

SHRUG (Cont')

In addition to participating in SUGI every year, SHRUG members decided it would be a good idea to make a tradition of trekking to the annual NESUG meeting. And the 10-hour trip from Halifax to Portland bore fruit as John Fahey and company were able to sign a NESUG presenter for a program on SAS/GRAPH® at SHRUG in spring 2006.

Last summer, the group also spearheaded an effort to provide on-site SAS training at a greatly reduced price for local academics. By providing local facilities and assisting with the registration process, SHRUG was able to provide two weeks of customized training for professors and researchers at a fraction of the normal price. Look for this program to be expanded to other universities next summer!

While SHRUG does its best to meet the needs of a wide audience, we also envision future sessions providing more presentations on in-depth analytics to accommodate the interests of the majority of its members. This, and, of course, a good dollop of techie-tip sessions should carry the group far into 2006 and beyond!

Vital Statistics

President/Primary Contact: John Fahey

Membership: 35-40

Frequency of Meetings: Twice annually

Web Site: <http://www.shrug.ca/index.html>

Favourite Presentation: Debugging SAS presentation by Martha Cox