, former Vice President (1998-2000) and Councillor (1992-1994) of the Canadian Population Society began 2006 in a new job. After thirty years at Statistics Canada, Doug has retired and joins Environics Analytics as Senior Vice President and Chief Demographer.

Doug's many accomplishments highlight his lifelong interest in demography. After bachelor and master degrees at McGill University (mathematics; statistics), he received his Ph.D. degree from The Johns Hopkins University in Biostatistics and Demography. Subsequently he spent four years in academia then joined the Demography Division at Statistics Canada. Three indicators of Doug's success in Statistics Canada exist. First, his career path consisted of many promotions, culminating as Director, Housing Family and Social Statistics Division (1994-1999) and then as Director General, Social and Demographic Statistics Branch (1999-2005). Second, despite administrative responsibilities, he was actively engaged in research, presenting and publishing papers on topics ranging from demographic trends, fertility, mortality, ethnicity, young adults at home, social indicators, religion, and the use of administrative records. Third, he was, and remains, exceptional in his capacity to bring others into the excitement of constructing surveys, and analyzing and disseminating data. Many members of CPS know his signature greeting "Hi! How are you? What are you doing?" Doug has a genuine curiosity and enthusiasm about social and demographic phenomena and these traits are contagious.

Doug's excitement also made him very supportive of his colleagues' work and of their on-going professionalization. The esteem and affection of his colleagues was evident at a farewell reception held at Statistics Canada, December 2005. A large crowd was present; in characteristic fashion, Doug spoke briefly – not about himself, but about his positive experiences working with his Statistics Canada colleagues and about his family. At the end, the applause for Doug was so long and so sustained that it was evident that he was receiving a standing ovation from colleagues who admired him, respected him and would miss him.

To end here, however, is to ignore the legacy that Doug's work at Statistics Canada left for social science more generally. Doug's enthusiasm for social and demographic data, coupled with a capacity to listen to others has increased both the quality and the quantity of data available to analysts within and outside Statistics Canada. The design and content of annual General Social Surveys, the quinquennial census and new innovative surveys such as the Ethnic Diversity Survey all benefited from Doug's support. And, he and others at Statistics Canada were champions of a major resource for analysts outside the agency- the Research Data Centres. Many of the Statistics Canada datasets analyzed by CPS members exist because of Doug's enthusiasm over social data, his contagious influence, and his desire to have data accessed and used.

Federation of Canadian Demographers

Russell Wilkins

New FCD Board of Directors and General Assembly

The new FCD Board of Directors consists of Russell Wilkins (President), Laurent Martel (Vice-President), Monica Boyd (Secretary), Yves Pepin (Treasurer), Eric Fong (CPS representative), and Chad Décairie Deblois (ADQ representative). The new FCD General Assembly consists of the FCD Board of Directors, plus Rajulton Fernando (CPS President), Hélène Gautron (ADQ President), Frank Trovato and Andrew Wister (CPS representatives), and Evelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk and Marc Tremblay (ADQ representatives).

FCD conference in Montreal (18-19 November 2005)

The FCD conference on "Longitudinal Studies and Demographic Challenges of the 21st Century" was held in Montreal on the 18th and 19th of November 2005. There were 178 registered participants, and 69 communications were presented. Copies of the slides of most of the presentations are currently available on the conference

website (www.demo.umontreal.ca/conf_demo/english.htm), and selected papers will be published in special issues of *Canadian Studies in Population* and *Cahiers québécois de démographie*. Many thanks to the entire Scientific

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Committee (Anne Gauthier, Évelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk, Jean-Michel Billette, Johanne Boisjoly, Martin Cooke, Gustave Goldmann, Thomas LeGrand, Mark Rosenberg, Lisa Strohschein), the Local Organizing Committee (Mélicha Beaudry-Godin, Micheline Fréchette, Thérèse Labelle-Audy, Guillaume Marois, Pascale Prud'homme, Carole Therrien, Lianne Tremblay, Samuel Vézina), plus the conference sponsors (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Statistics Canada, Social Development Canada, Université de Montréal), and the FCD member organizations (ADQ and CPS).

FCD Directory 2005

You should already have received your electronic copy of the *FCD Directory 2005*, which was produced by the new FCD Directory Committee (Russell Wilkins, Laurent Martel, Sue Shiel, and Jean-François Lachance). If not, or if you find errors or omissions, or wish to update or modify your listing, please contact Russell Wilkins (russell.wilkins@statcan.ca; telephone 1-613-951-5305). Our intention is to update the directory at least semi-annually, so that it will continue to reflect the most recent contact information for each person listed.

CPS Joint Session on Immigration at PAA

The forthcoming annual meetings of the Population Association of America, to be held in Los Angeles on March 30-April 1, 2006, will include a session jointly sponsored by the Canadian Population Society and the PAA. The session will focus on two new longitudinal surveys of immigrants: the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants in Canada (LSIC) and the New Immigrant Survey (NIS) in the United States. Margaret Michalowski will describe the LSIC and Alan Simmons will discuss the value of the survey for immigration research. Guillermina Jasso will describe the NIS and Sherrie Kassoudji will discuss the value of the survey for immigration research. The session is organized and will be chaired by Barry Edmonston.

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News from the ADQ ...

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The next symposium of the *Association des démographes du Québec* will be held in Montreal, May 17-19, 2006 at the 74th annual ACFAS conference at the *McGill University*. The symposium's theme is "*Urban Demography: Issues and Challenges*". Thursday (May 18) there is a session for more general demographic topics such as health, family, immigration, etc. The general assembly, as well as the banquet of the association will take place Thursday May 18th. Please visit the ACFAS web site (www.acfas.ca) for more information.

Early Registration (prior to April 1):
Membership Fee: 177\$
Retired/Student Fee: 56\$

Late Registration (after April 1):
Membership Fee: 207\$
Retired/Student Fee: 68\$

Hoping to see many of you in Montreal next May,

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