

2020 John L. Synge Award presented to Christian Genest

Montréal, September 15, 2020. - The Royal Society of Canada announced on September 15 that Professor Christian Genest of McGill University is the ninth recipient of the John L. Synge Award. Established in 1986 in honor of the Irish mathematician and physicist John Lighton Synge (1897-1995), this distinction is given from time to time for outstanding research in mathematical sciences. Christian is the first statistician and the second CRM member to receive this prize. Another McGill professor, number theorist Henri Darmon, had been the sixth recipient in 2008.

The citation for the award reads as follows: “Christian Genest, FRSC, is a world-renowned statistician whose seminal work in copula modeling, extreme-value theory, and collaborative decision-making led to a transformative understanding of the impact of dependence in risk assessment. He designed multivariate data analysis and nonparametric inference methods which improved risk management practices in insurance, finance, hydrology and other fields. His contributions have earned him several awards, including a research prize from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.”

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