

CWSS report to WSSA

February 12, 2021

The 74<sup>th</sup> CWSS-SCM annual conference was held virtually from November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We used the Swapcard virtual platform which provided excellent service to the LAC and proved to be very effective. We had 141 full time attendees, 43 grad students and 14 plenary speakers. In addition, we had 26 sponsorship registrations whereby sponsors were offered one complimentary registration to a member of their organisation that would normally not be attending. The society is very thankful to its sponsors who continued their support. While they were offered to reduce their level of support by half to account for the virtual format, most elected not to or only reduced their support minimally. Registration was \$25 + \$150 for regular membership while graduate students only paid \$25 as we gave them complimentary membership.

The conference was held through Zoom with all the links organised by Swapcard. The first day started with our board meeting, followed by a graduate student meet and greet and ended with a general meet and greet. All sessions were surprisingly well attended. They were generally held between 11:00 AM and 4 PM Eastern to take into account various time zones. All presentations were pre-recorded and available to view on the conference web site two weeks prior to the start. At their allocated times (generally 15 minutes) the presenters would give a quick summary of their presentation (1-2 minutes) and this would be followed by a moderated Q&A. This was extremely well received by the membership who enjoyed and appreciated the extra time for discussion. All in all the conference was a big success.

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Respectfully submitted,

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