



## Classification Society

— Formerly the Classification Society of North America (CSNA) —

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## Editorial

Dear Classification Society members,

We will make it short this time: our annual meeting in St. Louis is just four weeks away — and there are still some openings for abstracts or invited sessions! So, if you are interested, please, contact Bill Shannon immediately ([wshannon@wustl.edu](mailto:wshannon@wustl.edu) — or by phone: 314-454-8356). See you all in St. Louis!

Best regards,

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## 1. Classification Society Annual Meeting, 2009, St. Louis, June 10–13

The Classification Society will hold its Annual Meeting 2010 in St. Louis, MO, June 17–19 (organization: Bill Shannon, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO (314-454-8356; [wshannon@wustl.edu](mailto:wshannon@wustl.edu)). Registration is open and can be made through

<http://www.classification-society.org/cs10/>

For abstract submission, please, visit the same web-site.

Please get registered and abstracts submitted so we can organize the meeting! This is vital and we are running up against a hard deadline. Thank you!

Please note for planning return flights that the meeting will be finished by 12 or 12:30 pm on Saturday, June 19, 2010. The first scientific session will be Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 8:30 am.

**There are still openings for submitted abstracts and invited sessions!**  
**If interested, then please contact Bill Shannon immediately to discuss.**

## 2. The Classification Society Distinguished Dissertation Award 2010)

Classification Society Awards Committee chair Samantha Bates Prins (Mathematics & Statistics Dept., James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia) reports:

The 2010 Distinguished Dissertation Award winner is Dr. Daniel Aloise for his dissertation “Exact Algorithms for Minimum Sum-of-Squares Clustering” defended at the University of Montreal under supervision of Professors Louis-Martin Rousseau and Pierre Hansen in June, 2009.

Dr. Petri Kontkanen received an Honorable Mention for his thesis “Computationally Efficient Methods for MDL-Optimal Density Estimation and Data Clustering” defended at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

All five nominations were of excellent quality and are listed at <http://www.classification-society.org/csna>.

In 2010 the Award totals US\$500 in book vouchers from Chapman and Hall/CRC and the winner is invited to make a presentation in a special plenary session at the upcoming 2010 annual meeting of the Classification Society in St. Louis.

## 3. New Book on Cluster Analysis by Mel Janowitz

The book “Ordinal and Relational Clustering” by former Classification Society president Mel Janowitz (DIMACS, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ; [melj@dimax.rutgers.edu](mailto:melj@dimax.rutgers.edu)) will be published in May, 2010. This book presents the subject from a mathematical viewpoint. Further details may be found on the publisher’s website:

<http://www.worldscibooks.com/mathematics/7449.html>.

The publisher is offering a 30% discount on all orders received before August 31, 2010. Just mention the code **ORC10**. A limited number of copies of the book will be available for examination at the upcoming annual meeting of the Classification Society in St. Louis.

## 4. Election Results

Stanley L. Sclove, Secretary, reports:

The following persons were elected to office in the election held at the end of 2009 (their term of office started January 1, 2010):

### President-Elect:

Rebecca Nugent, Dept. of Statistics; Carnegie-Mellon University

### Board of Directors:

Samantha ‘Sam’ Bates Prins, Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics, James Madison University

Erin McClintic Tanenbaum, Nielsen Claritas

The nominating committee for this election included Frieder Köhn, Fionn Murtagh, Stanley Sclove, and Bill Shannon. We thank the committee and those who voted!

## 5. Important Conference Dates

(1) 2010 Classification Society Annual Meeting, June 17–19, 2010, St. Louis, MO, USA; <http://www.classification-society.org/csna/csna.html>

(2) IMPS 2010 — International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, July 7–9, 2010, Athens, GA, USA; <http://projects.coe.uga.edu/imps/>

(3) IFCS 2011 — Biennial Meeting, International Federation of Classification Societies, July 10–17, 2011, University of St. Andrews, Scotland; <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/business/ifcs2011/>

(4) COMPSTAT 2010 — 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Statistics, August 22–27, 2010, Paris, France; <http://www.compstat2010.fr>

(5) Joint Meeting GfKl-CLADAG, September 8–10, 2010, Florence, Italy; <http://gfk1-cladag.ds.unifi.it/home.php>