

MINUTES

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING WASHINGTON 2014

12H30-14H30, FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 2014, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Jean-Claude Thill welcomed the current and new members of the RSAI Council. The members and guest members presented themselves around the table. The meeting began with 12 of the 15 members of the RSAI Council (Annex 1).

1. Apologies (JCT) (Annex 1)

Council members present: Jean-Claude Thill (President, Councilor at large), Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (ERSA), Jouke van Dijk (ERSA), Eduardo Haddad (RSAmericas), Richard Shearmur (RSAmericas), Neil Reid (RSAmericas), Yuzuru Miyata (PRSCO), Jichung Yang (PRSCO), Patricio Aroca (PRSCO), Rachel Franklin (Councilor at large), Amit Batabyal (Councilor at large) and Tomaz Dentinho (Executive Director, Councilor at large).

Apologies from Council Members: André Torre (ERSA), Daniel Czamanski (Councilor at large) and Hans Westlund (Councilor at large).

Ex-officio members: David Boyce (Archivist); Mike Carroll (Editor of RSPP) and Alessandra Faggian (RSA Editor of PIRS) and Andrea Caragliu (Editor of the RSAI Newsletter).

Apologies from ex-officio members: Roberta Capello (Editor of PIRS); Rui Luís (Treasurer), Paul Elhorst (ERSA Editor of PIRS), Takatoshi Tabuchi (PRSCO Editor of PIRS) and Michaela Trippel.

Guests: Hiroyuki Shibusawa (PRSCO Executive Director); Kieran Donaghy (Stan Czamanski award), Jacques Poot (Councilor at large 2015-2017); Daniel A. Griffith (Councilor at large 2015-2017); Tüzün Baycan (Councilor at large 2015-2017); Emmanouil Tranos (Councilor at large 2015-2017); Pedro Elósegui (President of the Argentinean Section).

M-I. RSAI Council acknowledges the apologies.

Motion M-I was approved unanimously by the councilors.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of Saint Petersburg Council held on August. Eduardo Haddad moved to approve the minutes; Amit Batabyal seconded.

M-II. RSAI Council approved unanimously the Minutes of Saint Petersburg Council Meeting (August 2014)

3. Proposal to establish an ad-hoc Publications Committee (JCT) (Annex 2).

Jean-Claude Thill explained that the Publications Committee, proposed in Annex 3, is an advisory board on publication issues that are in the responsibilities of the RSAI Council. He asked the Council if there were any questions regarding the proposal. There were no questions. Rachel Franklin moved in favor of the proposal; Amit Batabyal seconded.

M-IIa. RSAI Council approved unanimously the Proposal to Establish a Publications Committee.

Jean-Claude Thill proposed the four committee members and the periods of these first mandates to secure a smooth transition in the future: 1) Raymond Florax, to be elected for one year; 2) Mark Partridge, to be elected for two years; and 3) Janet Kohlhase (to be elected for three years).

M-IIb. RSAI Council approved unanimously the proposed members for the Publications Committee: Raymond Florax (2015); Mark Partridge (2015, 2016) and Janet Kohlhase (2015, 2016, 2017).

Jean-Claude Thill said that he will propose the member of the Council to be part of the Publication Committee and that the Council will decide on this proposal through on-line vote. Jean-Claude Thill proposed afterwards Tüzin Baycan as representative of the Council for three years. Tomaz Dentinho seconded.

M-IIc. RSAI Council vote electronically and unanimously Tüzin Baycan as the Council representative on the Publications Committee (2015, 2016,2017).

4. Nomination of Candidates for Councilor at Large 2015-2017 (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill reported that, according to the constitution and the by-laws, the proposition of candidates for nomination and election as councilors at large took place according to the established rules. In the RSAI Council of Saint Petersburg in August 2014 there were six candidates approved for four available positions: Amit Batabyal, Budy Resosudarmo, Emmanouil Tranos, Jacques Poot, Daniel Griffith and Tüzin Baycan. The election, organized by RSAI Secretariat, took place through electronic votes from the 15th of September till the 30th of September 2014. The results were the following (Figure 1): Amit Batabyal (218), Budy Resosudarmo (189), Daniel Griffith (295), Emmanouil Tranos (314), Jacques Poot (320), and Tzin Baycan (352); there were 475 valid votes and 13 invalid votes, because some members voted more than one time.

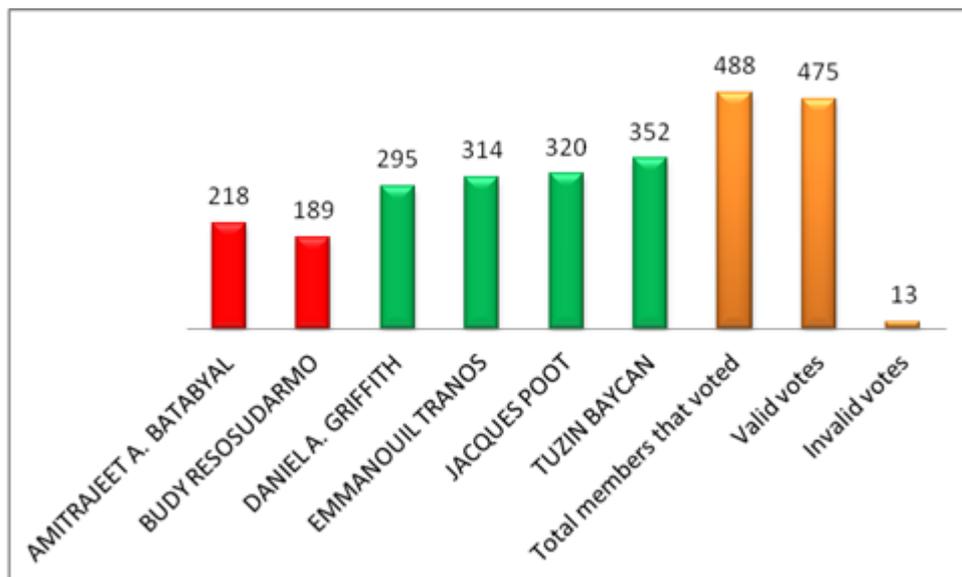


Figure 1: Votes for Councillors at Large 2015-2017

M-III. RSAI Council acknowledges unanimously the election of Emmanouil Tranos, Jacques Poot, Daniel Griffith and Tüzin Baycan as councilors at large for the period of 2015-2017.

5. Proposal for By Law 7: Treasurer and Financial Officer (Annexes 3 and 4)

Jean-Claude Thill informed on the need to clarify the roles of the Treasurer in the RSAI by-laws and to designate a Financial Officer that, jointly with the Executive Secretary, has the capacity to run daily bank account operations and book-keeping. He presented the proposal of By Law 7 (Annex 3). Amit Batabyal seconded.

M-IVa. The Proposal for By Law 7: Treasurer and Financial Officer was approved unanimously by the RSAI Council.

Jean-Claude Thill informed that RSAI Council approved in 2011 that the accounts of the association should be audited by an independent auditor; Tomaz Ponce Dentinho said that the cost of this auditor is 1500 Euros per year. Jean-Claude Thill asked the Council if RSAI accounts should continue to be audited, after the clarification of the duties of the Treasurer and the financial committee. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that the Treasurer and the Auditor complement each other.

M-IVb. The RSAI Council decided unanimously that RSAI accounts should continue to be audited by an independent auditor.

Jean-Claude Thill presented the candidate for Treasurer, Francisco Carballo Cruz (CV in Annex 4) and the candidate for Financial Officer, Elisabete Martins (CV in Annex 5); he also informed that the responsibility for the accounts of the Association is the Executive Director. Rachel Franklin seconded the motion.

M-IVb. The RSAI Council decided unanimously Francisco Carballo Cruz, as Treasurer, and Elisabete Martins as Financial Officer.

6. Nomination of the Council representatives in the LRPC (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill recalled that according to RSAI Constitution “The membership of the Long Range Planning Committee comprises the Past Presidents of RSAI, plus two members of the Council, appointed by the Council, who are voting members of the LRPC”. Jouke Van Dijk reinforced the importance of the links between the Council and the Long Range Planning Committee. Rachel Franklin proposed Jacques Poot, Jean-Claude Thill seconded. Jean-Claude Thill proposed Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, Eduardo Haddad seconded.

M-V. The Council approved unanimously that Jacques Poot and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose as RSAI Council appointed members for the Long Range Planning Committee.

7. World Congresses

Jean-Claude Thill informed that the LRPC reinforces the idea of a World Congress every two years and therefore some decisions should be made by the Council regarding the World Congress of 2016. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that there are different views on the World Congress but, for now, there is a firm proposal to have a Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. Tüzün Baycan reinforced that the Turkish Section has had a string of communications with the Ministry of Development and they are very enthusiastic in backing the realization of the RSAI World Congress and will financially support this initiative. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that, as Turkey is part of the European Regional Science Association, there will be close collaboration and communication with ERSA in the run-up to the Congress. Jean-Claude Thill suggested that the Congress should be in April. Jouke Van Dijk informed that, for ERSA, there were some concerns on the competition between ERSA and RSAI meetings, but things can go together since the ERSA Congress for 2016 will be in Vienna in August and the RSAI Congress is proposed for Istanbul in April. Jouke Van Dijk highlighted that an agreement had been reached in the interest of Regional Science and of promoting Regional Signs in Turkey and elsewhere. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that the Turkish Section had tripled its membership over the last year. Jichung Yang asked if the World Congress will be every two years. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that given previous discussions at the Council the issue will have to be revisited in due course; the only current decision is to hold a 2016 World Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. Jean-Claude Thill reinforced that the motion is only for 2016. He also stressed that, although a number of options had been explored, Istanbul had become since the RSAI Council of Saint Petersburg, a very concrete reality changing the dynamics of the process; finally he reinforced that the motion is supported by the Long Range Planning Committee and asked if there were some more questions. No one replied and Jean-Claude Thill proposed that the RSAI World Congress should take place in Istanbul in 2016; Eduardo Haddad seconded.

M-VI. The Council approved unanimously that the World Congress of 2016 will take place in Istanbul.

8. Selection of next RSAI Vice President and President-Elect (Annex 5)

Jean-Claude Thill requested that Jacques Poot could leave the room for this point of the agenda and asked the Council to look at the Report of the Nomination Committee (Annex 5). He then informed that the Nomination Committee approved by the Council in Saint Petersburg suggested that Jacques Poot would be the next vice-president. Jean-Claude Thill proposed that Jacques Poot should be elected Vice President and President Elect. Neil Reed seconded.

M-VI. The Council approved unanimously Jacques Poot Vice-President and President Elect (2016) and President (2017-2018).

9. RSAI Awards

✿ Stan Czamanski Award (Kieran Donaghy)

Jean-Claude Thill recalled that the Council in Saint Petersburg approved the Stan Czamanski Award and that there should be a committee of three members serving for three years each. Kieran Donaghy recalled that one member will be drawn from Penn's Regional Science Program graduates where Stan Czamanski studied and informed that David Boyce has agreed to serve on the panel for the first term; another member will represent the field of Regional Science at Cornell, where Stan spent most of his academic career, and the proposal is that he will be part of the panel. A third member will represent the RSAI and the proposal is that Rachel Franklin be selected. Kieran Donaghy told that Stan Czamanski was very much interested in problems and finding the methods to solve them. Jean-Claude Thill asked if there were any questions. He moved to support the proposal that David Boyce, Kieran Donaghy and Rachel Franklin be nominated for the Stan Czamanski Committee. Amit Batabyal seconded.

M-VII The Council approved unanimously that the Stan Czamanski Award Committee is composed by David Boyce, Kieran Donaghy and Rachel Franklin

✿ RSAI Fellows – motion to confirm a new member of the selection committee (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill recalled that there is a need to substitute Dan McMillan on the Fellows selection committee. The motivation and recommendation sent by James LeSage on September 15, 2014 to Jean-Claude and Dan McMillan states that:

"I think we should note the Council that: 1) We felt it is important to have a non-economist since both LeSage and Fingleton are economists; 2) We wanted to involve a relatively new Fellow with the goal of getting younger Fellow involved with the administrative tasks; 3) The Committee now consists of someone from the British Section (Fingleton) and NARSC/RSAI (le Sage) and the new selection (Thill) has been involved with RSAI , NARSC/RSAI and many other administrative duties who can carry out a 3-year term on the revolving committee and provide some continuity.

James P. LeSage"

Neil Reid seconded the motion to confirm Jean-Claude Thill as new member of the RSAI Fellows selection committee.

M-VIII The Council approved unanimously the motion to confirm that Jean Claude Thill as a new member of the RSAI Fellows selection committee.

✿ Beckmann Award

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that the jury of the Beckman Award composed by Roberta Capello, Antoine Bailly, Masa Fujita and Erik Verhoef selected the paper "Measuring the effects of European

Regional Policy on economic growth: A regression discontinuity approach” authored by Guido Pellegrini, from DISS La ‘Sapienza’ University of Rome; Flavia Terribile, from the Department for Development and Economic Cohesion, Ministry of Economic Development; Ornella Tarola, from DISS La ‘Sapienza’ University of Rome; Teo Muccigrosso from the National Institute of Statistics (Istat); and Federica Busillo, from the Department for Development and Economic Cohesion, Ministry of Economic Development. The motivation presented by the jury is the following:” Based on the originality of the methodology used to develop a very important topic, and the important results achieved, the jury concluded unanimously that the paper was the best published one in 2013. The paper deals with the assessment of the Regional Policy effects through a non-experimental comparison group method, the regression discontinuity design, and a novel regional dataset for the 1994–2006 period. The paper is an innovative piece of work in the complex field of regional policy evaluation”.

M-IX The Council unanimously congratulated the awardees and approved the allocation of the prize.

RSAI dissertation competition (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that the selection committee composed by Shaoming Cheng, from Florida International University, André Torre, from Agri-Paris Tech and Sandy Dall'erba, from University of Arizona selected the final winner of the RSAI dissertation competition:

Zhenhua Chen, with a dissertation on “Transportation and Regional Output in the Northeast Mega region: A Spatial Econometric CGE Assessment”, supervised by Kingsley Haynes from George Mason University.

The other two runner ups were:

Jennifer Cleary with a dissertation on “Cultural Icons and Cash Commodities: The Two-World Story of Australian Bush Foods”, supervised by Guy M. Robinson from the University of South Australia, and

Tingyu Zhou with a dissertation on “The Location of New Anchor Stores within Metropolitan Areas” supervised by John M. Clapp from Concordia University

M-X The Council unanimously congratulated the awardees and approved the allocation of the prize.

10. Proposal for Budget 2015 (Annex 6) (TPD, ARP)

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho said that the accounts of RSAI have a good evolution mainly thanks to the good contributions of most of the RSAI sections, with increasing number of members and the improved agreement with Wiley that charges only £1 per subscription fee after 4000 members; therefore there is some margin to take decisions regarding the budget. A first draft of the budget was prepared taking into account the expected revenues, from membership fees and royalties from Wiley; and expected expenditures, with accounting and auditing, with awards, with the publishing activity, and with RSAI Secretariat. Then Andrés Rodríguez-Pose proposed some expenditures with part of the margin left: conference bursaries, joint sponsorship events, support to new sections and autonomous activities.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose remarked that it is good to have the money to spend in the main goals of the RSAI. He stressed that the RSAI should use these resources in order to a) nurture young talent in Regional Science through the sponsorship of summer institutes, workshops and training programs; and b) foster the formation of regional science networks by facilitating the presence of scholars from certain emerging countries at Regional Science conferences. He announced that it was his intention for those schemes to be implemented from January 1st 2015.

Neil Reid asked if the workshops proposed are similar to the ones that already occur in NARSC events and that are self-sustained. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose clarified that the supported workshops will be those that will not take place if they are not supported and that there will be guidelines to apply to that support.

Jacques Poot said that RSAI should aim at not having profit; aim to expand but not to profit. Jean-Claude Thill argued that RSAI should promote training. He then proposed the approval of the Budget Proposal for 2015. Eduardo Haddad seconded.

M-X The Council approved unanimously the Budget for 2015.

11. RSAI Publications

❖ PiRS (AF)

Alessandra Faggian in representation of Roberta Capello reported that, regarding the journal Papers in Regional Science, new people were appointed as editors, there are more referees from North America and submissions are stable in America and Europe and increasing in Asia. Alessandra also said that the journal will be only electronic from 2015 onwards and that, as is happening with most of regional science journals, the impact factor went down and the editors want to react on that by promoting special issues and inviting leading researchers. Alessandra informed the Council that rejection rate went up to 90%, many of it in desk rejection to reduce the burden on referees.

❖ RSPP – (MC)

Michael Carroll said that, in which concerns the journal Regional Science Policy and Practice there was an increase in downloads of 53%, that a new special issue organized by Peter Nijkamp will come out soon. Michael also recalled that there will be a Plenary Session with Henry Yeung sponsored by RSPP that will be recorded and put on-line. Finally he said that the editorial board of RSPP will end its term next year and be new team should be in place soon.

❖ Archivist - (DB)

David Boyce explained that RSAI Archives were established in 1979 but it became clear that it would be impossible to maintain regional science archives; the archives are now maintained at Cornell University were most to the webpages of the different regional science association are stored. David Boyce informed the Council that Peter Batey might also begin to work with the archives.

Jean-Claude Thill proposed that Peter Batey will be co-archivist jointly with David Boyce.

M-XI The Council decided unanimously to nominate David Boyce and Peter Batey as co-archivists of Regional Science Association International.

12. Sections and Membership

❖ Proposal for the Creation of a Latin American-Caribbean Supra Region of the RSAI (Annex 7)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that there is a formal proposal (Annex 7) by the RSAI sections from Latin America and the Caribbean to create a Supra National Organization within the RSAI. Patricio Aroca reported that in the 2nd Ibero-American Regional Science Meeting of Belo Horizonte in October 2014 the persons in charge of regional science sections in Latin America and the Caribbean decided to propose a RSAI supra national for the region. Jean-Claude indicated that this is consistent with the long-term vision of RSAI and is supported by the LRPC. He proposed that a formal proposal for the Creation of a Latin American-Caribbean Supra Regional Organization of the RSAI, and implicit restructuring of RSAI, be prepared for a formal decision by the Council at the NARSC congress for November 2015 in Portland. RSAI

Council should appoint an ad hoc Committee to work out the reorganization of the association and associated governance issues.

M-XIV The Council voted unanimously that a formal proposal for the creation of a Latin American-Caribbean Supra Region within RSAI will be prepared for a decision by the Council at the NARSC congress for November 2015 in Portland. Council voted to approve the constitution of an ad hoc Committee chaired by Andrés Rodríguez-Pose and composed of Jouke van Dijk, Neil Reid, Hiroyuki Shibusawa, and Patricio Aroca to work out the detail of the reorganization of the association and related governance issues.

Creation of a RSAI Section in Ecuador (PA)

Jean-Claude Thill informed Council that the PRSCO Institute took place in Ecuador last July and that a Regional Science Association has been created in Ecuador, and has been approved by PRSCO Council. Jean-Claude proposed that the Regional Science Association of Ecuador, once approved, must be accepted within RSAI. Eduardo Haddad and Patricio Aroca seconded.

M-XIV The Council approved unanimously the creation of a RSAI Section in Ecuador.

ERSA updates (JVD)

Jouke Van Dijk informed Council that after the ERSA Congress in Saint Petersburg in 2014 there will be an ERSA Congress in Lisbon in August 2015 and in Vienna in August 2016. Jouke van Dijk also reported that the Moroccan association has been accepted within ERSA and that ERSA will cooperate with the Moroccan Section to organize a Congress in Morocco.

PRSCO updates (PA)

Patricio Aroca informed the Council that there will be a PRSCO Institute in Viña Del Mar in Chile from the 5th till the 8th of August 2015.

RSAmericas updates (PA)

Patricio Aroca informed the Council that because of his official responsibilities at Colombia's Banco de la Republica, Jaime Bonet cannot assume the position of President of the Regional Science Association of the Americas. He suggested that Carlos Azzoni from Brazil can represent RSAmericas.

Chinese Regional Science (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed Council that Tomaz Ponce Dentinho and he received an email from Yuyuan Wen, from the Regional Science Association of China (Annex 7) suggesting that: a) Before RSAC to be affiliated with RSAI, the Chinese regional scientists can join RSAI individually; and b) RSAC should be directly affiliated with RSAI like ERSA, NARSA, PRSCO.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose referred that a meeting had taken place in Saint Petersburg with Professors Sun and Wen where the idea of individual membership for Chinese members was reinforced. Then he said that what we would like to propose is: a) accept individual memberships for Chinese regional scientists; b) accept the Regional Science Association of China as a member of the RSAI, once they apply; c) regarding the creation of a supranational there are some requirements that are not yet fulfilled, such as the existence of different sections, the existence of a large number of members, the organization of conferences on a regular basis). Neil Reid agreed that a supranational implies many sections like there is in NARSC or ERSA. Yoshiro Higano enquired about the potential number of members of a future Chinese section.

Since there was no time to write an answer to reflect the ideas expressed during the Council meeting Jean-Claude Thill and Andres Rodriguez-Pose proposed the following answer to the Regional Science Association of China to be voted on-line:

“RSAI Council held discussions on the points that you brought to our attention regarding deepening the relationship between RSAC and RSAI.

Council strongly supports the earlier proposal made to you to have RSAC members join RSAI on an individual basis on very favorable terms. These are the terms that we offer only to scholars joining RSAI as part of an officially recognized section at a group rate. We urge you to publicize this offer as broadly as possible.

Second, about two years, an invitation was extended to RSAC to seek formal affiliation with RSAI as a national section. Council wishes to reiterate this standing invitation and hopes that this can be accomplished without further delay in the best interest of the growing world community of regional scientists who hope for closer scientific collaboration across national borders.

Therefore, we hope you will pursue a strategy that effectively leads to RSAC’s formal affiliation with RSAI as a national section.”

M-XIV The Council vote on line with thirteen votes in favor endorsing the answer to RSAC as expressed.

13. AOB

None other issue was raised by councilors and the meeting was adjourned.

Date of next meeting (Friday, 28th August, 2015, Lisbon, Portugal)

Annex 1: RSAI Members

2014 RSAI Members

	Name	Member	Period	Email	Presences
1	Jean-Claude Thill	President Vice President Councilor at large	2013-2014 2012 2012-2014	Jean-Claude.Thill@uncc.edu	Present
2	Andres Rodriguez-Pose	Ersa Representative Vice – President	2013-2015 2014	a.rodriguez-pose@lse.ac.uk	Present
3	Jouke van Dijk	Ersa Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	Jouke.van.Dijk@rug.nl	Present
4	Andre Torre	Ersa Representative	2014-2016	andre.torre@wanadoo.fr	Absent
5	Jichung Yang	Prsco Representative	2013-2014	jcyang@snu.ac.kr ;	Present
6	Patrício Aroca	Prsco Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	paroca@ucn.cl	Present
7	Yuzuru Miyata	Prsco Representative	2014-2016	miyata@ace.tut.ac.jp	Present
8	Eduardo Haddad	RSA Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	ehaddad@usp.br	Present
9	Neil Reid	RSA Representative	2012-2014	neil.reid@utoledo.edu	Present
10	Richard Shearmur	RSA Representative	2013-2015	Richard.shearmur@mcgill.ca	Present
11	Amit Batabyal	Councilor at large	2012-2014	aabgsh@rit.edu	Present
12	Rachel Franklin	Councilor at large	2012-2014	rachel_franklin@brown.edu	Present
13	Daniel Czamanski	Councilor at large	2012-2014	danny@czamanski.com	Absent
14	Hans Westlund	Councilor at large	2014-2016	hans.westlund@abe.kth.se	Absent
15	Tomaz Dentinho	Executive Director Ersa Representative Councilor at large	2011-2013 2010-2012 2013-2015	tomazdentinho@uac.pt	Present

2014 RSAI Ex-Officio Members

	Roberta Capello	Editor of PIRS & IPPresident	2009-2010	roberta.capello@polimi.it	Absent
	David Boyce	Archivist		d-boyce@northwestern.edu	Present
	Rui Luis	Ex-Treasure		rdgluis@uac.pt	Absent
	Eduardo Haddad	Book Review Editor		ehaddad@usp.br	Present
	M.Carroll	Editor,RSPP		mcarrol@bgsu.edu	Present
	Alessandra Faggian	RSA Editor of PIRS		faggian.1@osu.edu	Present
	J. Paul Elhorst	ERSA Editor of PIRS		J.P.Elhorst@rug.nl	Absent
	Michaela Trippel	ERSA Editor of PIRS		michaela.trippel@circle.lu.se	Absent
	Takatoshi Tabuchi	PRSCO Editor of PIRS		ttabuchi@e.u-tokyo.ac.jp	Absent

2013 RSAI Invited Members

	Andrea Caragliu	Newsletter Editor		andrea.caragliu@polimi.it	Present
	Graham Clarke	Newsletter Editor		G.P.Clarke@leeds.ac.uk	Present
	Richard Kelly	ERSA Executive D		richard.kelly@ersa.org	Absent
	Hiroyuki Shibusawa	PRSCO Executive D		hiro-shibu@tut.jp	Present
	Neil Reid	RSA Executive D		neil.reid@utoledo.edu	Present
	Jacques Poot	Councilor at large	2015-2017	jpoot@waikato.ac.nz	Present
	Daniel A. Griffith	Councilor at large	2015-2017	dagriffith@utdallas.edu	Present
	Tüzün Baycan	Councilor at large	2015-2017	tbaycan@itu.edu.tr	Present
	Emanouil Tranos	Councilor at large	2015-2017	e.tranos@bham.ac.uk	Present

LRPC Members

	Peter Nijkamp	President	1991 - 1992	pnijkamp@feweb.vu.nl	Absent
	Lay J. Gibson	President	1993-1994	ljgibson@ag.arizona.edu	Absent
	Kingsley E. Haynes	President	1995-1996	khaynes@gmu.edu	Absent
	Peter W. J. Batey	President	1997-1998	pwbatey@liv.ac.uk	Absent
	H.Khono	President	1999-2000		Absent
	Geoffrey J.D.Hewings	President	2001-2002	hewings@uiuc.edu	Absent
	Antoine Bailly	President	2003-2004	antoine.bailly@unige.ch	Absent
	Robert J. Stimson	President	2005-2006	rstimson@unimelb.edu.au	Absent
	Roger R. Stough	President	2007-2008	rstough@gmu.edu	Absent
	Roberta Capello	President	2009-2010	roberta.capello@polimi.it	Absent
	Yoshiro Higano	President	2011-2012	higano@jsrsai.envr.tsukuba.ac.jp	Present
	Jean-Claude Thill	President Council Member	2013-2014	Jean-Claude.Thill@uncc.edu	Present
	Jouke van Dijk	Council Member	2012-2014	Jouke.van.Dijk@rug.nl	Present

Annex 2: Proposal to Establish a Publications Committee

Motivation.

Publishing is one of the most important activities of RSAI. Yes, our approach to providing this service to our community of 4500 members is rather ad hoc. Many associations of size similar to ours have a Publications Committee. Currently oversight over publication activities is provided by the President and the Executive Director. Dedicated focus on Publications is essential to increasing our efficacy. A Publications Committee will strengthen our governance structure.

Establishment of a Publications Committee is proposed with the following considerations.

1. The Committee is advisory to RSAI Council and RSAI President.
2. The Committee is composed of four members: three (3) Committee members are not voting members of RSAI Council at any time during their tenure on the Committee, and one (1) member must be RSAI Councilor. All members are appointed by Council. The first set of Committee members external to Council will be appointed for terms of 1, 2, and 3 years, respectively. Subsequent terms are of 3 years. Members can serve no more than 3 consecutive terms. The sole Committee member who also sits on Council as a voting member will preferably have editorial experience; the term of office of this member ends when the member leaves Council.
3. Members of the Publications Committee who are not voting members of RSAI Council are ex officio members of this body.
4. The Publications Committee reports regularly to Council on its activities.
5. Responsibilities: The committee advises the RSAI council on policies regarding all official publications of RSAI (including PiRS, RSPP, Newsletter, and others); provides oversight and support for these official publications on issues ranging from publication style and format to the various sources and levels of financial support to editorial teams; clarifies the purposes of the RSAI publications for the membership; serves as a constructive critic for publication editors; serves as liaison between RSAI and the publisher, including on matters of negotiations of contracts, level of services, etc; reviews the operation and operational performance of RSAI editors; and leads appointment and reappointment of editorial teams.

Annex 3: By-law 7: Treasurer and Financial Officer

The Treasurer will be jointly responsible with the Executive Director for the finances of the RSAI. The tasks of the Treasurer include periodically overseeing the finances of the RSAI and reporting to Council and to the Council's standing Finance Committee about the financial situation of the Association.

The Treasure should be independent from the President and the Executive Director and will have access to all accounts of the Association, its budgets, and financial documents. S/he will participate in the steering of the Association's financial policies and will serve as a non-voting member of the Financial Committee.

The Executive Director may be assisted by a Financial Officer with capacity to run daily bank account operations and book-keeping. The Financial Officer and the Executive Director will provide the Treasurer with access to the Association's accounts, as well as all the necessary financial information in order to allow him or her to report to Council.

Annex 4: Proposal for Treasurer and Financial Officer

Proposal for Treasurer: Francisco Carballo-Cruz



Francisco Carballo-Cruz holds a DPhil from the University of Oxford with a thesis in the area of Transport Economics. He has an MSc in Industrial Economics from the University of Minho (Portugal) and Bachelors in Economics and in Management from the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain). He is currently professor of economics at the University of Minho (Portugal) and researcher at the Economic Policies Research Centre (NIPE). He teaches in the areas of Public Economics, Regional Economics and Program Evaluation and Public Policy. He is the former Deputy Director of the Economics Department (two terms) and the former Director of the MSc in International Business (3 terms). Currently, coordinates the Advanced Programme in International Management at the UMinho Exec. His research is focused on Transport Economics, Public Finance and Regional Economics; he has published several scientific and professional articles in those areas. At present, he is the principal investigator of a research project funded by the European Social Fund – Operational Programme of Technical Assistance untitled: "The German System of Dual Vocational Training: Determination of Barriers and Potentialities and Potential Incorporation into the Portuguese Training System". He is also coordinating a European Project of Transference of Good Practices so-called: "DualTrain – Building a Sustainable Approach to the Dual Vocational Training System in Portugal, Spain and Germany". He also co-coordinates a consultancy project on "Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in Low Density Areas in Portugal" for the EDP Foundation. He co-coordinated the evaluation team of the study on the "Economic Impacts of Guimarães 2012 – European Capital of Culture", and the team for evaluating the "Economic and Social Impacts of the European Youth Capital 2012". He will coordinate the evaluation studies of the European Youth Capital in 2015 and 2016. In 2013 and 2014, Francisco participated as a team member in a study on "Territorial Cooperation and Culture", funded by the Portuguese Government. In 2011 and 2012, he co-coordinated a European Project of Technology Transfer so-called EntreExplorer. He also participated in the team that prepared the study for the "Evaluation of the main achievements of Cohesion Policy Programmes and Projects over the Longer Term in 15 Selected Regions" for the DG Regio. He was the principal investigator of a research project funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology (Portugal), entitled "Economic Evaluation of the SCUT program: validation, renegotiation and policy recommendations." In recent years, he participated in several teams and, in some cases, coordinated assessment studies on public policies and programmes for several public bodies in Portugal. He also integrated a number of working groups for policy analysis and formulation of regional strategies. Recently, he participated in some working groups set up by the Portuguese Regional Governments to define investment priorities and carry out ex-ante evaluations of Regional Operational Programmes. He is a member of the Steering and Executive Councils of the Cross-Border EURES Galicia-North of Portugal. He is a member of the Board of the Portuguese Association for Regional Development (APDR) and belongs to the European Organising Committee (EOC) of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA). He is a member of the Board of TecMinho – University-Enterprise Technology Transfer of the University of Minho.

Proposal for Financial Officer: Elisabete Martins



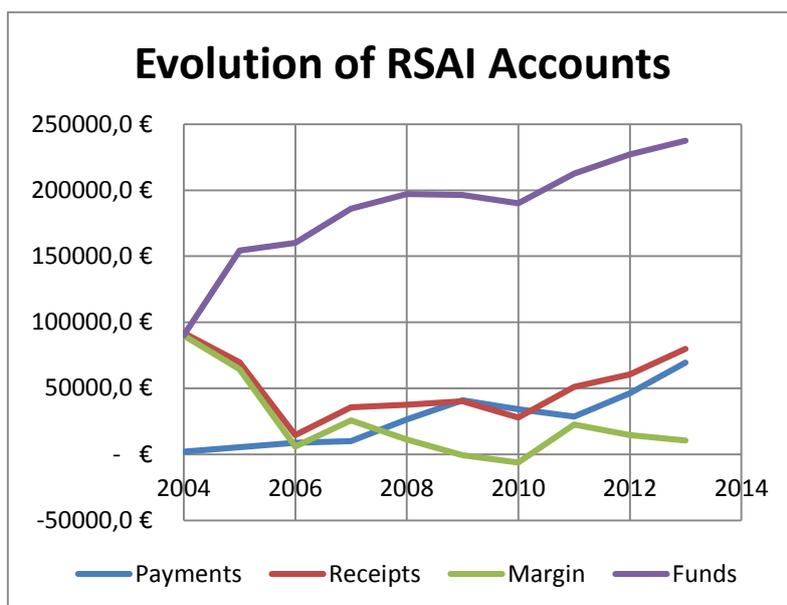
Elisabete Martins has a Licensed Degree in Nature Management and Conservation (2007) and a Post-Graduation in Environmental Engineering from the University of the Azores (2009). She worked in research projects at the Cabinet for Sustainable Regional Development of the Azores University and, since 2009, she works, to the Portuguese Section of the Regional Science Association International (APDR – Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Regional) supporting the organization of scientific events (five per year), project management and the running of the association. Since July 2011 she has been more involved in the support of the secretariat RSAI, as webmaster and membership enrolment. Since December 2013 she is the Editorial assistant to the Editorial Office of Papers in Regional Science.

Annex 5: Report of the Nomination Committee for Vice President

By Jean Claude Thill, Chair

1. The Nomination Committee was organized and members were approved by the RSAI Council at Saint Petersburg Council meeting. President Jean Claude Thill chairs the 7 member committee.
2. An open "Call for nominations for the position of Vice-President and Presidente Elected of RSAI was made on September 16th, 2012, through delivery of RSAI News by the RSAI Secretariat via email to members of RSAI in good standing. The deadline for the application was October 5th, 2015.
3. In parallel with the above item 2, following traditional practice of the committee, members of the committee also sounded possible candidates and solicited possible nominations.
4. As a result, the chair and the committee received 3 nominations.
5. Committee chair started to make contact with possible candidates. They were informed that they were on the Committee's short list from which a recommendation would be made to RSAI Council (and LRPC). The Chair confirmed each nominee's acceptance of the nomination and his/her willingness and availability (especially finance and sharing of working time with primary obligation) to serve as Vice-President (2016) and President (2017-2018).
6. One of them declined the nomination
7. Chair requested additional information from the remaining nominees (Form in appendix 1) to the two remaining candidates to be completed and returned to Chair. This process and form intended to gather further information of each candidate were approved by the Nominations Committee. Also, all committee members confirmed confidentiality conditions following the established tradition of the committee what he/she has and will have known through discussion and communication among the committee members".
8. Chair delivered the Forms completed by the two candidates to the committee members via email, and moved to start submission of discussion and communication among committee members via email of submission on the merit of each nominee.
9. Chair moved to end discussion and called for a vote. All members of the Committee responded to two questions: 1. Are both candidates qualified to serve as RSAI VP and Presidente Elected in 2016; 2. Who is your top candidate: 'A' or 'B'?
10. All members of the committee responded to the two questions. The committee unanimously regards the two candidates as being qualified and experienced to serve as RSAI Vice-President and President elected. Also, unanimously the Nominations Committee voted to recommend Jacques Poot as nominee for Vice-President and Presidente Elected (2016) and President (2017-2018). The Nominations Committee feels that RSAI is fortunate to have two fine candidates for this position and is delighted to be able to make this recommendation to RSAI Council.

Annex 6: Proposal of the Budget for RSAI 2015



Sections and Membership

RSAI Membership Status Updated (06-08-2014)		
Section	Membership Year	Number of Members
ARGENTINA SECTION	NEW	0
ARSC SECTION	2014	120
AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	2014	43
BANGLADESH SECTION	NEW	0
BRAZIL SECTION	2014	120
CHILEAN SECTION	2014	52
COLOMBIAN SECTION	2014	34
CROATIAN SECTION	2014	39
DUTCH SECTION	2014	150
ERSA SECTION	2013	-
FRENCH SECTION	2014	171
GERMAN SECTION	2014	250
GREEK SECTION	2014	48
HUNGARIAN SECTION	2014	17
INDIAN SECTION	NEW	0
INDIVIDUAL	2014	66
INDONESIAN SECTION	2014	25
ISRAEL SECTION	2014	24
ITALIAN SECTION	2014	175
JAPANESE SECTION	2014	773
KOREAN SECTION	2013	-
LITHUANIA SECTION (Baltic)	2013	With ERSA
MALAYSIAN SECTION	NEW	0
MEXICAN SECTION	2014	125
MOROCCAN SECTION	NEW	0
NARSC SECTION	2014	1031
NORDIC SECTION	2013	-
POLISH SECTION	2014	47
PORTUGUESE SECTION	2014	146
ROMANIAN SECTION	2014	67
RSAI LIFE TIME MEMBERS	2014	17
RUSSIAN SECTION	NEW	-
SLOVAK SECTION	2014	75
SPANISH SECTION	2014	426
TAIWAN SECTION	2014	102
TURKISH SECTION	2014	107
UK & IRELAND SECTION	2014	83
TOTAL		4333

Legend:

Everything ok	Sent list for 2014, but do not paid the invoice yet	Last list was 2013	New sections never sent list of members
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Budget 2015				
Description		Total (≈)		
SALES AND SERVICES	RSAI MEMBERSHIPS	MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	€	
		MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1.200,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	430,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	220,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	1.220,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	520,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	340,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	390,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	150,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	1.710,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2.500,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	480,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	170,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	250,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	240,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	1.750,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	7.730,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	20,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP MALYSIAN SECTION	- €	
		MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	1.250,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	- €	
		MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	13.100,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	330,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	470,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1.340,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	780,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	750,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	4.260,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP TAIWAN SECTION	1.020,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	1.070,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIP UK & IRELAND SECTION	830,00 €	
		MEMBERSHIPS INDIVIDUAL	3.300,00 €	
		JOHN WILEY & SONS LDT - WB	PRIS AND RSPP 2014 PROFIT SHARE	15.000,00 €
		Advance on editorial and travel expenses payment 2015	25.000,00 €	
		Editor's Expenses for PIRS and RSPP 2015	7.400,00 €	
	Autonomous	AUTONOMOUS ACTIVITIES (SUMMER COURSES, CONFERENCES)	35.000,00 €	
	TOTAL REVENUES		130.220,00 €	
COSTS OF GOODS AND SUPPLIES OF EXTERNAL SERVICES	Accounts	BILLING SOFTWARE LICENSE	424,80 €	
		Auditor and Accounting	2.975,00 €	
	Awards and Supports	PLAQUES AND MEDALS	500,00 €	
		RSAI dissertation WINNER	750,00 €	
		The Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award	750,00 €	
		Martin Beckmann RSAI Annual Award	640,00 €	
		Conference bursaries	5.000,00 €	
		Joint sponsorship of events	5.000,00 €	
		Early carrer grants	- €	
		Travel Grants	- €	
		New Sections	5.000,00 €	
		RSAI Secretariat	MANAGEMENT 2015 Central OFFICE (memberships, website, conferences)	5.000,00 €
	Publishing Activity	MANAGEMENT 2015 EDITORIAL OFFICE RSPP	5.000,00 €	
		MANAGEMENT 2015 EDITORIAL OFFICE PIRS	10.000,00 €	
		PIRS travel reimbursements	5.000,00 €	
		RSPP travel reimbursements	5.000,00 €	
		Newsletter editor	2.000,00 €	
		RSAI MEMBERSHIPS to JOHN WILEY & SONS LDT - WB	28.603,16 €	
		Autonomous	AUTONOMOUS ACTIVITIES (SUMMER COURSES, CONFERENCES)	35.000,00 €
		TOTAL COSTS		116.642,96 €
	NET PROFIT		13.577,04 €	

Annex 6: Proposal for the Creation of a Latin American-Caribbean Supra Region of the RSAI

Introductory Remark. The present writing is a formal proposal for a still-to-be-created Latin American-Caribbean supra region of the RSAI, conceived as a gradual process to it. The proposal comes as a decision taken in two special executive meetings of RSAmericas, ABER, and AMECIDER Presidents (Brazilian and Mexican sections) and some key invited members. The proponents wish to signal that they feel there is a momentum to it, and that the time is right to get this under way. They are aware that being a “proposal” it is not necessarily binding, but that it would greatly help underscore the contours of what a Latin American-Caribbean regional organization would entail, together with the gradual process to work for such end.

THE PROPOSAL. The present proposal is composed of the following seven points here outlined:

- 1) **Geographic scope:** In principle, it encompasses the set of Latin American and Caribbean countries and regions. It includes the Associations that exist as well as those that potentially could be created in the region in the future.
- 2) **Mission:** The mission is to foster the development of regions comprised within such geographic scope, according to the objectives of the RSAI, and giving particular attention to the way they are being involved in the globalization process, and to the role -actual and potential- they can play as actors within them. According to this mission, they will pay special attention to both the fact that regional science is essentially interdisciplinary, and that regions in this geographic area not only have economic as well as social, cultural and historic specificities, but also that they have come relatively late to the RSAI and global dynamics, -a double fact that gives a certain sense of urgency to work hard in reaching full maturity on such lines.
- 3) **Structure:** The structure will always be following RSAI guidelines and normativity, to which the eventual specificities offered by the geographic characteristics of our regions, will endeavor to comply.
- 4) **Membership conditions:** Accordingly, the membership conditions will be those established by the RSAI, both in terms of individual membership and of sections affiliation.
- 5) **Legal status:** The legal status of our associations will be in accordance with their respective country legal systems.
- 6) **Timeline for implementation:** This proposal embodies two levels for time implementation. First, to present a formal proposal to the RSAI Council during the NARSC conference in Washington, November 2014. Second, to establish a 6-9 months Task Force to work out the detail of how this proposal can come to concrete terms; such Task Force should include a representative of each Latin American section. Yet if the RSAI Council considers it appropriate, this proposal wants to make the suggestion that the RSAI Council can appoint to the Task Force, in its Washington meeting, one person able to address the broader framework of RSAI, plus one from NARSC and one from PRSCO.
- 7) **Action plan for next two years:** (1°) to implement the key recommendations of the Task Force both in our sections as well as those recommendations involving RSAI bodies; (2°) to get the active involvement of all our Latin American sections to start working for the gradual process of maturity of the still-to-be-created Latin American-Caribbean supra region of the RSAI; (3°) to help and support the bringing to conclusion of all formalities for the official establishment of the already under way Ecuadorian section; (4°) To report to RSAI Council in a year the advances achieved; (5°) to achieve in these two years-plan an important input to the process so that in the international Latin American-Caribbean meeting, proposed to take place in Chile in 2016, a substantial new Action Plan can be established for the coming years.

Annex 7: RSAC Affiliation to RSAI

Dear Prof. Thill and Prof. Tomaz,

I hope you are all the best.

Last week, the RSAC held its annual conference in Wuhan, Hubei province. During the conference, I report what your proposal to the major leaders of the association. The discussion was a little long and can be summed up in two points:

1. Before RSAC to be affiliated with RSAI, the Chinese regional scientists can join RSAI individually. I announced it before the attendants at the conference.
2. To avoid the sensitive issue of Taiwan, there is another practical way for RSAC to be affiliated with RSAI, i.e. RSAC should be directly affiliated with RSAI like ERSA, NARSA, PRSCO. We don't think we have to be affiliated with RSAI via joining PRSCO. There are two reasons, first, it can avoid the thorny issue of Taiwan to some extent; second, the number of RSAC members is larger than that of ERSA or NARSA. In addition, provincial branches of RSAC, for example Heilongjiang Regional Science Association, are or under established, which indicates that the members are being expanded quickly.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Yuyuan WEN