

Floor Discussion

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This first paper was presented by Bert Kestenbaum of the Social Security Administration. The paper discussed the methods of a probabilistic linkage of a Social Security Administration. Persons with multiple Social Security numbers were identified, as well as persons sharing Social Security numbers.

Martha Fair of Statistics Canada presented the second paper which discussed Record Linkage in the information age. Where new sets of data are available for matching, survey cost may be lowered. Cooperation between survey agencies must exist and confidentiality must be respected.

Fritz Sheuren of George Washington University presented the third paper that he co-authored with William Winkler of the Census Bureau. This paper discusses new strategies of matching administrative lists. It also presents new methods for creating edit/imputation models.

Ram Chakrabarty of the Census Bureau (Statistical Research Division) made the only comments for the floor discussion. He wanted to know the support for the projects and expressed his interest.