

COPSS Calls for Immediate Reinstatement of the Long Form

VANCOUVER, BC, AUGUST 3, 2010 – The Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS), at its annual meeting at the Joint Statistical Meetings at the Vancouver Convention Centre, today passed a motion calling for the immediate reinstatement of the long form the 2011 census.

“Because the statistical societies represented at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Vancouver are very concerned that the cancellation of the long form of the Canadian census will deleteriously impact policy, social and economic planning in Canada,” said Don McLeish, president, Statistical Society of Canada, “the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies unanimously passed the following motion for immediate transmission to Prime Minister Right Honourable Stephen Harper on behalf of their members:

“Whereas the data collected by the long form of the Canadian Census are essential to the Canadian economy and society, and replacement by a voluntary survey will likely result in misleading, poor quality data, the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies calls for the immediate reinstatement of the long form as an integral part of the 2011 census.”

COPSS members include the chair, presidents, past presidents, presidents-elect, and secretary/treasurer of the COPSS charter member societies, which are the American Statistical Society (ASA), the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC), the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), and the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMS).

The motion was signed by COPSS Chairman Xihong Lin, McLeish, ASA President Sastry Pantula, ENAR/IBS President Sharon-Lise Normand, WNAR/IBS President Peter A. Lachenbruch, and Larry Brown, representing the IMS.”

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