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AGENDA

Scientific Planning Meeting, June 10, 2017, 15.00 – 16.00 University of Manitoba

Chair: John Braun
Recording Secretary: Nancy Reid

CANSSI is now in its fourth year of NSERC funding. We have ‘graduated’ three Collaborative Research Teams and five Postdoctoral Fellows, and have provided partial support for a wide range of workshops and conferences.

1. It seems a good time for us to assess what is and isn’t working. We have plans to review the program of CRTs. We also welcome your feedback on how well our other programs are working, and what programs you might like to see added.

- CANSSI Postdoctoral fellowships – nominations from faculty members are due January 31; CANSSI provides \$22,500 in partial support
- Joint Postdoctoral fellowships – we respond to these on an *ad hoc* basis; currently we have joint PDFs with CRM Statlab and Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, and in the next two years with SAMSI
- Workshop and Conference support – in 2016 we supported 15 such events; proposals are due three times a year (Sept, Feb, June)
- Distinguished Visitor Program – we have had four such speakers since launching the program; Peter Guttorp (UBC – O), Hilary Parker (McGill U), Richard Cook (U Calgary) and Philippe Soulier (U Ottawa)
- Distinguished Lecture Series in Statistics – this is an annual event in partnership with the Fields Institute
- Kickstart Collaborations – this program has been running for one year, and we have made one award; proposals are accepted in November and April
- ASA Datafest – this program has also been running for one year, this year we supported two competitions – at Toronto and Waterloo
- SAMSI Undergraduate Support – this program has sent 4 students to SAMSI Undergraduate Workshops in 2017
- Health Science Collaborating Centres – seven centres were designated as CANSSI affiliates effective April 1, 2017

2. The schedule for renewal of our funding has our proposal due in fall, 2018. It will strengthen our proposal considerably if we have leveraged sources of funding when we go into this competition. Ideas about potential sources of funding are urgently needed. We will convene an *ad hoc* group to work on this, and suggestions for membership are welcome at any time.