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ANNOUNCEMENT!**SSO 2007 Fall Seminar and Workshop****November 29-30, 2007**

University of Ottawa's Health Sciences Centre
Roger Guindon Hall
451 Smyth Road, Ottawa (see Map)

Fall Seminar, November 29, 2007: 5th annual seminar
Our Statistics Community – A Focus on Research
8:45 am to 1:15 pm, Room 2022 in Roger Guindon Hall
Pre-registration for seminar by e-mail is encouraged
(prior to November 23, 2007 if you wish to attend the lunch.)

The seminar will bring together people from our area involved in a wide range of statistical research activities in the academic and public sectors. It will consist of 15 minute presentations highlighting research in our statistical community. The open format of the event, with time for questions and discussion, will enhance the exchange opportunities between participants.

Lunch will be provided: the discussion topic will be "How can the SSO help you?"

Workshop, November 30, 2007:**Basics of R Statistical Software**

8:45 am to 4:00 pm, Room 2012 in Roger Guindon Hall
Pre-registration is necessary, limited space available
Deadline for workshop registration is November 23, 2007

Duncan Murdoch, an associate professor in the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences at the University of Western Ontario, will lead this all-day workshop. He will provide a hands-on introduction to R Statistical Software, with some glimpses at more advanced features to give an idea of its power. Duncan Murdoch is also a member of the R Core Development Team, and is co-author of "A First Course in Statistical Programming with R" from Cambridge University Press.

Registration Fees

SSO members: Workshop & lunch: \$120
Seminar & lunch: No cost

**Non-members
and membership renewal:** add \$12

Student rate: Workshop & lunch: \$50
Seminar & lunch: No cost

Payment by CASH, CHEQUE or MONEY ORDER only
(no credit cards). Group rates will not be available
due to the limited seating at the workshop.

Please send completed registration form for workshop and
email seminar attendance to:

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PLEASE CIRCULATE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

http://www.ssc.ca/ottawa/main_e.html

AGENDA

Please note that all presentations will be in English.

Seminar, November 29, 2007

- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcoming remarks
- 9:00 – 10:00 First session of presentations
- 10:00 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 Second session of presentations
- 11:30 – 1:15 Lunch. Discussion topic: "How can the SSO help you?"

Workshop, November 30, 2007

- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcoming remarks
- 9:00 – 12:00 Morning session*
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 4:00 Afternoon session*

**There will be a coffee break included in each session.*

Workshop Abstract

Duncan Murdoch,

University of Western Ontario, Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences

Basics of R Statistical Software

The R system is a language and an environment for statistical computing. It is free open-source software, and in recent years has become an important computing resource for statisticians and researchers in health, finance, econometrics, business, and many other disciplines. This workshop will provide an introduction to R, with some glimpses at more advanced features to give an idea of its power. It will be a hands-on experience for participants, who may **bring their own laptops or use the computers that will be provided**. R may be downloaded in advance from <http://cran.r-project.org>. Most users will want the 'pre-compiled binary distribution', for Windows, MacOS X, or Linux.

Duncan Murdoch is an associate professor in the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences of the University of Western Ontario, and is a member of the R Core Development Team. He maintains the Windows version of R, has lectured about and taught R in Canada and abroad, and is co-author of "A First Course in Statistical Programming with R" from Cambridge University Press.

Directions: http://www.uottawa.ca/map/direct_health.html





Registration Fees – Registration fee includes coffee breaks and lunch

Seminar November 29, 2007 from 8:45am - 1:15pm

FREE to members and students

(Non-members and membership renewal: pay \$12 at the seminar)

Registration for seminar and lunch by November 23, 2007 appreciated.

Workshop November 30, 2007 from 8:45am - 4:00pm

\$120 (non-members and membership renewal add \$12 membership fee)

\$50 Students

Registration deadline for workshop is November 23, 2007.

Registration Information

Please register for workshop by sending the completed registration information by mail or email to address below. (If seminar only, please send name by email to Lisa).

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I will attend the seminar on Nov. 29:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will attend the workshop on Nov. 30:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will need a computer:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note that both events will take place in the University of Ottawa's Health Sciences Centre, Roger Guindon Hall, at 451 Smyth Road, Ottawa (see Map).

Payment is by CASH, CHEQUE or MONEY ORDER only (no credit cards or government payment numbers). Please make cheques/money orders payable to the "The Statistical Society of Ottawa". Payment may be sent by mail or paid at the door.

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