

# What's New at SAS

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# SAS Global Forum 2011: Las Vegas



- April 4-7, 2011
- Caesar's Palace, NV
- [Call for papers](#) is open through Monday, Oct. 25
- Registration opens Nov. 8 (early bird discounts)
- What to expect?
  - **Technology Solutions:** in-depth aspects of SAS software, including programming techniques, technical features, and innovative and practical applications.
  - **Industry Solutions:** strategies and best practices about how to solve industry-specific challenges.
- Plus networking, training, and Canada Night Out!

# Customer Value Award: Seeking Nominees!

- Describe a 'SAS Superstar' in 500 words or less
- Submission form found here: <http://tinyurl.com/326no6h>
- Ends December 1, 2010.

- Prizes:

- Winner – All-expenses paid (flight, accommodations, registration) for SGF in Las Vegas



- NEW!!! - Everyone who nominates will be entered into a draw to win a free registration at SGF in Las Vegas

# Winnipeg Resources

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window with the address bar displaying the URL: [http://www.sas.com/offices/NA/canada/9-services\\_support/214-customer\\_value/79-canadian\\_user\\_groups/275-winnipeg\\_en.html](http://www.sas.com/offices/NA/canada/9-services_support/214-customer_value/79-canadian_user_groups/275-winnipeg_en.html). The browser's address bar also shows a search engine (Google) and a search box. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The browser's toolbar shows several icons, including a star, a home button, and a search button. The browser's address bar shows the current page's title: "SAS Canada: Winnipeg".

The website content is displayed in a blue-themed layout. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, Products & Solutions, Customer Success, Company, Events, and Consulting Services & Support. The current page is titled "CUSTOMER VALUE >> CANADIAN USER GROUPS". A sidebar on the left lists various services and support options, including "Winnipeg" which is highlighted. The main content area features a section titled "WINNIPEG SAS USERS GROUP" with a description of the group's purpose and a list of upcoming meetings. A "Register Now" button is prominently displayed. A sidebar on the right provides contact information for the Canadian Users Group Support staff and links to newsletters and forums. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the system tray with various icons, including the start button, taskbar, and system clock.

**Services & Support**

- Email Subscriptions
- Canadian User Groups
  - Halifax (SHRUG)
  - Quebec City
  - Montreal (MONSUG)
  - Montreal Business Analytics...
  - Ottawa (OASUS)
  - Ottawa Platform (OPUS)
  - Toronto (TASS)
  - Canadian ABM Users Group
  - Toronto Data Mining...
  - Health Users Group
  - GHSUG (Golden...)
  - **Winnipeg**
  - Saskatoon
  - Edmonton
  - Calgary
  - Calgary Risk Advisory...
  - Vancouver
  - Victoria
  - Whitehorse
  - Support
  - Definitions and Guidelines
  - Techie Tips
  - Executive Resources
- insights - eNewsletter
- Customer Value Award
- Consulting Services
- Academic Program
- Training
- SAS Worldwide Service and Support

**WINNIPEG SAS USERS GROUP**

The semi-annual Winnipeg SAS Users Group meetings offer presentations, discussions and networking opportunities which can help Winnipeg-area SAS users get the most out of their SAS software.

**Previous Meeting:** Approximately 55 SAS users attended the April 29th Winnipeg SAS User Group at the University of Manitoba. As always, these meetings are free to attend.

**Our Next Meeting:** October 14th, 2010. Please see below for a detailed agenda and registration link for the upcoming meeting:

- 8:30-9:00 – Registration and Light Breakfast (30 minutes)
- 9:00-9:20 – Words of Welcome & What's New at SAS – Randy Roller, University of Manitoba and Jamie Farnell, SAS Canada (20 Minutes)
- 9:20-9:35 – Book Review: "SAS Functions by Example" by Ron Cody – Charles Burchill, University of Manitoba (15 minutes)
- 9:35-10:15 – KML Macro: Integrating SAS and Google API and its Application in Mapping Manitoba's Health Data on Google Earth & Google Map – Mahmoud Azimae, University of Manitoba (40 Minutes)
- 10:15-10:45 – Extended Networking Activity/Break (30 Minutes)
- 10:45-11:30 – Base SAS Programming Tips & Tricks – Andrew Donaher, SAS Canada (45 Minutes)
- 11:30-11:45 – Prize Draw & Closing Comments (15 Minutes)

**Register Now**

Do you have a profile on [LinkedIn](#) or [Facebook](#)? If so, search the 'groups' function to locate Canadian SAS user groups, including the Winnipeg SAS Users Group. Why join? For professional networking, SAS related discussions and event notifications, and to become more involved with your local SAS user community.

**Meet the Executive**

- Randy Roller, University of Manitoba
- Grace Musto, Cancer Care Manitoba
- Marina Yogendran, University of Manitoba
- Victor Cho, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
- Alvin Igonia, IBM

**Canadian Users Group Support**

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**insights - eNewsletter**

The Canadian SAS User Newsletter - [Subscribe now!](#)

**AS® Global Forum**

SAS Global Forum 2010 April 11-14, 2010, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle, WA.

**TAKE ACTION**

- ☎ 1-877-SAS-INST
- ✉ [Request Information](#)

# SAS Canada Fall Training Sessions

- **Public Courses**

- Many courses offered at the main Toronto training facility: a full list can be found here:

<http://tiny.cc/oo17a>

- **In-House Courses**

- **Live Web Training & E-Learning**

- Live Web course list & schedule can be found at

<http://support.sas.com/lw>

- **10% USER GROUP ATTENDANCE DISCOUNT 10UG10**

# SAS Training – Let the numbers talk...

- Impact of SAS training on students' job performance and the overall value of SAS training

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| My SAS knowledge has increased   | 93%<br>** |
| I would recommend SAS training to a colleague                                      | 93%       |
| The training that I received from SAS was better than other training I have taken. | 81%       |
| My productivity has increased.   | 69%       |
| I am more efficient after having completed my training.                            | 61%       |

\*\*Percent of students who responded "agree" or "strongly agree" to each statement.

The survey was timed to allow at least 60 and no more than 120 days back on the job. The results are based on 400-plus responses.

# Higher Education – Teaching

- SAS On Demand for Academics
  - Free Software for Teaching and Course Work – Students and Professors
  - Hosted by SAS – Access of the Internet
  - Products: SAS Programming, SAS Enterprise Guide, SAS Enterprise Miner, SAS Forecast Studio (coming soon)
  - Can be Installed in Labs
  - [Register here](#)
- SAS Also Offers:
  - Curriculum Consulting
  - Training for Students and Professors
  - Joint Certificate Programs

# Supporting the Winnipeg SAS Community

- Your executive committee needs your help!
  - 2 meetings a year
  - Minimal time commitment: mainly email correspondence
  - Benefits
    - » Have your work and name recognized
    - » Opportunities for subsidized conference trips
    - » Free lunch!
  - » For more information: Matt Malczewski  
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NEXT MEETING: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



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**THANK YOU!**