

From the editor's desk...

Laurie Goldmann

I would like to begin by thanking all the CPS members for the contributions to this newsletter. While I may be the editor, this is truly your newsletter and I fully plan to treat it as such. As you will see our membership has been quite busy these past few months, both nationally and internationally.

As the new editor, I am going to ask for your assistance. As many of you know, the style and format of the newsletter has remained constant for some time now, despite becoming an electronic-only document. I would suggest that like any quality research piece or program, it is time for a review. In the next couple of months you will be receiving a questionnaire soliciting input on your visions for this newsletter. I would ask that you take a few moments to complete the survey. The results will be presented in the next edition of the newsletter so we may begin a dialogue on possible changes.

For this edition, a new feature on the Canada Research Chairs held by our own membership has been included. I would like to thank Anne Gauthier for this piece. Stay tuned to future editions for more on the research activities undertaken by each of the chairs and the impact this is having for the discipline of demography in Canada. As well, please feel free to suggest any other ideas you may have for special features to be included.

Finally, while I recognize this is not an awards ceremony, I would like to thank three very patient people for helping guide me through my first edition of the newsletter –former editors, Marty Cooke and Gustave Goldmann and Pascale Beuapr e.

Happy reading.

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Message from the President

Gustave Goldmann

Dear Colleagues,

This is my first opportunity to share my thoughts with the membership of the Canadian Population Society as president. I would like to begin by welcoming the new Council. I look forward to working with you and with the committees (both standing and those to be formed). I believe that we are entering an important and exciting period for the CPS. I see a number of opportunities before us that are the direct result of the role that many of our members play both on the national scene and internationally. There is no question that the members of our Society are among the leaders in Canada in the quantitative social sciences. The feature in this issue on the members of our Society who have been appointed as Canada Research Chairs attests to this fact. We have a nucleus on which we can develop a strong interdisciplinary community of quantitative social scientists under the banner of the CPS. In some ways the process has already begun through the work of our members and with the Symposia that we organized along with our annual meetings.

I also see an opportunity to build on the excellent work done by previous Councils and members of the CPS in establishing strong ties with our colleagues internationally. We already have a strong presence at the annual PAA meetings. Efforts are being made to increase the presence of the PAA members in our annual meetings thereby making it a two way bridge. In addition, the FCD will be organising a day to showcase Canadian Demography as part of the international symposium of French demographers to be held in Québec in 2008. I see in this an opportunity to capitalize on our strengths to enhance our stature internationally.

We also need to consider expanding our ties with our colleagues in the "policy world" by getting them more directly involved in the Society. There is a highly qualified corps of professional demographers and quantitative social scientists working outside of the academic community. Many of these people are graduates of our academic institutions. We have a great deal to offer them, such as professional networks that will help to inform the work that they do. In return, they have a great deal to contribute to the Society as active members.

As you can see from these brief words, I see a period of growth for the CPS, both in influence and in membership. Our influence will manifest itself in the increasing contribution that our members will make to the body of knowledge that will be critical for our society while it addresses some of the major issues that it will face over the coming decades (e.g. ageing population, health care, the decline in natural population growth, ethnic and cultural diversity, the globalisation of the economy and society). It is my hope that this may help to reverse the trend that we are seeing in universities across Canada to move away from Demography as a discipline.

I welcome your thoughts and feedback on the ideas presented above, and on any other matters that you feel are important for the present Council to consider.

Gustave Goldmann

Congratulations...

To **Dr. Chad Gaffield** on his recent appointment as the new President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Further information on Dr. Gaffield and SSHRC can be found at:

http://www.sshrc.ca/web/whatsnew/press_releases/2006/gaffield_e.asp

Conference Presentations

Goldmann, G. (September 2006), *Measuring Immigrant Integration*, paper presented at the Canadian American Symposium on Immigrant Integration, organized by the Association for Canadian Studies and Columbia University, held at Ellis Island Museum in New York.

McDaniel, S. A. (January 2006) *Capturing the Life Course: The Contribution of a Panel Study of Lifecourse Dynamics (PSLD) to Public Policy Analysis in Canada* (with Paul Bernard and others), at the International Conference on Longitudinal Surveys in Montreal.

McDaniel, S. A. (May/June 2006) *Putting Humpty Dumpty Together: Aging Policy for a New Age* presented at the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association meetings at York University.

McDaniel, S. A. (May/June 2006) *A World of Constant Adaptation: Where the Road Hits Technologies and Roadblocks* presented at the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association meetings at York University.

McDaniel, S. A. (June/July 2006) *Linked Generations in Families, Labour Markets and Welfare States: Aging Policy in Canada, France and Britain* presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference in Trier, Germany.

McDaniel, S. A. (July 2006) *Evaluating the 'Impossible Science' in Canada and Quebec*, invited paper for the World Congress of Sociology in Durban, South Africa.

McDaniel, S.A. (September 2006) *Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators in Social Context* presented at the OECD Conference Blue Sky II: What Indicators for Science, Technology and Innovation Policies in the 21st Century in Ottawa.

Michalowski, M. (October 2006), invited speaker at the session *Measuring International Migration: Data from Both Sides of the Border* at the 11th International Metropolis Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. Margaret was also co-organizer, with Henry Martenson from Swedish Integration Board, of the workshop entitled *Measuring Immigrants' Experiences: Surveys and Comparative Cross-National Studies on Discrimination*.

Ravanera, Z. (October 2006), *Men's Life Course Trajectories: How and Why They Differ by Social Status and from Women's Life Course*, by Zenaida R. Ravanera, Thomas K. Burch, and Fernando Rajulton at the IUSSP Seminar on the Ecology of Male Life Course, held at the Castle of Rauschholzhausen in Giessen, Germany.

Romaniuc, A. (September 2006), *Population Forecasting: What is it? – Epistemological Considerations*, paper presented at the conference of British Society for Population Studies, held at the University of Southampton, Great Britain. The paper can be accessed on the Society's website or by writing to the author (romaniuc@netrover.com)

Presentations before Government Committees

September 6, 2006

Roderic Beaujot, Director of the Population Studies Centre at the University of Western Ontario, presented a brief entitled *Population and Seats in the Senate of Canada, 1867-2031: A comment on the Murray/Austin Motion* to the Senate Special Committee on Senate Reform in Ottawa.

David Swanson, Director of the Center for Population Studies at the University of Mississippi, was one of four expert witnesses invited to testify on US Census Bureau programs before the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census oversight hearing Committee on Government Reform. The hearing, "Two Plus Two Should Never Equal Three: Getting Intercensal Population Estimates Right the First Time" examined the Census Bureau's population estimates programs. Swanson, who has been involved in applied demography for more than 30 years, proposed enhancing State Demographic Centers in order to provide timely and accurate information to the Census Bureau's Master Address File, which in turn would be used to provide a universal means of population estimation via the Housing Unit Method.

Forthcoming Conferences

2007 Applied Demography Conference

January 7-9, 2007
San Antonio, Texas
<http://utsa.edu/copp/Demography/index.html>

Population Association of America

March 29-31, 2007
New York, New York
<http://www.popassoc.org>

Statistics Canada's Socio-Economic Conference 2007

May 28-29, 2007
Ottawa, Ontario
Deadline for submitting abstracts is November 10, 2006.
<http://www.statcan.ca>

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

May 26 – June 2, 2007
University of Saskatoon, Saskatoon
<http://www.fedcan.ca/congress2007/>

Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association

May 29 - June 1, 2007
University of Saskatoon, Saskatoon
Deadline for proposing sessions is January 15, 2007
Deadline for submitting abstracts is February 15, 2007
www.csaa.ca

Canadian Population Society Annual Meetings

May 31 – June 2, 2007
University of Saskatoon, Saskatoon.
Deadline for submitting abstracts is December 15, 2006.
<http://canpopsoc.org>

Workshop on Urban Population, Development and Environment (PDE) Dynamics in Developing Countries

June 11-13, 2007
Nairobi, Kenya
<http://www.cicred.org/Eng/Seminars/Details/Seminars/PDE2007/IndexPDE.htm>

The Student Corner....

Melissa Moyser

Student Announcements:

Congratulations to Prem Bahadur Bhandari, who successfully defended his PhD dissertation, entitled "Technology Adoption in Agriculture and Occupational Mobility of Farm Households in Nepal: Demographic and Socioeconomic Correlates," on August 7, 2006 at the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State). Prem is now working as a Research Associate at Penn State. Wishing you all the best, Prem!

Editorial:

Conference organizer Zheng Wu has issued the call for papers for the CPS 2007 Annual Meeting at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon (May 31 to June 2, 2007). The deadline for submitting abstracts is December 15, 2006, which means that it is time for us to get cracking. Preparing conference submissions often seems an arduous task, given the demands of our graduate programs. But keep in mind the benefits of so doing. As I see it, they are threefold. First, there is the opportunity to contribute to your research community. Second, there is the

practical benefit of adding a/another conference presentation to your curriculum vitae. Third, there is the Student Paper Competition for the best paper presentation to the conference, which carries a monetary reward as well as discount airfare travel costs to the conference and 3 nights' accommodation (for details, please see <http://www.canpopsoc.org/students/index.html>).

Preparing conference submissions is greatly facilitated by coordinating the research with the requirements of your graduate program. For coursework, you can write reports on the topic of your conference submission, which can inform the literature review, methodology, and/or constitute the data-analysis component. If you are working on your thesis or dissertation, you can develop a conference submission on the basis of your preliminary findings. Even better, if you have completed your thesis or dissertation, you can base a conference submission on at least a portion of that research. Writing comprehensive examinations in demography or related fields involves critical engagement with the literature—cultivate a paper from your insights! Also, don't forget about all those great papers sitting on the hard drive of your computer or in your filing cabinet; they can be reworked into a conference submission. I look forward to your presentations at the CPS 2007 Annual Meeting!

Keeping Posted...

Gustave Goldmann was invited to be part of a panel on analysing health microdata held at Baruch College of the City University of New York as part of the annual meetings of the US Research Data Center network on September 14, 2006. Gustave has also been invited to participate in a panel on international research using detailed microdata at the annual conference of the Association for Public Policy and Management on November 2 to 4, 2006 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Darcy Hango is joining Statistics Canada in the Department of Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics.

Ann H. Kim has joined the Department of Sociology at York University.

Susan McDaniel has been quite active on many fronts. Susan was selected to serve on the Scientific Advisory Committee, Council of Canadian Academies, beginning in March 2006 onwards. She also represented Canada (the Prime Minister's Office) as the only area expert at the small consultation on demographic futures, leading up to the G8 Summit. Meetings, held at the Prime Minister of Sweden's Office in Stockholm, Sweden, June 2005. In addition, Susan was re-appointed for a fifth term by the Minister Responsible for Statistics Canada, to the National Statistics Council, 2006-2009 as well as having served in 2006 on the Molson Prize Committee (for Arts and Social Sciences) and the Council of Canadian Academies Expert Committee on Science and Technology Areas of Strength in Canada. Susan is currently serving on the Royal Society of Canada Awards and Medals Committee for 2006-07 as well as the Royal Society of Canada Organizing Committee for 2007 Conference on *Women in the Knowledge Economy*.

She has recently ended her four year term as Vice-President, Publications for the International Sociological Association (ISA). In addition, she was a member of Executive Council of the ISA at the World Congress of Sociology in Durban, South Africa, held in July 2006.

Zenaida Ravanera, Research Associate at the Population Studies Centre, has agreed to work one day per week as Information Officer of the UWO Research Data Centre. Zenaida will establish on the UWO RDC web site, a list showing the bibliographic reference of all products of the RDC, providing if possible a link to the full document, or an abstract. She will also be highlighting certain research products through a newsletter that is meant to reach an informed public.

Roger Sauvé of People Patterns Consulting has moved back to small town (Summerstown) Ontario after spending almost 25 years in Regina, Calgary and Victoria. Over the last year, Roger produced the seventh edition of *The Current State of Canadian Family Finances* for the Vanier Institute of the Family. He also appeared before a Senate Finance and Trade Committee, presented several talks to clients, prepared client specific reports, and did part-time teaching at Camosun College in Victoria. He has also updated his annual *Canada Job Trends* report, which is released in April of each year.

Feature - Canada Research Chairs

Anne H. Gauthier

Do you know who the Canada Research Chairs are?

Did you know that there are five Canada Research Chairs (CRC) among our CPS and ADQ members? Do you know what they do and how their Chair has helped their career? As part of this newsletter, we thought that it would be interesting for our members to learn more about the CRC program and their chairholders. This article is the first one of a series. It provides general information on the program itself and was based on various pieces of information gathered from the CRC website as well as from discussion with the chairholders themselves. The subsequent articles, to appear in future issues of the newsletter, will provide more detailed information about the chairholders and their research programs.

What is the CRC program and who are the chairholders?

The CRC program was funded in 2000 by the Government of Canada in order to attract and retain some of the best researchers in Canada. The objective was to establish 2000 research professorships—Canada Research Chairs—in universities across the country by 2008. As stated on the program's website: "The Canada Research Chairs Program invests \$300 million a year to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished and promising minds."

There are two types of Canada Research Chair: the Tier 1 Chairs, which are tenable for seven years and renewable, and which are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields; and the Tier 2 Chairs, tenable for five years and renewable once, and which are for exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to become leaders in their field.

There are five CRCs among our CPS and ADQ members: **Danièle Bélanger**: Tier 2 Chair in Population, Gender, and Development (University of Western Ontario); **Monica Boyd**: Tier 1 Chair in Social and Ethical Context of Health (University of Toronto); **Anne H. Gauthier**: Tier 2 Chair in Comparative Family Policy (University of Calgary); **Pavlos S. Kanaroglou**: Tier 1 Chair in Spatial Analysis (McMaster University); and **Céline Le Bourdais**: Tier 1 Chair in Social Statistics and Family Change (McGill University).

How were they selected?

Each eligible degree-granting institution received an allocation of Chairs. For each Chair, a university nominated a researcher whose work complemented its strategic research plan and who met the program's high standards. The nominee could be recruited from within the university's own faculty members or from outside. In the case of the five CRCs mentioned above, some were already working for the university when they were nominated, others were recruited from other universities including non-Canadian institutions. Each nomination was then subjected to a rigorous peer-review process including an assessment from the program's college of reviewers, composed of experts from around the world.

What support do universities provide to CRCs?

What is important to understand is that Canadian universities both nominate Canada Research Chairs and administer their funds. This means that the support provided to CRCs varies substantially from one university to the other, and even within one university. Normally, universities provide CRCs with some teaching release and some financial support --- but again, with large variations across CRCs. As part of the CRC nomination and renewal application, the candidates were also able to apply for funding with the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). The size of the funding varies considerably but was generally used by the Chairs to finance a small research laboratory.

What are the expectations of the program and what has been the impact on the chairholders' career?

The expectations of the program are obviously high and the achievements of the chairholders are monitored through detailed annual reports and through peer-reviews at the time of renewal. Some of the selection and

renewal criteria used include the quality of the chairholder and of his or her proposed program of research; the integration of the chairholder's research with the university's strategic research plan; the extent to which the chairholder has successfully attracted, and continues to attract, excellent trainees, students and future researchers to the university or affiliated institute; and the extent to which the chairholder is carrying out a program of research that is producing leading-edge results which are making a significant impact on the field.

Confronted with such high expectations, what has been the impact of the program on the chairholders? Generally speaking, being a CRC has enabled the chairholders to embark on more ambitious and larger research programs than it would have otherwise been the case. In fact, each chairholder had to include in his or her application package a detailed program of research for a 5-year period in the case of Tier 2 chairs, and a 7-year period in the case of Tier 1 case. In both cases, this program of research was evaluated at the time of the original application but also at the time of the renewal through a performance report which has to clearly demonstrate how the chairholder has achieved the objectives set out in the original nomination.

What have been the challenges and the benefits of the program?

Although all this may sound very prestigious and glossy, the chairholders have all been confronted with challenges including at times difficult negotiation with their own university regarding the support to be provided (including the teaching release), time-consuming process in setting up the research laboratories, and some difficulty in recruiting graduate students, especially in the case of Tier 2 chairs and/or chairs in smaller universities and/or in less well ranked universities. Several chairholders have also expressed a sense of isolation and a lack of support from their colleagues or university.

The benefits have, however, also been numerous including the prestige associated with being a chairholder, doors more easily opened, especially on the international scene, numerous invitations to join other teams, more research time, etc.

Women in International Migration

In 2003 **Monica Boyd** was invited by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, as part of its preparation for the United Nations "Beijing + Plus 10" reporting mission to prepare a research report on immigrant women in Canada and the United States. It was published in 2005 as "Gendering Migration, Livelihood and Entitlements: Migrant Women in Canada and the United States (Monica Boyd and Deanna Pikkov). Occasional Paper # 6 (ISBN 92-9085-059-0), Geneva: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development; a revision will be appearing in an edited book.

Beijing –Plus 10 overlapped with the UN Secretary General's announcement of the High Level Dialogue on Migration, to be held September 26, 2006. As part of the larger initiative to continue to have migrant women on the agenda, a number of UN agencies held expert group meetings, and conferences. In December, 2003 Monica Boyd was invited to an expert panel meeting of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women in Malmo, Sweden; and remained in an advisory capacity during the preparation of the 2004 Survey on Women and International Migration, writing the section on gendering migration. Subsequently, she was invited to present at the Forum on the Report of the Global Commission on International Migration, held in New York October 2005. Her paper "Migration in an Interconnected and Gendered World" is now published in Joseph Chamie and Mary G. Powers (editors) International Migration and the Global Community: A Forum on the Report of the Global Commission on International Migration. New York: Center for Migration Studies, 2006.

Monica Boyd also was one of two academics worldwide making invited presentations at the five person United Nations High Level Panel on "The Gender Dimensions of International Migration", held under the auspices of the UN Commission of Women at the United Nations NY headquarters in March 2006; Her paper on "Women in International Migration: The Context of Exit and Entry for Empowerment and Exploitation" has since been posted on the UN Division for the Advance of Women website. She gave an invited paper at the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA)-International Migration Organization (IOM) workshop on Women Migrants, New York City, May 2006 on "Push Factors Resulting in the Decision for Women to Migrate." Most recently, she gave an invited paper on "Gender Aspects of International Migration to Canada and the United States," at the United Nations (Population Division) International Symposium on International Migration and Development, Turin, Italy, June, 2006, which also has been posted on the symposium's website.

Recent Member Publications

Beaupré, P., P. Turcotte and A. Milan (August 2006), "When is Junior Moving Out? Transitions from the Parental Home to Independence". *Canadian Social Trends*, Statistics Canada, Online Edition.

Beaupré, P., P. Turcotte and A. Milan (October 2006), "When Junior Comes Back Home: Trends and Predictors of Returning to the Parental Home". *Canadian Social Trends*, Statistics Canada, Online Edition.

Fong, E. & L. Chiu (ed.)(2007), *Chinese Ethnic Businesses: Global and Local Perspectives*, Routledge.

Fong, E. (ed.) (2006), *Inside the Mosaic*, University of Toronto Press.

Fong, E. & E. Ooka (2006), "Assessing Patterns of Social Integration Among Immigrants". *International Migration Review*, 40(2):348-374.

Fong, E. & K. Shibuya (2005), "Multi-Ethnic Cities in North America". *Annual Review of Sociology*, 31: 285-304.

Gyimah, S.Obeng, B.K. Takyi & I. Addai (2006), "The Reproductive Health Needs of African Women: On Religion and Utilization of Maternal Health Services in Ghana". *Social Science and Medicine*, 62:2930-2944.

Gyimah, S. Obeng (2006), "Migration and Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa: The case of Ghana". *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 37 (2):235-252.

Gyimah, S. Obeng (2006), "Cultural Background and Infant Survival in Ghana". *Ethnicity and Health*, 11(2):101-120.

Gyimah, S. Obeng, D. Walters and K. Phythian (2005), "Ethnicity, Immigration and Housing Wealth in Toronto". *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*, 14 (2): 338-363.

Hou, F. (2006), "Spatial Assimilation of Racial Minorities in Canada's Immigrant Gateway Cities". *Urban Studies* 43(7): 1191-1213.

Hou, F. and L. Bourne (2006), "The Migration-Immigration Link in Canada's Gateway Cities: A Comparative Study of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver". *Environment and Planning A* 38(8):1505-1525.

Hou, F. and M. Beiser (2006), "Learning the Language of a New Country: A Ten-Year Study of English Acquisition by Southeast Asian Refugees in Canada". *International Migration* 44 (1): 135-165.

Beiser, M. and **F. Hou** (2006), "Ethnic Identity, Resettlement Stress and Depressive Affect Among Southeast Asian Refugees in Canada". *Social Science & Medicine* 63(1): 137-150.

McDaniel, S.A. & L. Tepperman (2007). *Close Relations: An Introduction to Sociology of Families (3rd edition)* Toronto: Pearson Prentice Hall.

McDaniel, S. A. (forthcoming 2007), *SAGE Major Work on Ageing/Gerontology*. London, UK: Sage.

McDaniel, S. A. et al. (2006), *The State of Science and Technology in Canada*. Ottawa: Council of Canadian Academies.

McDaniel, S. A. (2006), "Self-Employment: How Individual Choices Interact with Market Economies". *International Sociology (Review of Books)* 21(6): 797-806.

Rozanova, J., H. C. Northcott & **S. A. McDaniel** (2006), "Seniors and Portrayals of Intra-Generational and Inter-Generational Inequality in the Globe and Mail". *Canadian Journal on Aging*, 25(4).

McDaniel, S.A. (2006), "Innovation in Social Guise". *National Innovation, Indicators and Policy*. Cheltenham, U.K: Elgar.

McDaniel, S.A. (2006), "Pensions, Privilege and Poverty: Another 'Take' on Inter-generational Equity". *Age, Generation and the Social Contract*. Berlin: Springer.

McDaniel, S.A. (2006), "Families, Feminism and the State". *Power and Resistance: Critical Thinking About Canadian Social Issues (3rd edition)*, Toronto: Fernwood.

White K, and **R. Wilkins** (Autumn 2006), "Socioeconomic Status and Birth Outcomes in Quebec" ... *au courant*. Newsletter of the Health Analysis and Measurement Group, Statistics Canada, (catalogue 82-005-XIE). 1-4.

Committee Corner...

Notice from the Award Committee

Frank Trovato

The CPS Council has asked that a committee be struck to propose rules and guidelines for a CPS Award, its nature and purpose. In the fall of 2006, a committee was struck, with **Frank Trovato as the Chair, and Rod Beaujot, Rajulton Fernando, Monica Boyd, and Doug Norris as Committee members**. Only one award is being considered at this time.

A number of different association websites have been consulted to gain ideas about what types of awards are in place and under what conditions they are given. The following were consulted through internet search: The Population Association of America (PAA), the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA), International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG), European Association for Population Studies (EAPS), Canadian Economics Association (CEA). In addition to these associations, we also consulted the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) website.

The number and nature of awards across associations are wide ranging. In one case (EAPS) only one award is given each year, to a young scholar under the age of 35 for the best paper presented at the EPA conference. In other cases (e.g., CSA, CAG, and CEA) there are several annual awards given for different purposes, such as for service to teaching and promoting the discipline; major cash prize and certificate for having made significant contributions to the discipline over a career. In other cases (e.g., CSA and CAG), awards are given for the best book published in the last three years. Other types of awards include recognition for the best paper published in the association journal during the past year.

Many of the awards across the associations consulted were named after an influential scholar (usually a deceased scholar) that has made important contribution(s) to the discipline (e.g., the Robert J. Lapham Award, Clifford C. Clogg, Award, Irene B. Taeuber Award, etc). In other cases the name of the award is a generic title, such "IUSSP Laureate," or "Outstanding Contribution Award." The value of awards ranges considerably across the associations consulted. In one case (CEA) there is a cash award for \$10,000. Other awards consist of smaller amounts (e.g., \$1,000).

Questions for Further Thought and Discussion

Upon considering the possibilities, a number of questions came up:

- (1) Should the CPS award be for a major work---i.e. a book published over the past three years, or a paper published during the past year in a top field journal?
- (2) Should the award be restricted to lifetime contribution to the field of Canadian demography based on accomplishments by way of publications and teaching/service?
- (3) Should the award be restricted to a Canadian demographer, and if so, should recipients be exclusively members of the CPS?
- (4) Should the award be named after a famous Canadian demographer or should it be a generic title such as "CPS Outstanding Contribution to Canadian Demography Award"?
- (5) Should the award be given annually, or on some other periodic basis (e.g., every two years)?
- (6) What should the award consist of? Should it be a medal or certificate with or without a cash prize? If cash prize, how much?
- (7) Should the award be restricted to recognize outstanding contribution(s) to Canadian demography by a scholar under the age of 35 or 40, or something like that?

The CPS Award Committee would like to hear from you. Your input/questions/comments would be much appreciated.

Best regards,

Frank Trovato

Notice from the Journal Committee

Rajulton Fernando

In August 2005, we launched the online version of our journal *Canadian Studies in Population*. As you all know, the journal is available at: <http://janus.ssc.uwo.ca/popstudies/cps/>. Our move towards electronic publishing has exceeded our expectations. To date we have indexed Volume 21, Number 1, 1994 to Volume 33, Number 2, 2006, with full-text of articles in PDF format from Volume 29, Number 1, 2002 to Volume 33, Number 2, 2006.

As a result of going electronic, our intention was to **discontinue the printing of hard copies as of January 2007**. During the Council meetings held this year at York University, it was suggested that a survey be taken to consult the membership to find out how many would still prefer a hard copy. This suggestion was brought to the General Assembly and the following motion was passed unanimously by the Assembly: "Given the interest to have *Canadian Studies in Population* **continue as an Open Access journal**, that CPS Council be authorized to consult the membership and to decide how to serve CPS members who wish to receive hard copies of the Journal."

Accordingly, the Journal Committee will soon be approaching you with a survey asking for your opinions and suggestions. Please take a moment to send your response, opinions and comments that would help us decide about the cost of printing copies for those members who would still like to receive hard copies of the Journal.

Thank you on behalf of the Journal Committee,
Rajulton Fernando

News from Statistics Canada...

The **Research Data Centre Program** opened three branch RDCs in Victoria (University of Victoria), Sudbury (Laurentian University) and Montréal (McGill University and Concordia University) over the past 6 months. This brings to 20 the number of RDCs and Branches that are in operation across Canada.

News from QICSS ...

On October 16, 2006, McGill University Provost, Anthony Masi, and Dean of Arts, Christopher Manfredi, hosted the inauguration of the **McGill-Concordia Quebec Interuniversity Center for Social Statistics (QICSS) Laboratory**, a member of the Canadian Research Data Centre (RDC) network. The Laboratory, situated on the McGill University campus under the direction of **Céline Le Bourdais**, is intended to promote social statistics as well as to provide McGill and Concordia users the infrastructure needed to access Statistics Canada's longitudinal and micro-detailed data. The QICSS Laboratory's facilities on the third floor of the Peterson Hall, were made possible by a grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

News from Affiliated Associations....

Association des démographes du Québec (ADQ)

Pascale Beaupré

The next symposium of the *Association des démographes du Québec* will be held in Trois-Rivières (approximately 125 kms North-East of Montreal) from May 7-11, 2007 as part of the 75th annual ACFAS conference at l'*Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières*. The theme for this year's symposium is **Demography and Public Policies**. In addition, plenary sessions will be organized on more general demographic topics including, but not limited to, **health, family, language**. Please visit the ACFAS web site (www.acfas.ca) for more information.

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1. All authors are asked to submit an abstract via email to the session organizer by December 15, 2006. Abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the session organizer to judge the merits of the paper.
2. The author making the submission must provide the full names, affiliations, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all coauthors for each submission.
3. Authors will be notified by session organizers about acceptance of papers beginning on January 15, 2007.
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