

RSAI COUNCIL meeting in NARSC, Denver

Friday November 14th 2025 | 10:00 am-12:00 am (Denver time) | 5:00 pm GMT

Room: Mt. Harvard

AGENDA

1. Apologies

RSAI President, Prof Hiro Shibusawa informs about the apologies presented by Prof. Hidehiko Kanegae by email.

Members of RSAI Council attending onsite: Prof. Hiro Shibusawa; Prof Sarah Low,

Members of RSAI Council attending online: Prof Roberta Capello, Prof. Lise Bourdeau-Lepage; Prof. Carlos Azzoni; Prof. Andre Chagas, Prof. Fernando PERobelli; Prof Ana Vinuela

Guests: Prof. Marina Stanojevic (Serbian Section); Prof. Janet Kohlase (next RSAI President); Prof. Andrea Caragliu (RSPP EiC), Prof Rosella Nicolini (PiRS EiC)

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous RSAI Council Meeting (ANNEX I)

No amendments. No comments. Minutes from RSAI Council in Athens (ERSA) are approved.

3. Reporting from the LRPC meeting

Prof Roberta Capello, chair of the LRPC, summarizes the main points discussed during the LRPC meeting from the day before, with some suggestions to the RSAI Council.

- In relation to Elsevier requesting for PiRS to apply a data availability policy, although the main advantage is basically the need to follow what competitors do, the LRPC considers that the Council should accept this request from Elsevier, making clear that authors can or cannot provide the data.
- In relation to the restructuring of PRSCO, the LRPC discussed the situation with the Chinese Section, which is to say the least worrying. The first issue is that they do not follow RSAI rules, which indicate that each national section must belong to a supranational (and they do not want to be part of any, which is against our constitution) any supranational, which is against our constitution. The second issue is that they have declared only 60 members in 2025 and they promised 1,000 when they joined. Thirdly, as this group of researchers is already part of RSAI, we can not ask other groups in China -that are stronger and more interesting-, to join RSAI. Thus, the LRPC would suggest to give them some deadlines in order to join either PRSCO or another supranational, to provide more members and in case of not getting a positive response, they should be

expelled. This advice is something that the present and incoming RSAI President should take into consideration.

- In relation to the development of our RSAI sections, after several RSAI events in the Central Asian area cofunded by RSAI through the NNT Program, the LRPC would suggest that the 2026 event should be the last one co-funded, making clear that if they do not come up with a clear proposal for creating a new Section, RSAI will stop financing them. Contrary to the Central Asian case, the RSAI efforts through the NNT Program in Southern Africa have resulted on the reception of a strong application to create a new RSAI Section: SARSA (Southern African Regional Section Association). After its approval, a decision needs to be taken in relation to what supranational they will be part of.

After Roberta's words, there are no questions or comments from RSAI Council members.

4. Official approval of the online votes for the 2027/28 RSAI President (from NARSC)

The Selection Committee created was responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for the position of RSAI President 2027/2028 term. Due to the lack of eligible candidates meeting the criteria – particularly regarding financial capacity – the Committee decided to extend the deadline to October 31, 2025. This extension was properly announced in the RSAI website.

After reviewing the applications received, the summary was as follows: Prof. Neil Read did not meet financial criteria; Prof. Balázs Forman was not eligible due to regional affiliation (non-NARSC) and Prof. Janet Kohlhasse met all criteria and was a strong candidate, with a vision perfectly aligned with RSAI's mission and responsive to current organizational challenges, particularly regarding inclusivity, global outreach, and the evolution of scholarly publishing.

Thus, the Selection Committee unanimously recommended Professor Janet E. Kohlhasse (University of Houston) and the RSAI Council members proceeded voting online. Results showed a strong support for the candidate (16 votes in favour and 1 against)

Prof Janet Kohlhasse (present in Mt Harvard room) is invited to say few words to the members of the RSAI Council. Her presentation starts emphasizing that, before suggesting changes, she would like to understand all the RSAI issues during her year as vice-president (ie year 2026). Prof Janet Kohlhasse promises to be proactive and sees the China problematic but also shows her excitement for the new RSAI section in Southern Africa (based in South Africa but comprising 10 Southern African countries such as Namibia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria etc)

Prof Janet Kohalse is invited to stay for the rest of the meeting and is officially approved by the RSAI Council as next President of the Regional Science Association International (2027-2028) and vice-president in 2026.

Point 16 of the Agenda is moved up. Thus Prof. Marina Stanojevic from Serbia can leave the room afterwards.

16. Official approval of the Regional Science Serbian Section

RSAI Executive Director Prof Ana Vinuela invites Prof. Marina Stanojevic (representing the Serbian Section, guest onsite) to say a few words about the proposal, which was accepted in Athens and now it will be officially approved with this act.

Prof. Marina Stanojevic shows joy for being able to put together a joint initiative to create the RSAI Serbian section and thanks RSAI members for their guidance and support during the process. Although initially comprising few Serbian Universities, in the near future other universities (state-owned and from every NUTS 2 region) will be included, as well as some scientific and local institutions and regional development agencies. The Serbian Section will comprise academia, government, industry, and civil society.

Prof Stanojevic informs that a constitution has been created, as well as an executive board and council with prominent researchers from different Serbian universities (not only from Belgrade). An ethics committee has also been created. Membership is expected around 90 members (20 PhD students, 30 professors, 40 practitioners) and in the following 3 years hopefully membership will be 200 or more.

After explaining several events that were organized in Serbia long the last years (such as conferences, workshops, meetings and PhD encouragement activities) Prof. Ana Viñuela thanks Prof. Marina Stanojevic for her very comprehensive speech on the Serbian Section.

The Serbian RegSci Section is now officially created and welcomed into RSAI. Also, she remarks the need to inform RSAI about all the RegSci events coming up, so maybe some RSAI members can join their conference. Marina Stanojevic is invited to visit regularly the RSAI and ERSA webpages to keep informed about activities, as well as to attend the ERSA Conference 2025 in Sofia.

Prof. André Chagas extends the invitation to the 2026 World Congress in Quito, which call for Special Sessions and papers is open.

5. Opening for council representatives from ERSA and LARSA supranationals.

RSAI Executive Director Prof Ana Vinuela informs about the end of the second term for Patricio Aroca and Carlos Azzoni (representatives of LARSA) and for Eveline Van Leeuwen (ERSA): it is also the end of first term for Lise Bourdeau-LePage (ERSA), who renovates for the second term.

Thus, Prof. Mauricio Oyarzo (University of Concepción Campus Chillán, Chile) and Prof. Enrique Gilles (College of Higher Studies in Administration, CESA), Bogotá, Colombia) will be replacing Prof. Patricio Aroca and Carlos Azzoni in LARSA; in ERSA, Prof. Dimitris Kallioras (University of Thessaly, Greece) will be replacing Prof. Eveline Van Leeuwen.

Evelin Van Leeuwen was the Council Representative in the LRPC; this position will be taken now by Camila Lenzi.

New RSAI Councillors are officially approved by the RSAI Council. No comments

6. Results of the elections of a new councillor-at-large (replacing Daniella Luminita Constantin)

RSAI Executive Director Prof. Ana Viñuela informs that RSAI Councillors at large need to be chosen by votes collected among all RSAI members. There were 7 candidates (Prof. Asraful Alam; Prof. Yilan Xu; Prof. Giuseppe Arbia; Prof. Dusan Paredes; Prof. Rafael Garduño; Prof. Hee-Jung Jun and Prof. Balazs Forman). After consolidating the online votes, Prof. Rafael Garduño (ERSA) has been elected to replace Prof. Daniella Luminita Constantin (ERSA) to be Councillor at Large in the RSAI Council.

After thanking Prof. Daniela Constantin for all her efforts and her work all these years, both in the Romanian section and in RSAI, the RSAI Council approves officially Prof Rafael Garduño as new Councillor at large of the RSAI Council.

7. Reporting on the RSAI workshops/summer schools of the year 2025 (NNT Program) (ANNEX II)

RSAI Executive Director Prof Ana Viñuela informs about the workshops and summers schools that have been co-funded by the RSAI NNT Program in 2025 and the quantities granted. RSAI does not tend to fund 100% of the costs informed; some part is usually funded by the host university or by fees.

The following list is displayed on the screen:

ID	Event	Supranational	Granted	
1	The 3rd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa, South Africa, September 2025.	African World Congress	1 500,00 €	
2	3rd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia, Osh, Kyrgyzstan, May 2025	PRSCO	2 000,00 €	
3	ERSA Summer School 2025 "Sustainability, innovation and regional development", Dresden, Germany, July 2025	ERSA	6 000,00 €	
4	Doctorales ASRDLF 2025 (PhD Winter School of the French speaking regional science association), Iasi, Romania, January 2025.	ERSA	1 600,00 €	
5	Workshop "Regional and territorial development in emerging areas: West African peculiarities", at the Higher School of Applied Economics of Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD) in Dakar.	African World Congress	1 800,00 €	not used
6	The 5th Annual Intensive Course Program on Urban, Transport, And Environmental Economics, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia (and VU Amsterdam), January-February 2025	PRSCO	2 000,00 €	
7	PRSCO Summer Institute, Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025	PRSCO	7 000,00 €	
8	"Smart and Sustainable Cities/Urban Planning", taking place at the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia, Yerevan 20th -22nd October 2025	PRSCO	1 500,00 €	late application
9	"5th Urban and Regional Economics Workshop and Summer Course on Regional Science", Pontificia Universidad Javeriana- Bogotá Colombia, June 23-29 June 2025.	LARSA	2 500,00 €	late application
10	2025 RECIR Regional Science Workshop", University of Guayaquil in Guayaquil, Ecuador, October 2025.	LARSA	1 400,00 €	late application

Prof. Ana Viñuela explains that a summary of two of these events is published in the November RSAI Newsletter, which is something that should be encouraged as advertisement for the NNT Program and also for everybody to learn how the money is being used, if the financial effort was worth it and what aims were achieved. Although this year the RSAI Council approved a changed in the rules of the NNT Program to be more flexible

regarding the timing to apply, still for this call (NNT Program 2026) we received two late applications (something to discuss in the next point of the Agenda)

Prof Janet Cohlhase asks what is the way to decide the allocation, and RSAI Executive Director Ana Viñuela explains that the applications include their financial needs, and the Evaluation Committee (one member from each Supranational) is in charge of evaluating every single application and deciding which quantity will be granted for each case (taking into account the limited resources for each supranational).

No more comments.

8. NNT proposals for events taking place in 2026. Evaluation Committee and selection (ANNEX III)

RSAI Executive Director Ana Viñuela displays the applications received this year for Regional Science events taking place in 2026 and remarks that more applications can be received for events taking place in the second half of 2026 (and there is money left for them). The applications have been evaluated by the Evaluation Committee (approved by the RSAI Council), and after checking if they were aligned with the aims of their NNT Program, the Evaluation Committee decided to grant the following quantities for each of the events proposed.

ID	Event	GRANTED (suggested)
1	2026 ERSA Summer School on “Circular Cities, Clusters, Ecosystems and Regions: Public Policies for Sustainable Regional Development”, June 21–26, 2026, University of Beira Interior, Covilhã, Portugal	6000
2	NERSA / NARSC Program for Early Career Regional Science Scholars: Migration and Regional Science	5250€
3	Doctorales ASRDLF 2026 (PhD Winter School of the French speaking regional science association). University of Corsica. 5th and 6th March, 2026	2000
4	1st Piraeus International Economic Conference (PIEC) will be held from 28–30 June 2026 on the island of Spetses, Greece, hosted at the Korgialenios School of Spetses.	0
5	Southern Africa Regional Science Association (SARSA) Annual Conference, scheduled to take place in Windhoek, Namibia, from 22–24 July 2026.	2150€
6	Summer/Spring school, Building knowledge, shaping cities: nurturing young researchers in urban science, organized between 14 and 18 of April 2026 and will be hosted by the Centre for European Studies within the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania.	2000
7 LATE	The 4th International Conference on Sustainable Regional Development in Central Asia. Tajikistan. 4-6 May 2026	2000
8 LATE	Workshop. Regional and territorial development in emerging areas: West African peculiarities. Dakar. Spring of 2026 (probably in April). 3 days	0

TOTAL
19,400€

	Allocation	Money left
ERSA	10000	12896
PRSCO	2000	11991
NARSC	5250	3110
Africa	2150	3787
LARSA	0	3254
	19,400 €	35,038 €

The evaluation committee decided unanimously the quantities above for each of the events proposed. In total 19,400 euros were distributed.

No questions or comments by RSAI Council members.

9. Evaluation Committee. Evaluation for the RSAI Best Dissertation Award 2025 (Annex IV)

RSAI Executive Director informs that since the creation of the Agenda on Monday November 10th, news started to come up every single day. Thus, the scores and comments for the RSAI Best Dissertation Award were received on Thursday November 13th. This point was then included in the Agenda for this RSAI Council meeting.

The Evaluation Committee had to evaluate 18 PhD dissertations and we really should thank all the members of this Committee for the very good work done, specially to its chair Dimitris Ballas, who will be dropping this position next year (still no substitute on the view). It is only fair and thank the members of this Evaluation Committee: Kamila Borsekova, Isabelle Nilsson, Dusan Paredes, Yumni Park, Michaela Simionescu and Dimitris Ballas, who read the dissertations, gave them grades and they came up with a clear winner. The winner of 2025 RSAI Best Dissertation Award is PhD Zhiwu Wei from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, for the dissertation entitled “Empirical Essays on Spatial Inequalities”, with an overall score of 9.3. We should congratulate all participants for the very good theses presented for the Award, with some scores close to 8, 8 points too (although Zhiwu Wei was unanimously the clear winner). Only the marks of those not having some manifested conflict of interest were included to generate the average score.

RSAI Executive Director Ana Viñuela informs that, after checking on the RSAI members lists, to her surprise PhD Zhiwu Wei is not a member of the British and Irish Section neither the Chinese Section) and shows her worries about researchers from Regional Science who are aware of awards by RSAI and therefore are aware of the existence of the Association as they have applied, but are not members.

Prof. Roberta Capello reckons that is not a problem when they apply, but once they have applied they should become members. This is an issue the RSAI Council have to work on according to Capello, who also considers this case as part of the Chinese problem (suggestion being that maybe they belong to the Regional Studies Association).

10. Updates on the RSAI World Congress 2026

RSAI Executive Director Prof Ana Viñuela informs to those in the room not knowing, that the 2026 RSAI World Congress will take place in 2026 in Quito (June 9th-12th 2026). Everything is being organized at the proper rhythm and with no big problems. The webpage is right now active; submissions can be received and also proposals for special sessions. The scientific committee has been created with many researchers from all around the globe, trying to incorporate young researchers and also having the whole RSAI Council members as a backup. Three keynote speakers have been already invited, and they have accepted the invitation: Carlos Moreno, who is the guest from the local organizers (covering ERSA and LARSA); Nancy Lozano, who works in the World Bank (covering ERSA and LARSA), and Jaime Bonet, from the Banco de la Republica in Colombia (covering LARSA). We are still missing 2 keynotes for which I have names in mind (with strategic connexion with Asia, something already discussed with RSAI President Prof Hiro Shibusawa)

Prof Carolina Guevara, from the LOC was invited to do the talking for this point of the Agenda about the World Congress but she is on maternity leave. She asked me to underline the following:

- there are two agreements being signed: one between RSAI and the faculty and another one between RSAI and the Equatorian Regional Science Association (as requested by the LOC)
- the municipality of Quito wants to be very involved in the World Congress organization.
- Prof Carolina Guevara wants to invite national RSAI Sections (their presidents) to organize special sessions based on countries

RSAI Executive Director Ana Viñuela expresses her concerns about not knowing if the involvement of the municipality of Quito is good news or bad news for the Congress; it will be good news because they will probably be sponsoring some events(meals, coffees or the alike) but they are also asking to have more presence, more participation in the conference, which ends up always in questions regarding those type of attendees paying fees or not (as it was already asked by the LOC). Prof Vinuela informs that her answer was very clear: everybody attending the conference (except keynote speakers) needs to pay the fees, including herself and Prof Shibusawa. She also advised the LOC to be careful about filling the conference with politicians talking about local issues in an international conference on Regional Science. It is challenging.

Also, regarding the special sessions devoted to countries, the opinion of the RSAI Executive Director is that we should be more transversal, and the topics should be on Regional Science, but the LOC insisted on launching the idea so the LOC will be sending invitations to the presidents of the different sections.

As there are still two keynotes to be invited, RSAI Executive Director welcomes suggestions from RSAI Council members.

11. Reporting on PiRS and RSPP (by Rosella and Andrea). (ANNEX V and ANNEX VI)

Rosella Nicolini shares the presentation on the screen and informs that there are no big news with PiRS with respect to the last report: submission numbers are high but unfortunately the quality is low. Prof Nicolini informs that the last step to implement the gold open access is the possibility of publishing the data and in her opinion we should do it as other competitors are doing it. Also this data access would facilitate researchers, students, master's student or PhD students from developing countries to access data and perform that type of research.

After working with Elsevier during 2025 to implement this, Prof Nicolini needs the approval by the RSAI Council.

Prof André Chagas intervenes to underline that this strategy improves the citations of the paper and the use of the same method, so he supports the idea and wonders what is the negative part of it and why The EiC of PiRS needs the RSAI Council approval. Prof Nicollini responds that RSAI is the owner of the journal (not Elsevier) and that is why she needs the RSAI Council's approval.

Prof Roberta Capello intervenes to request details about the compulsory or voluntary nature of the data provision by authors, a question that had been discussed the day before during the LRPC meeting. Prof Nicollini explains that it is not compulsory to publish the data and authors can decide if making it available (or not).

Nevertheless, Prof André Chagas says that, in spite of its voluntary nature, it is usually a strong recommendation to publish the data but not an obligation. Prof Andrea Caragliu shows more skeptical about this voluntary policy of publishing the data because in his opinion it is not so neutral: the suggestion (by the publisher) to provide the data is strong and although it is true researchers can deny, if RSAI stands that is in favour of authors giving the data to the journal and this policy is published on the website (policy towards encouraging data publication), then we are promoting publishers to make money out of researchers' efforts from assembling the datasets. Researchers expect to exploit their efforts for longer than a single paper.

In opinion of Prof Caragliu, we should think a bit about whether we want both journals to go in this direction. RSAI would be supporting the creation of this webpage gathering data and there are potential problems from universities/institutions to facilitate the data.

At his point Prof Janet Kohlhasse intervenes to underline the question of who owns the data and has the rights, and remarks that once the data is published, the author gives up the ownership rights.

Prof Nicollini replies that when publishing in a gold open access journal, the authorship of the article still belongs to the author and the data still belongs to the author although the author has decided to make them available. The idea of being under a license of Creative Commons is suggested and the replicability.

Prof Andrea Caragliu asks directly Prof Janet Kohlhas what is the policy for Annals and Prof Janet Kohlhas replies that there is no policy of data in Annals: authors are not encouraged to post the data but they are asked if data is available (under request). There is no repository.

Before voting, Prof Andrea Caragliu manifests that since Prof Rosella Nicollini is the EiC of PiRS, we should probably respect her view on the direction of the journal. RSAI Executive director agrees.

This proposal is approved by the RSAI Council.

Prof Andrea Caragliu informs about RSPP. Although there are no major news to deliver since the RSAI Council meeting in PRSCO, he would like to point out that submissions are increasing (up to 300 this year) and the quality is improving. The journal is now accepted as an A-class journal in the Italian list for economics and geography. The request is being reviewed in France and also decided for the field in Management, which is something relevant specially in the UK.

RSAI Executive Director informs that, according to the internal reports from Elsevier, RSPP has started producing more than PiRS despite having much lower APCs and basically due to publishing 80 papers per year (in comparison to the 50 papers in PiRS). Prof Ana Vinuela congratulates to both EiCs and moves to the next point of the Agenda (which is 13)

12. PiRS and Elsevier. Databases.

This point was extensively discussed in 11.

13. Reporting on 2025 RSAI Accounts (ANNEX VII and ANNEX VIII)

RSAI Executive Director Ana Viñuela informs that ANNEX VII contains the RSAI accounts from 2025. The 2025 accounts are very similar to the ones from 2024 (similar number of membership and ordinary expenses) except for the following: i) Chinese membership going down. ii) extra income coming from Wiley contract (unexpected 4,291€); iii) royalties paid by Elsevier reached 39,000€ and according to their forecasts the figure will be increasing next year; iv) yield of 2,300 € and 3,900€ in concept of interests from the RSAI bank deposit (still more to come in 2025). Nothing else special to remark.

Prof Janet Kohlhas can see in the accounts the NARSC contribution but cannot see the ERSAs contribution and asks about it. RSAI Executive Director informs that ERSAs contributions are registered individually by national sections (ie Italian section, Spanish section etc). NARSC makes its contribution with one lump sum while in Europe each section makes the contribution separately.

RSAI Executive Director informs that as part of the reporting for 2025 RSAI accounts we need to include the RSAI Funds managed by NARSC (ANNEX VIII). NARSC has managed to provide information on these funds since June 2012. The balance in June 2012 was 45 162,62 US\$ and at present times (specifically March 2025) the balance is 95 435,49 US\$. That is good news and whoever managed this account did a very good job with his/her

investments. RSAI Executive Director invites any member of the RSAI Council to have a look at the documentation provided by NARSC, especially if being an expert in Finance.

From 2012 backwards we do not have any information. There has been merges of different banks, banks changing names and accounts and it would be very difficult to recover the information on the initial balance of this account, or even when it was created. RSAI Executive Director explains that from now on these funds should also be reported to RSAI and approved by the RSAI Council. She also remarks that later on, in another RSAI council, a discussion about what to do with this money, what should be the aim of this money, and if this money should be kept in USA land is needed.

Prof Capello suggests that Janet, as incoming RSAI President and based in US, puts her signature in order to gain access to this money (at the moment only accessible by John Spurring). Prof Janet Kohlhasse manifests learning or the first time about this account and wonders if RSAI knows about its origin. Prof Capello informs about a donation from an anonymous donor. RSAI Executive Director explains that what is important now is that Prof Janet Kohlhasse is given access to that account (as it would be almost impossible to give access to non US residents but the person that should have access is Elisabete Martins, RSAI secretariat).

Prof Janet Kohlhasse promises to look into that possibility and confirms that American banking does not allow people to have access unless they have a U.S. address (which is an issue). Prof Janet Kohlhasse wonders if this is the first year we discuss about the RSAI funds managed by NARSC and the answer is positive (and first time that numbers are revealed). Prof Capello underlines that past RSAI presidents and executive directors were totally unaware of this money.

No more questions. 2025 Accounts are approved by the RSAI Council

14. Budget proposal for 2026 (ANNEX IX)

RSAI Executive Director informs that the budget proposal for 2026 is based on accounts from previous years, it has the typical expenses devoted to each type of expense, and is based on expectations regarding membership.

There is a positive surprise from 2 days ago by Elsevier, who optimistically upgraded the revenue figure coming from the journals. We need to take this figure (78,000€) very cautiously because we don't know if the figure will become true or not (it is so far expectations). Please also notice around 9,000 euros expected as interests from the RSAI bank deposit.

No questions. 2026 Budget proposal is approved by the RSAI Council

15. Application to create a new RSAI Section: Southern Africa Regional Science Association (ANNEXes X)

RSAI Executive Director informs about the reception of a solid application to create the Southern Africa Regional Science Association (SARSA). The application came also with

information on the several workshops that have taken place in different Southern African countries involved in this initiative.

RSAI Executive Director reminds the RSAI Council that our duty now is only to accept the application or not accept it. The official approval will come later on in time, in the next RSAI Council where the applicants explain their proposal. Probably the next RSAI Council will be online.

RSAI Executive Director also explains that although the official deadline to receive applications for the creation of a new RSAI Section is August, following the suggestion by Prof Haddad the applicants are applying now. Prof Haddad and Prof Dentinho and Prof Vinuela attended the workshop organized in September 2025 in Cape Town and cofounded by the NNT Program.

Prof Roberta Capello suggests that if ERSa has to take this section under its umbrella, then also the ERSa council needs to discuss about this, as it was done for Serbia. RSAI Executive Director shows her surprise about ERSa embracing the future Southern African Regional Science Section and if that was the case, obviously ERSa would need to discuss it. Prof Capello asks under what supranational would SARSA be as someone has to embrace it (otherwise ending up in the same problem as China) and if they are aware that there are payments involved and rules to follow. RSAI Executive Director replies that if reading their application it can be seen they are aware of the payments and asks to focus on the published evaluation criteria: the need of a new section in the area, the number of potential members, having organized activities, creating a democratic and representative council, etc. Their application covers all the relevant points requested and more: they are already organizing an event for 2026 (an applying for the NNT program)

Prof Andre Chagas comments that he attended the conference in Mozambique last year and people were enthusiastic and engaged (although of course the quality of the papers could be improved). In Chaga's opinion RSAI needs to stimulate and promote the Regional Science community in this part of the world that demands lots of attention and RSAI must support this application in this moment.

Janet Kohlhasse intervenes to ask if the conferences were conducted in English or in their own languages. RSAI Executive Director says that in English (as almost each country involved has its own language).

No more questions or discussion. The application for the creation of SARSA has been accepted by the RSAI Council

16. Official approval of the Regional Science Serbian Section (Marina Stanojevic, guest).

Moved up in the Agenda

17. (Hiro) Any other business (AOB)

Prof Haifeng Qian has 2 comments.

The first one (advanced through email the week before) is related to the RSAI good financial health and therefore the possibility of providing some financial support to the RSAI President if we want to expand RSAI's footprint across the globe. Prof Haifeng Qian would like to recommend the RSAI Council to consider this suggestion in the next RSAI Council meeting.

His second point is related to being a representative of NARSC in the RSAI Council, but offering himself as help to communicate with the Chinese Regional Science Association, a large group and not very good players so far. His desire would be trying everything before kicking them out of RSAI.

RSAI Executive Director intervenes to underline there are many RSAI prominent members with connexions with China and/or had very good PhD students from China. Question is that those connections are not being utilized in benefit of RSAI and we do not keep connections with those good Chinese doctors.

Prof. Janet Kohlhas comments on the need to have a strong Chinese section as there is lots of research and papers being submitted to journals coming from China.

Prof Andrea Caragliu replies to Prof Haifeng Qian that indeed we "we don't want to lose China, but the problem is that we don't have China. That is the issue". In other words, right now in the so-called Chinese section we have a group that should be expelled as it has been basically ghosting RSAI for a decade, they don't attend conferences, they don't reply and we don't know to whom we are talking to.

Prof Haifeng Qian replies that he is aware that there were different segments in China among the Regional Science Association and that there's some internal politics here, but nevertheless offers his help (if there is something that can be done). Thus, Prof Haifeng Qian is given the task to scout for knowledge and information about the situation with the Chinese Regional Association. The idea is strongly supported by RSAI Council members.

No more questions or comments

18. Next meeting

Next RSAI Council Meeting will take place first half of 2026. RSAI Executive Director will contact RSAI Council members by email

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Report September 2025

Summary

A new Editorial Team of *Papers in Regional Science* (PiRS) began its term on January 1, 2025. For the 2024–2025 period, the journal has achieved several key results:

1. **Maintaining submission levels** despite the transition to gold open access: In 2023, the number of submissions approached 400, demonstrating sustained interest from the research community.
2. **Upholding the quality of accepted manuscripts:** The rejection rate remains around 90%, reflecting the Editors' commitment to rigorous selection and high academic standards.
3. **Diversifying published topics:** Recent issues have included contributions on emerging and socially relevant themes such as gender and regional science, regional cultural heritage, climate change, natural disasters, and regional development.
4. **Improving impact metrics:** The journal's CiteScore increased from 4.4 to 4.8. PiRS has retained its rankings—Q1 in Geography and Q2 in Economics (JCR)- and confirming its leading position in Scopus-indexed journals.
5. **Launching new editorial initiatives in 2025:** One major goal is the creation of a dedicated data repository to support transparency and replicability in regional science research.

1. EDITORIAL CHALLENGES

The current Editorial Team of Papers in Regional Science (PiRS) was appointed by the RSAI Council in April 2024. The editorial proposal submitted for consideration at that Council centered on a key strategy: to consolidate the journal's leading position as a scientific reference in regional science and to address challenges stemming from its gold open access status. The aim was to prevent the loss of valuable contributions by increasing the journal's attractiveness through a more efficient review process

According to statistics released by Elsevier, the average time to the first decision (desk rejection or under review) is 2 days, and the average time from submission to acceptance is 127 days.

In terms of quantitative results referring to submissions we can emphasize:

1.1. Statistics on the editorial activity

Table 1 presents the number of submissions and rejection rates, together with pending manuscripts, i.e. papers that are in the website system at different stages from 2014 up to present.

Table 1. Number of submissions and rejection rates

Year	Submissions	Acceptance rate	Rejection rate	Pending manuscripts
2014	231	0,22	0,78	
2015	224	0,24	0,76	
2016	222	0,21	0,79	
2017	265	0,24	0,76	
2018	288	0,21	0,79	
2019	354	0,20	0,80	
2020	408	0,15	0,85	
2021	484	0,11	0,89	
2022	493	0,10	0,90	
2023	482	0,09	0,91	
2024	379	0,14	0,86	4
2025 (June)	227	0,01	0,99	30

In 2024, submissions reached approximately 380, with a rejection rate of 86%. In 2025, the submission pace has significantly increased. As of June, we received 227 submissions, projecting a total of around 450 by year-end—bringing submission levels back to those prior to the shift to gold open access. The goal for 2025 is to publish between 50 and 60 manuscripts across 6 issues. Importantly, the new format has not negatively affected submission quality. Tables 2 and 4 provide more detailed editorial statistics. Most rejections are due to manuscripts falling outside the scope of PiRS.

Despite the increased submission volume, the editorial team has maintained high productivity standards. Over the past seven years, we have achieved strong performance at every stage of the publication process (see Tables 2 and 3). These outcomes have been possible through close collaboration with Elsevier. **The publisher is committed to enhancing the visibility of PiRS, although some unresolved issues remain, particularly regarding:**

- (i) the content of the journal's webpage, and**
- (ii) the data repository for replication.**

We are confident these will be resolved by the end of the year.

Table 2. Summary of activity for the journal office between Jan 01, 2025 and June 12, 2025 (*The statistics are an indication of how long key activities are taking in the process*)

Submission to Editor Assignment <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and the first Editor was assigned.</i>	0.7
Submission to Reviewer Invitation <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and the first Reviewer was invited.</i>	4.3
Submission to First Decision <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and the first decision.</i>	8.1

Table 3. Decision Summary of activity for the journal office between Jan 01, 2025 and June 12, 2025

(*Total Decisions is the number of decisions made by the Editor with final decision-making authority for each submission during the specified time period. The Average Time to Decision is the number of days between the date the manuscript was received by the journal office, and the date the final decision was made. For a Revision, the Average Time to Decision is the average number of days between the date the Revision was submitted to the journal office and the date the final decision was made.*)

Original Submission

Editor Decision Term	Total Decisions	Frequency of Decision	Average Time to Decision
Accept	1	0.5%	97
Accepted and awaiting final version	1	0.5%	11
Major Revision	18	8.1%	62.5
Minor Revision	2	0.9%	83
Reject	65	29.4%	18.2
Reject - Invite to resubmit	6	2.7%	60.5
Reject - Out of Scope	128	57.9%	0.9
Total Editor Decisions	221	100%	13.8

Revision 1

Editor Decision Term	Total Decisions	Frequency of Decision	Average Time to Decision
Accept	6	31.6%	24.7
Accepted and awaiting final version	2	10.5%	41.5
Major Revision	3	15.8%	47.3
Minor Revision	7	36.8%	41.1
Reject	1	5.3%	4
Total Editor Decisions	19	100%	35

Revision 2

Editor Decision Term	Total Decisions	Frequency of Decision	Average Time to Decision
Accept	9	69.2%	6.9
Major Revision	1	7.7%	60
Minor Revision	2	15.4%	2
Reject	1	7.7%	8
Total Editor Decisions	13	100%	10.3

Revision 3

Editor Decision Term	Total Decisions	Frequency of Decision	Average Time to Decision
Accept	3	60%	6.3
Minor Revision	1	20%	19
Reject - Invite to resubmit	1	20%	50
Total Editor Decisions	5	100%	17.6

Revision 4

Editor Decision Term	Total Decisions	Frequency of Decision	Average Time to Decision
Minor Revision	1	100%	8
Total Editor Decisions	1	100%	8

Revision 5

Editor Decision Term	Total Decisions	Frequency of Decision	Average Time to Decision
Accept	1	100%	2
Total Editor Decisions	1	100%	2

1.2. Salient features of submissions, published articles and reviewers

Figure 1 presents the geographical distribution of submissions. **The trends confirm a great percentage of submissions by Chinese authors.** The submissions from all the geographical origins dropped proportionally in 2024, but in 2025 results are expected to improve in terms of number of submissions.

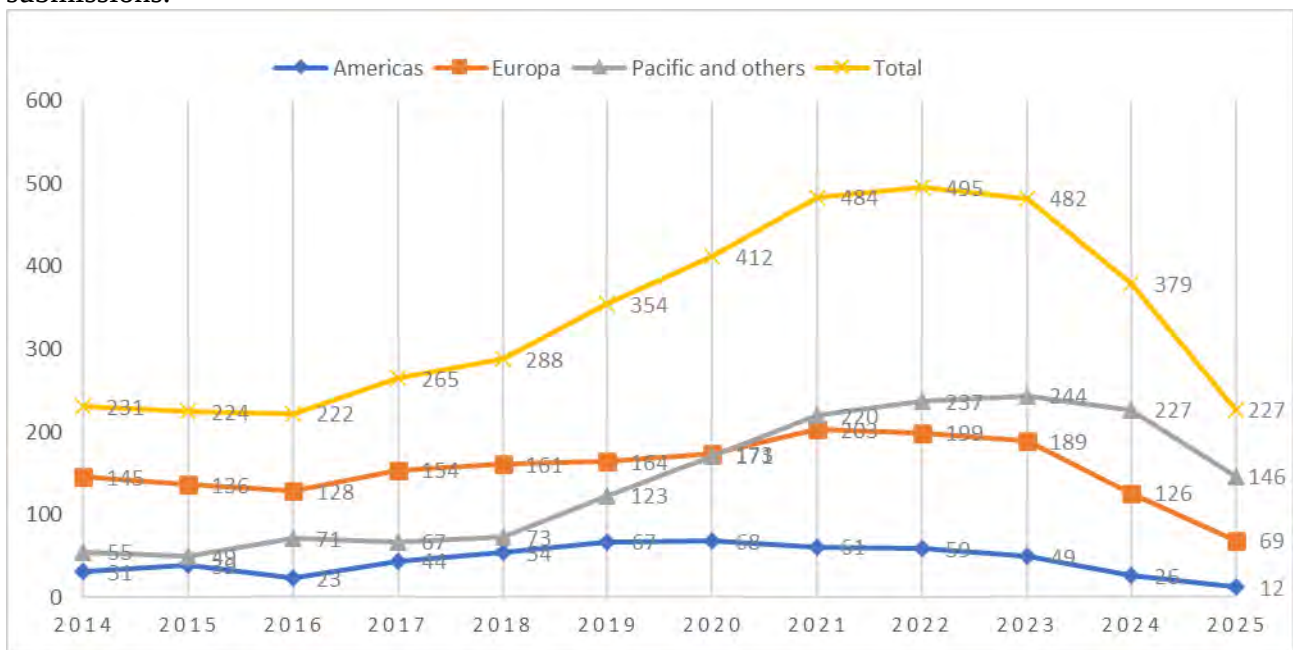


Figure 1. Geographically detailed number of submissions, 2014–2025 (June)

In terms of accepted articles, statistics rebalances in favor of European and PRSCO scientists (Figure 2).

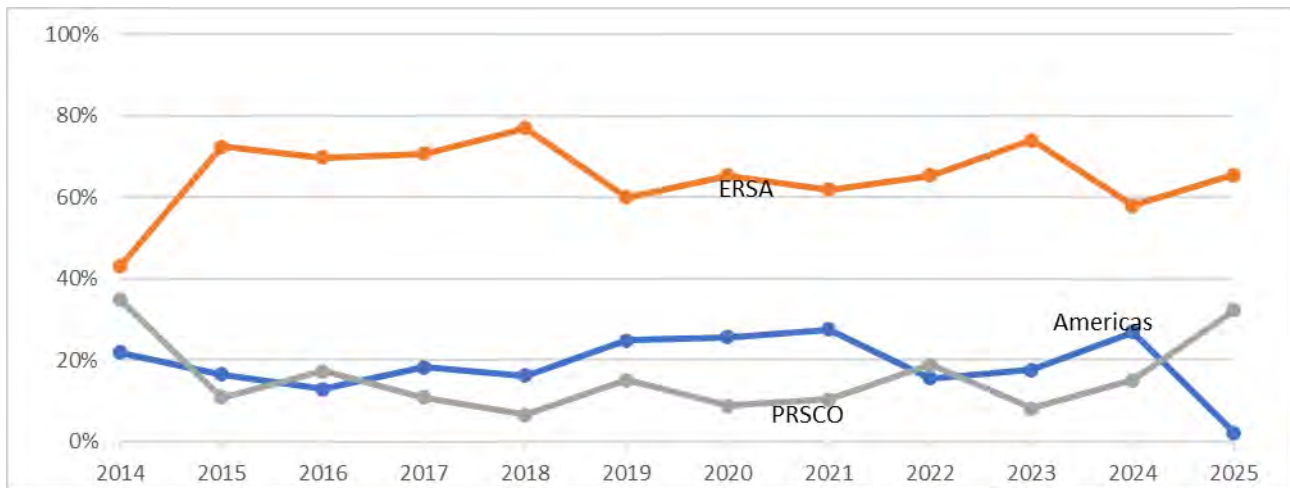


Figure 2. Geographic distribution of authors in author pages (% per year and proportion), Vol. 93–103, 2014–2025(until issue 2)

In the same wake, statistics on reviewers confirms the previous trends. The number of referees in 2024 increased. The geographical distribution of referees has registered an increase of reviewers from PRSCO and confirmed the share of reviewers from ERSA and Americas. Instead in 2025 (up to April) the share of reviewers from Americas more than doubled and the ERSA share dropped.

Table 4. Number of reviewers and proportion of reviewers by supra region

Year	Reviewers	ERSA	Americas	PRSCO
2014	325	62%	25%	13%
2015	369	61%	22%	17%
2016	318	62%	26%	12%
2017	375	60%	25%	15%
2018	368	49%	38%	13%
2019	468	47%	45%	8%
2020	403	63%	31%	6%
2021	378	50%	36%	14%
2022	233	59%	33%	8%
2023	211	73%	19%	8%
2024	369	73%	14%	13%
2025 (until April)	87	63%	30%	7%

Overall, the data confirms that a key challenge for the coming years will be to **rebalance the geographical composition of both authors and reviewers**, a step that is closely tied to enhancing the international visibility and consolidation of RSAI. In this regard, and recognizing the importance of acknowledging the work of reviewers, **we requested that Elsevier retain a system for issuing certificates to reviewers as recognition for their service. It appears that Elsevier has implemented something along these lines, although our contact has not provided a clear explanation—we intend to follow up on this matter.**

We also continue to promote the visibility of published articles through the RSAI official website and newsletter, as well as via the social media platforms of ERSA and NARSC. The marketing strategy committed by Elsevier—particularly the inclusion of *PiRS* in **ScienceDirect**, effective since September 2024—is expected to contribute significantly to this objective.

Regarding subject areas, **Figure 3** shows the distribution of published pages by discipline. The share of contributions in **economics** and **geography** has increased, likely reflecting the journal's

strong JCR rankings in these fields. In contrast, the representation of **public policy** and **engineering** topics has declined.

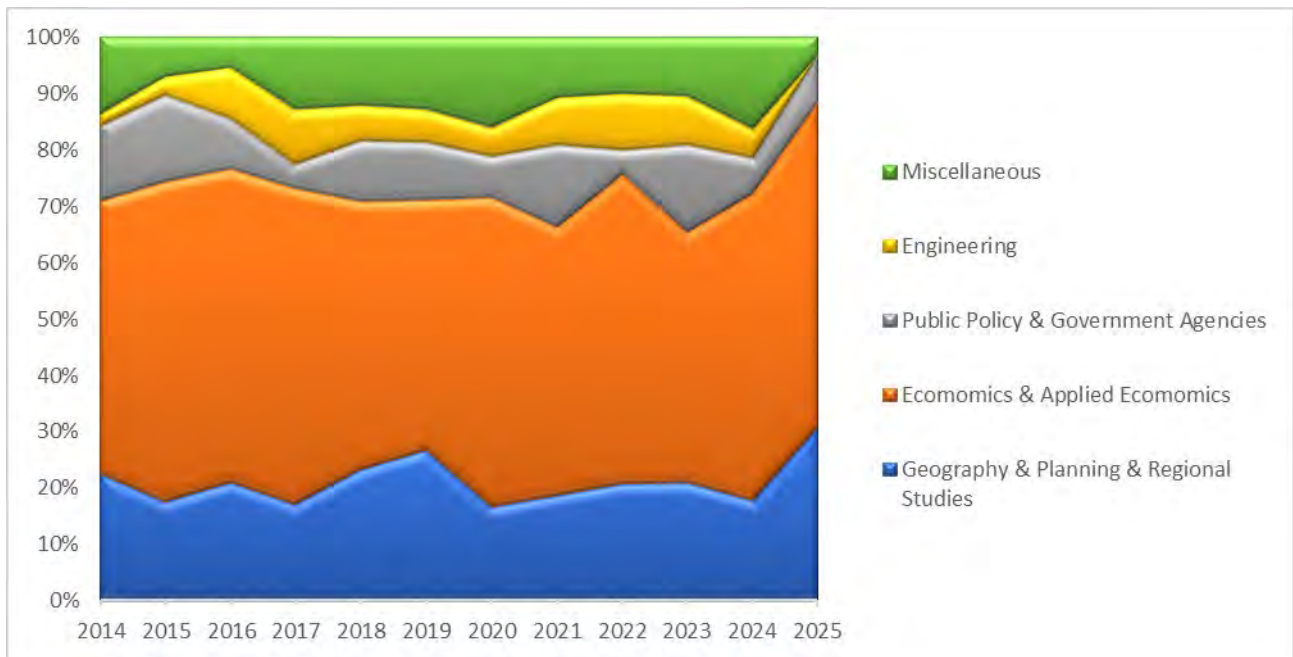


Figure 3. Author pages by affiliation of the author(s), Vol. 93–103, 2014–2025(until issue 2)

Even if the general breakdown in terms of areas keeps relatively stable, in each area, the last numbers and issues of the *journal published innovative and relevant research topics under the lens of the regional science: gender issues, environmental issues, natural disasters and cultural heritage*. It is worth nothing the that 2023, 2024 and 2025 Martin Backman award went to three contributions belonging to these new research topics.

2. IMPACT FACTOR

The Clarivate and CiteScore IF for 2024 have been released: our IF in CiteScore increased to 4.8 (from 4.4) and the Clarivate JCR keep constant (2.3).

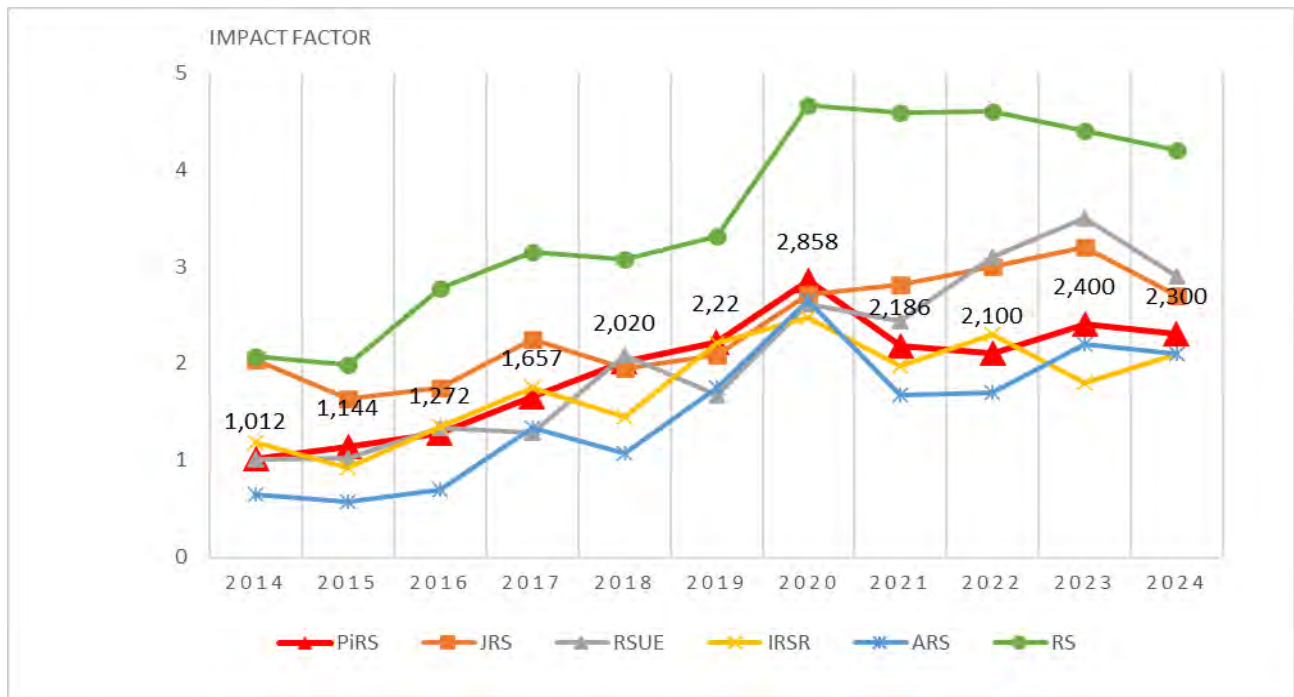


Fig. 4. Citation Impact Factor for various regional science journals, 2014–2024

The last available data for SCIMAGO PiRS confirms its position in the first quartile. In addition,

1. The **number of cited documents consolidates around 170**, while non cited ones drop to 6.
2. The total citations grew from **2456 to 3010**, while the **per document citation increased from 2.6 to 3.1**. PiRS keeps its position in the best quartile for what concerns both Environmental Science and Social Science (Geography, Planning and Development) with an IF of 0.91.



Fig. 5. Metrics based on Scopus® data as of March 2025

The 2024 Clarivate IF for PiRS confirms around 2.3 (as the IF for 2021); this result is important because our direct competitors experienced an important drop in their IF in 2024 (see Figure 4).

The decision to move to a gold open access journal with all the archive free available online will generate a tangible return for the 2024 IF index onward; we hope to improve our IF in 2025 given the full dissemination of PIRS publication in ScienceDirect. In addition, the increasing

relevance of the underpinning commitments of the CoARA and DORA agreement towards open science practices will call PiRS to implement initiatives to make research material available in peers-to-peers platforms as, for instance, a repository for the databases of the published articles to replicate results.

3 CONCLUDING REMARKS

The action and initiatives implemented by the current Editorial team helped PiRS to consolidate its reputation and visibility in academia and serving RSAI in its dissemination mission.

The most visible achievements are the increase in the number of submissions, the drop of the delay in managing and publishing contributions as well as the opening of new lines of scientific discussion of interest for the scientific communities.

The transformation of the journal from the hybrid to the gold open access format and the changing conditions of the scientific environment moving towards an open science model entail important challenges for the Journal and call for new initiatives to keep being PiRS a point of reference in regional science.

Rosella Nicolini
Editor-in-chief, on the behalf of the Editorial Team

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Timeline

2008	First issue published . First EiC (Prof . Michael Carroll)
2010	Two volumes published
2011	Four volumes published
2017	Second EiC (Prof . Tomas Dentinho) . New strategy . Substantial growth in submissions .
2023	First indexation on WoS
2024	New contact with Elsevier . RSPP becomes Gold Open Access
2025	New Editorial board

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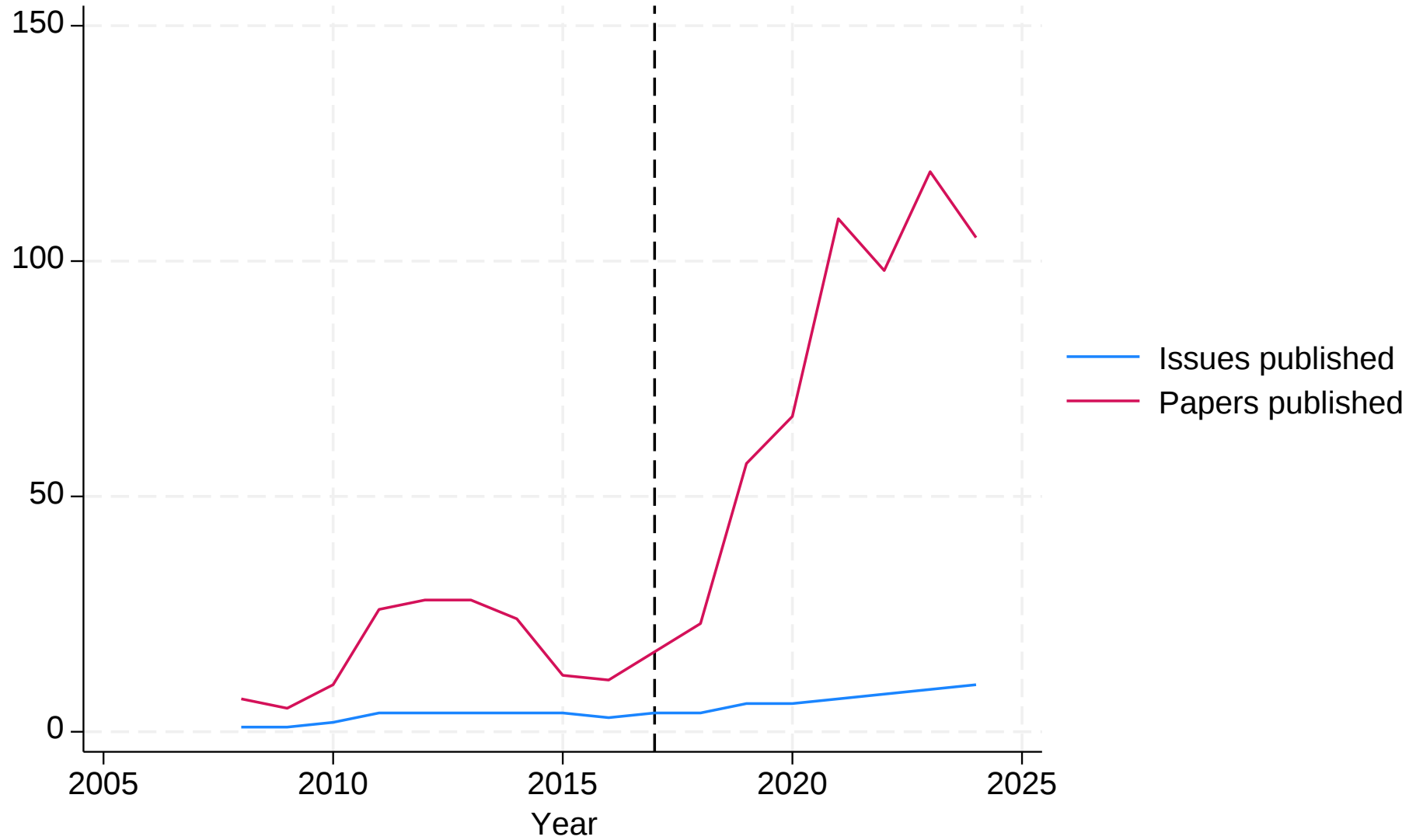


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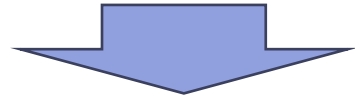
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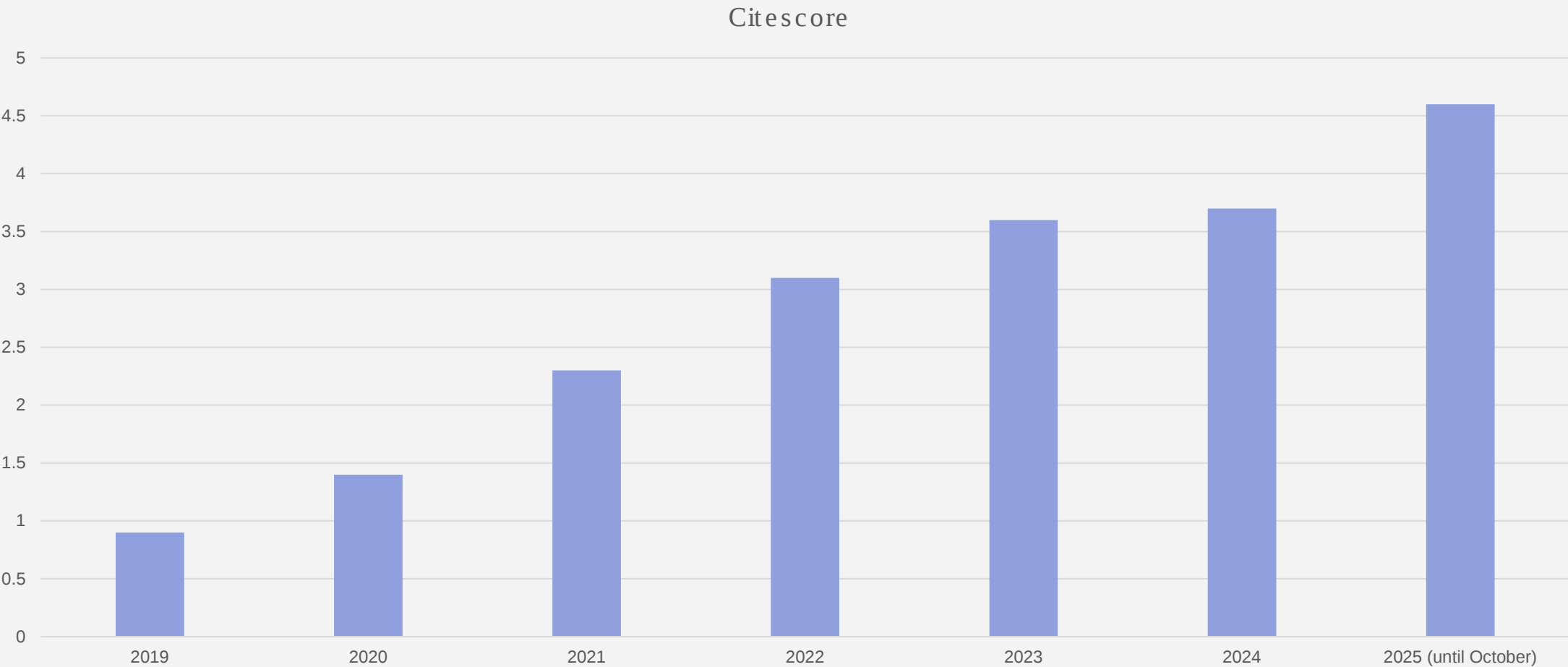
Current and future goals

1. Strengthening RSPP's scientific identity
2. Further increasing the average quality of what the journal publishes
3. Improving the journal's indexation in major national academic rankings



4. We will do our best not only to make RSPP the policy journal of the RSAI but, also, to make it the reference journal of the best papers on regional policies, as well as on the regional impacts of space-blind policies, for all disciplines.

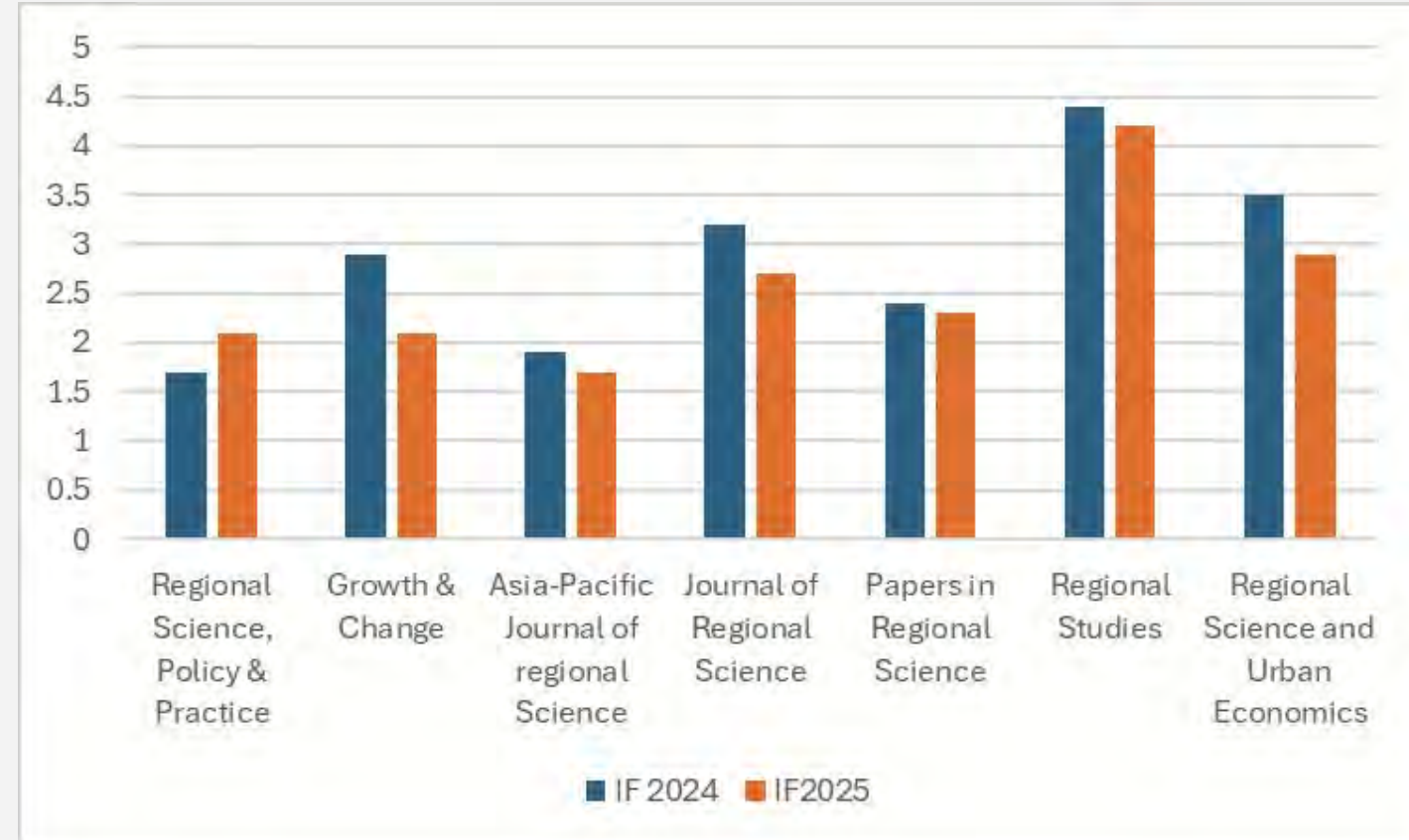
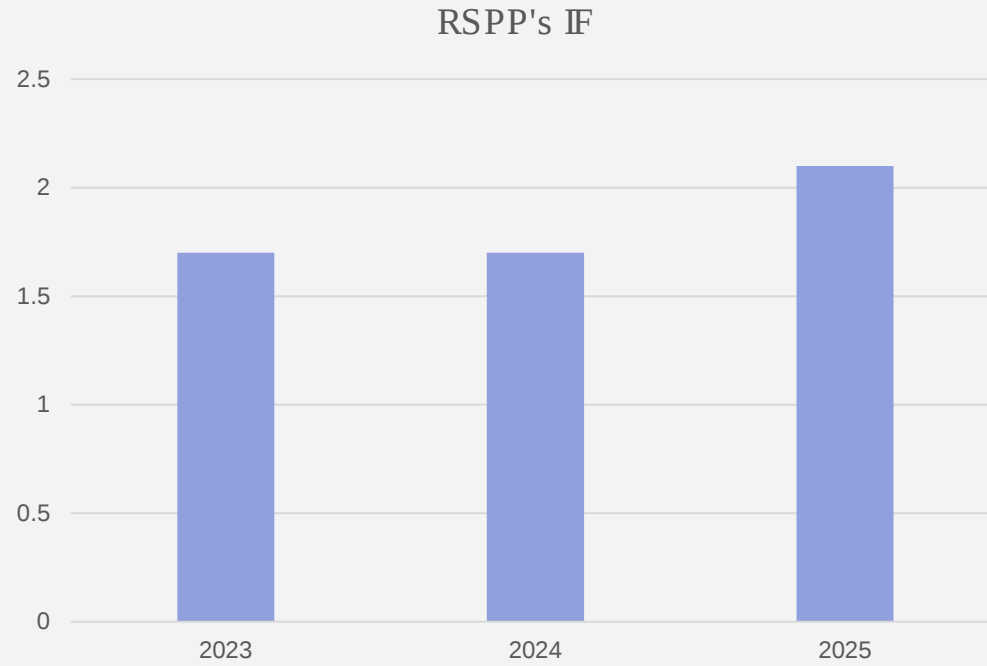
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Indexing (2: Impact Factor)



Challenges

Transition to gold open access

- Recently, the RSAI agreed to publish both its journals with a gold open access status . This decision was made to guarantee maximum exposure and visibility to our authors, as open access articles can be freely accessed everywhere .
- While article processing charges (APCs) are now mandatory, several measures are in place to support authors :
 - The *Research4Life* program offers full waivers for authors from low-income countries. You may find out whether your institution is eligible for a full waiver [here](#).
 - RSAI members receive a 20% discount on APCs.
 - Elsevier has signed transformative agreements with institutions and countries to cover APCs for eligible authors. You may find out whether you qualify for this alternative option [here](#).

We believe that the transition to gold open access will create value for our authors, as your work published this way will become much more accessible.

For a policy & practice journal, this is even more relevant, as we plan to contribute to bridging the gap between policymaking and scientific research.

As challenging as these goals may seem, we look forward to your support in making them happen. Please send your best spatial policy papers to our journal, and let us all make this the reference journal in the field of regional and urban policies.

Thank you, and a bientot,

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	Time trend	Dentinho management
Year	6.792*** (7.78)	-
Dummy, =1 after Prof. Dentinho's appointment	-	57.60*** (4.03)
Constant	-13648.1** (-7.77)	16.78*** (5.27)
Observations	17	17
Adjusted R ²	0.713	0.515

Table 1. Time determinants of papers published on RSPP

*t statistics in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$*

Bank account in Euros

1	Balance brought forward from 2024 (01-01-2025)	622 329,93 €
2	Closing Balance carried forward (until 06/11/2025)	140 943,20 €
3	SAVE ACCOUNT	500 000,00 €
4=(2-1+3)	Margin of 2025	18 613,27 €

ACCOUNTS FROM 2025 (from 1 Jan. to 18 Aug.)

Description	Revenues	Costs	NET PROFIT
General	- €	8 119,47 €	- 8 119,47 €
ACCOUNTING	- €	1 597,47 €	- 1 597,47 €
ANUAL FEE LICENCE FOR SYSTEM OF BILLING	- €	125,28 €	- 125,28 €
WEBSERVER	- €	- €	- €
MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEE	- €	378,00 €	- 378,00 €
RSAI SECRETARIATE	- €	6 000,00 €	- 6 000,00 €
OTHERS (credit card system charges and other bank	- €	18,72 €	- 18,72 €
Others	- €	- €	- €
Return transfer	- €	- €	- €
Executive Directorate	- €	7 500,99 €	- 7 500,99 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES	- €	7 500,99 €	- 7 500,99 €
Editorial Activity	- €	22 541,78 €	- 22 541,78 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	- €	- €	- €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	- €	- €	- €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- €	8 500,00 €	- 8 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	- €	3 044,63 €	- 3 044,63 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- €	6 000,00 €	- 6 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	- €	4 997,15 €	- 4 997,15 €
ARQUIVIST	- €	- €	- €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	- €	- €	- €
RSPP & PIRS Journal Royalties	43 463,71 €	- €	43 463,71 €
ELSEVIER - 2024 RSPP & PIRS Journal Royalty	39 172,56 €	- €	39 172,56 €
WILEY - 2024 RSPP & PIRS Journal Royalty	4 291,15 €	- €	4 291,15 €
RSai Awards	- €	3 235,17 €	- 3 235,17 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD - CASH 2025	- €	750,99 €	- 750,99 €
RSAI YOUNG PRIZE 2026 - 1 ^o Prize - CASH	- €	- €	- €
RSAI YOUNG PRIZE 2026 - 2 ^o Prize - CASH	- €	- €	- €
DISSERTATION AWARD - CASH 2024	- €	750,99 €	- 750,99 €
DISSERTATION AWARD - CASH 2025	- €	- €	- €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD - CASH 2024	- €	780,10 €	- 780,10 €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD - CASH 2025	- €	- €	- €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD - CASH 2025	- €	752,97 €	- 752,97 €
PLAQUES	- €	200,12 €	- 200,12 €
RSai Supports	- €	24 191,90 €	- 24 191,90 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2025	- €	23 656,60 €	- 23 656,60 €
BULDING BRIDGES	- €	535,30 €	- 535,30 €
Memberships	35 173,57 €	- €	35 173,57 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1 310,85 €	- €	1 310,85 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 490,00 €	- €	1 490,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	430,00 €	- €	430,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	210,00 €	- €	210,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	- €	- €	- €

MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	220,00 €	- €	220,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	980,00 €	- €	980,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	600,00 €	- €	600,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	189,87 €	- €	189,87 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION (from 2024+2025)	590,00 €	- €	590,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 140,00 €	- €	1 140,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	299,25 €	- €	299,25 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	1 780,00 €	- €	1 780,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 090,00 €	- €	2 090,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION (from 2024)	580,00 €	- €	580,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1 640,00 €	- €	1 640,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	510,81 €	- €	510,81 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	390,00 €	- €	390,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	4 210,00 €	- €	4 210,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4 710,00 €	- €	4 710,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	299,44 €	- €	299,44 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	425,00 €	- €	425,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION (from 2024)	4 498,35 €	- €	4 498,35 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	330,00 €	- €	330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	1 100,00 €	- €	1 100,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 330,00 €	- €	1 330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	450,00 €	- €	450,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	280,00 €	- €	280,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 090,00 €	- €	3 090,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
2026 RSAI World Congress	- €	806,43 €	- 806,43 €
Oxford abstract system	- €	806,43 €	- 806,43 €
DEPOSITS (savings account)	1 506 381,73 €	1 500 000,00 €	6 381,73 €
DEPOSIT 2025-01-21 - move to savings account for 3 months of interest	500 000,00 €	500 000,00 €	- €
3 months of interest (93 days) - interests on 2025-04-24	2 397,66 €	- €	2 397,66 €
DEPOSIT 2025-04-28 - move to savings account for 6 months of interest	500 000,00 €	500 000,00 €	- €
6 months of interest (183 days) - interests on 2025-10-28	3 984,07 €	- €	3 984,07 €
DEPOSIT 2025-10-28 - move to savings account for 6 months of interest	500 000,00 €	500 000,00 €	- €
6 months of interest (183 days) - interests on 2026-04-26	- €	- €	- €
TOTAL	1 585 019,01 €	1 566 395,74 €	18 623,27 €

Movements RSAI Account in € - 2025							
Date	Descriptive	Doc	Receipts	Payments	Balance	CC	Notes
01/01/2025	Balance brought forward:		- €	- €	622 329,93 €		
January							
03/01/2025	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	422,67 €	621 907,26 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	ERSA 2025
03/01/2025	NNT RSAI 2025		- €	6 000,00 €	615 907,26 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	ERSA Summer School 2025 "Sustainability, innovation and regional development"
03/01/2025	PGT2501030000381	R1/2025	425,00 €	- €	616 332,26 €	Memberships	Mexican Section 2025
03/01/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	616 331,27 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	ERSA 2025
03/01/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	616 330,28 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	ERSA Summer School 2025 "Sustainability, innovation and regional development"
07/01/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	698,70 €	615 631,58 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel ERSA2025, Terceira and Italy
07/01/2025	PGE0948000775258		- €	7 000,00 €	608 631,58 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	PRSCO Summer Institute, Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025
07/01/2025	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	21,84 €	608 609,74 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	PRSCO Summer Institute, Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025
07/01/2025	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	608 595,24 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	PRSCO Summer Institute, Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025
07/01/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	608 594,25 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel ERSA2025, Terceira and Italy
09/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR1+2/2025	96,25 €	- €	608 690,50 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (2) 2025
10/01/2025	TRF HRVATSKA SEKCIJA	R2/2025	350,00 €	- €	609 040,50 €	Memberships	Croatian Section 2024
13/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR3+4+5+6/2 025	192,35 €	- €	609 232,85 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (4) 2025
15/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR7/2025	49,05 €	- €	609 281,90 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
16/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR8/2025	48,05 €	- €	609 329,95 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
17/01/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025			189,71 €	609 140,24 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel Italy
17/01/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	609 139,25 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel Italy
20/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR9+10/2025	94,40 €	- €	609 233,65 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (2) 2025
20/01/2025	PAGAMENTO		- €	125,28 €	609 108,37 €	General-Accounts	Annual billing program license 2025
21/01/2025	PGT2501210000091	R3/2025	980,00 €	0	610 088,37 €	Memberships	Chilean Section 2025
21/01/2025	TRF DP 3 MESES		- €	500 000,00 €	110 088,37 €	General-Accounts	move to save account for 3 months of interest
22/01/2025	NNT RSAI 2025		- €	1 600,00 €	108 488,37 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	Doctorales ASRDLF 2025 (PhD Winter School of the French speaking regional science association)
22/01/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	108 487,38 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	Doctorales ASRDLF 2025 (PhD Winter School of the French speaking regional science association)
27/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR11/2025	49,05 €	- €	108 536,43 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
27/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR12/2025	48,20 €	- €	108 584,63 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
29/01/2025	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	531,76 €	108 052,87 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	Hotel ERSA 2025
29/01/2025	TRF ASOCIATIA ROMANA	R4/2025	450,00 €	- €	108 502,87 €	Memberships	Romanian Section 2025
29/01/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	108 501,88 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	Hotel ERSA 2025
30/01/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR13/2025	47,20 €	- €	108 549,08 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
February							
03/02/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR14/2025	49,05 €	- €	108 598,13 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025

06/02/2025	TRF A I S RE C O PROF	R5/2025	4 210,00 €	- €	112 808,13 €	Memberships	Italian Section 2025
06/02/2025	TRF Gesellschaft fuer	R6/2025	2 040,00 €	- €	114 848,13 €	Memberships	German Section 2025
06/02/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR15+FR16/2025	96,10 €	- €	114 944,23 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (2) 2025
11/02/2025	TFI PAYPAL	R7/2025	510,81 €	- €	115 455,04 €	Memberships	Indonesia Section 2025
21/02/2025	TRF Mrtt	R8/2025	1 560,00 €	- €	117 015,04 €	Memberships	Hungarian Section 2025
March							
03/03/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	910,04 €	116 105,00 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel Workshop in Samarkand
03/03/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	116 104,01 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel Workshop in Samarkand
06/03/2025	PGR2503060000088	R9/2025	4 710,00 €	- €	120 814,01 €	Memberships	Japan Section 2025
10/03/2025	PGT2503100001273	R13/2025	600,00 €	- €	121 414,01 €	Memberships	China Section 2025
10/03/2025	TFI INSTITOUTO PERIFE	R12/2025	580,00 €	- €	121 994,01 €	Memberships	Greek Section 2024
11/03/2025	TFI EMIL ISRAEL AND B	R11/2025	390,00 €	- €	122 384,01 €	Memberships	Israel Section 2025
11/03/2025	TFI PAYPAL	R10/2025	299,25 €	- €	122 683,26 €	Memberships	Ecuador Section 2025
12/03/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	1 602,52 €	121 080,74 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Workshop in Samarkand + Travel Colombia (5th Regional and Urban Economics Workshop)
12/03/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	121 079,75 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Workshop in Samarkand + Travel Colombia (5th Regional and Urban Economics Workshop)
21/03/2025	NNT RSAI 2025			2 000,00 €	119 079,75 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	3rd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia
21/03/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	119 078,76 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	3rd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia
25/03/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR17/2025	48,05 €	- €	119 126,81 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
26/03/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	1 504,81 €	117 622,00 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Hotel Athenas + Hotel IRSA + Flights IRSA PRSCO
26/03/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	117 621,01 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Hotel Athenas + Hotel IRSA + Flights IRSA PRSCO
27/03/2025	RSPP PIRS EDIT OFFICE		- €	14 500,00 €	103 121,01 €	PIRS and RSPP Editorial Office Annual Expenses 2025	PIRS and RSPP Editorial Office Annual Expenses 2025
28/03/2025	TEI25032700000035	R14/2025	1 490,00 €	- €	104 611,01 €	Memberships	ARSC Section 2025
28/03/2025	AISRE2025 QUOTA A C		- €	310,00 €	104 301,01 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	AISRE registration
28/03/2025	ERSA25 ANDREA CARAGLI		- €	410,00 €	103 891,01 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	ERSA registration
28/03/2025	TRF BULGARIAN REGIONA	R15/2025	220,00 €	- €	104 111,01 €	Memberships	Bulgarian Section 2025
28/03/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	104 110,02 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	AISRE registration
28/03/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	104 109,03 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	ERSA registration
31/03/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR18/2025	47,20 €	- €	104 156,23 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
April							
02/04/2025	FT 2025 112 TOC		- €	531,50 €	103 624,73 €	General-Accounts	1° trimestre 2025
02/04/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	103 623,74 €	General-Accounts	1° trimestre 2025
17/04/2025	TRF Gesellschaft fuer	R16/2025	50,00 €	- €	103 673,74 €	Memberships	German Section 2025
24/04/2025	CAP0001 0099052883420		500 000,00 €	- €	603 673,74 €	General-Accounts	Return from save account for 3 months of interest
24/04/2025	JUR0001 0099052883420		2 397,66 €	- €	606 071,40 €	General-Accounts	3 months of interest

28/04/2025	TRANSFERENCIA		- €	500 000,00 €	106 071,40 €	General-Accounts	move to save account for 6 months of interest
28/04/2025	TFI PAYPAL	R17/2025	4 498,35 €	- €	110 569,75 €	Memberships	NARSC Section 2025
30/04/2025	TRF Asoc espanola De	R18/2025	3 060,00 €	- €	113 629,75 €	Memberships	Spanish Section 2025
May							
02/05/2025	TRF Elsevier BV		39 172,56 €	- €	152 802,31 €	Elsevier - RSPP & PIRS Journal Royalty Final 2024	RSPP & PIRS Journal Royalty Final 2024
06/05/2025	TRF BALTIJOS REGIONO	R19/2025	210,00 €	- €	153 012,31 €	Memberships	Baltic Section 2025
06/05/2025	TRF Spolocnost pre re	R20/2025	280,00 €	- €	153 292,31 €	Memberships	Slovak Section 2025
06/05/2025	PGE0948000789866		- €	500,00 €	152 792,31 €	Awards - Building bridges program	ERSA 2025 - Shraddha Pandit (India)
06/05/2025	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	20,80 €	152 771,51 €	Awards - Building bridges program	ERSA 2025 - Shraddha Pandit (India)
06/05/2025	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	152 757,01 €	Awards - Building bridges program	ERSA 2025 - Shraddha Pandit (India)
12/05/2025	TFI PAYPAL	R21/2025	189,87 €	- €	152 946,88 €	Memberships	Colombian Section 2025
14/05/2025	PGR2505130000156	R22/2025	299,44 €	- €	153 246,32 €	Memberships	Korean Section 2025
22/05/2025	TRF JOHN WILEY SONS		4 291,15 €	- €	157 537,47 €	WILEY - 2024 RSPP & PIRS Journal Royalty	
27/05/2025	PGT2505270000039	R24/2025	430,00 €	- €	157 967,47 €	Memberships	Australian Section 2025
29/05/2025	PGE0948000793104		- €	2 500,00 €	155 467,47 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	5th Urban and Regional Economics Workshop and Summer Course on Regional Science", 23-29 June 2025, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana-Bogotá Colombia
29/05/2025	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	20,80 €	155 446,67 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	5th Urban and Regional Economics Workshop and Summer Course on Regional Science", 23-29 June 2025, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana-Bogotá Colombia
29/05/2025	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	155 432,17 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	5th Urban and Regional Economics Workshop and Summer Course on Regional Science", 23-29 June 2025, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana-Bogotá Colombia
June							
04/06/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	640,98 €	154 791,19 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel Workshop in Samarkand
04/06/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	154 790,20 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Travel Workshop in Samarkand
05/06/2025	FT 2025/197		- €	531,50 €	154 258,70 €	General-Accounts	2º trimestre 2025
05/06/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	154 257,71 €	General-Accounts	2º trimestre 2025
09/06/2025	COMPRAS C.DEB SENDINB		- €	378,00 €	153 879,71 €	General - EMAIL	MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEEE
11/06/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR19/2025	49,05 €	- €	153 928,76 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
12/06/2025	TFI ASSOC SCIENCE REG	R25/2025	1 780,00 €	- €	155 708,76 €	Memberships	French Section 2025
12/06/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR20/2025	47,20 €	- €	155 755,96 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
13/06/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR21/2025	49,05 €	- €	155 805,01 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
16/06/2025	TRF Mrtt	R26/2025	40,00 €	- €	155 845,01 €	Memberships	Hungarian Section 2025
17/06/2025	TRF Mrtt	R27/2025	20,00 €	- €	155 865,01 €	Memberships	Hungarian Section 2025
18/06/2025	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	356,92 €	155 508,09 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	Change travel to ERSA 2025
18/06/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	155 507,10 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	Change travel to ERSA 2025
23/06/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	570,34 €	154 936,76 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Reimburshement Colombian Workshop
23/06/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	154 935,77 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Reimburshement Colombian Workshop
25/06/2025	TRF Mrtt	R28/2025	20,00 €	- €	154 955,77 €	Memberships	Hungarian Section 2025
25/06/2025	TRF Caixadirecta EMP	FR22/2025	1 330,00 €	- €	156 285,77 €	Memberships	Portuguese Section 2025

27/06/2025	TRF HRVATSKA SEKCIJA	R29/2025	240,00 €	- €	156 525,77 €	Memberships	Croatian Section 2025
July							
01/07/2025	TRF ERSA NORDIC SECTI	R30/2025	330,00 €	- €	156 855,77 €	Memberships	Nordic Section 2025
07/07/2025	TRF STOWARZYSZENIE EU	R31/2025	1 100,00 €	- €	157 955,77 €	Memberships	Polish Section 2025
15/07/2025	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	355,84 €	157 599,93 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	NEW travel to APDR 2025
15/07/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	157 598,94 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	NEW travel to APDR 2025
21/07/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	384,75 €	157 214,19 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Reimbursement attendance to INRA and PRSCO
21/07/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	157 213,20 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Reimbursement attendance to INRA and PRSCO
25/07/2025	REIMBURSEMENT PRSCO		- €	1 391,72 €	155 821,48 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	Travel + other to PRSCO2025 (Colombo)
25/07/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	155 820,49 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	Travel + other to PRSCO2025 (Colombo)
August							
01/08/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR23/2025	48,05 €	- €	155 868,54 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
11/08/2025	PGE0948000802579		- €	750,00 €	155 118,54 €	Awards	2024 The Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award - Pedro Amaral
11/08/2025	TRF CRED NAO SEPA+ DE		- €	15,60 €	155 102,94 €	Awards	2024 The Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award - Pedro Amaral
11/08/2025	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	155 088,44 €	Awards	2024 The Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award - Pedro Amaral
13/08/2025	RSAI Dissertation Award 2024		- €	750,00 €	154 338,44 €	Awards	RSAI Dissertation Award 2024 - Pot, Felix
13/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	154 337,45 €	Awards	RSAI Dissertation Award 2024 - Pot, Felix
14/08/2025	Plaques and certificates		- €	199,13 €	154 138,32 €	Awards	Plaques and certificates for the Awards in ERSA2025
14/08/2025	PGE0099000007937		- €	1 500,00 €	152 638,32 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	" Smart and Sustainable Cities/Urban Planning", that will take place at the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia , Yerevan 20th -22nd October 2025"
14/08/2025	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	31,20 €	152 607,12 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	" Smart and Sustainable Cities/Urban Planning", that will take place at the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia , Yerevan 20th -22nd October 2025"
14/08/2025	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	152 592,62 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	" Smart and Sustainable Cities/Urban Planning", that will take place at the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia , Yerevan 20th -22nd October 2025"

14/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	152 591,63 €	Awards	Plaques and certificates for the Awards in ERSA2025
15/08/2025	Beckmann Award 2025		- €	750,00 €	151 841,63 €	Awards	Beckmann Award 2025 - prize money paper
15/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	151 840,64 €	Awards	Beckmann Award 2025 - prize money paper
27/08/2025	RSPP Award 2025		- €	250,00 €	151 590,64 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2025 - Jorge Díaz Lanchas
27/08/2025	RSPP Award 2025		- €	250,00 €	151 340,64 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2025 - Diego Loras Gimeno
27/08/2025	RSPP Award 2025		- €	250,00 €	151 090,64 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2025 - Gonzalo Gómez Bengoechea
27/08/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	184,00 €	150 906,64 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Extra bag for plaques ERSA+ parking ERSA
27/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	150 905,65 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2025 - Jorge Díaz Lanchas
27/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	150 904,66 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2025 - Diego Loras Gimeno
27/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	150 903,67 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2025 - Gonzalo Gómez Bengoechea
27/08/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	150 902,68 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Extra bag for plaques ERSA+ parking ERSA
28/08/2025	PGE0948000804634		- €	1 400,00 €	149 502,68 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	2025 RECIR Regional Science Workshop", that will take place at the University of Guayaquil in Guayaquil, Ecuador
28/08/2025	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	20,80 €	149 481,88 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	2025 RECIR Regional Science Workshop", that will take place at the University of Guayaquil in Guayaquil, Ecuador
28/08/2025	DESPESE DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	149 467,38 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	2025 RECIR Regional Science Workshop", that will take place at the University of Guayaquil in Guayaquil, Ecuador
September							
02/09/2025	FT 2025 325 TOC		- €	531,50 €	148 935,88 €	General-Accounts	3º trimestre 2025
02/09/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	148 934,89 €	General-Accounts	3º trimestre 2025
03/09/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR24/2025	49,05 €	- €	148 983,94 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
04/09/2025	ERSA 2025 - Expenses		- €	2 881,47 €	146 102,47 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	expenses for Athens - ERSA 2025
04/09/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	146 101,48 €	RSPP Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	expenses for Athens - ERSA 2025
09/09/2025	TFI REGIONAL SCIENCE	R32/2025	1 140,00 €	- €	147 241,48 €	Memberships	DUTCH SECTION 2025
10/09/2025	COMPRA OXFORD ABSTRAC		- €	790,00 €	146 451,48 €	World Congress 2026	Oxford abstract system
10/09/2025	2,0 COM SB		- €	15,80 €	146 435,68 €	World Congress 2026	Oxford abstract system
10/09/2025	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	0,63 €	146 435,05 €	World Congress 2026	Oxford abstract system
12/09/2025	NNT RSAI 2025 Cape Town		- €	1 500,00 €	144 935,05 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	The 3rd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa

12/09/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	144 934,06 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2025	The 3rd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa
16/09/2025	RSAI ED EXPENSES 2025		- €	805,24 €	144 128,82 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Hotel Cape Town, South Africa - NNT
16/09/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	144 127,83 €	ED-EXPENSES 2025	Hotel Cape Town, South Africa - NNT
18/09/2025	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	1 372,49 €	142 755,34 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	travel to NARSC 2025
18/09/2025	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	142 754,35 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2025	travel to NARSC 2025
20/09/2025	DISP CARTAO DEBITO		- €	18,00 €	142 736,35 €	General - Others	RENEW OF DEBIT CARD
20/09/2025	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	0,72 €	142 735,63 €	General - Others	RENEW OF DEBIT CARD
October							
02/10/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR25/2025	49,05 €	- €	142 784,68 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
23/10/2025	TRF ASOC ESPANOLA DE	R33/2025	30,00 €	- €	142 814,68 €	Memberships	Spanish Section 2025
28/10/2025	CAP0002 0099052883420		500 000,00 €	- €	642 814,68 €	General-Accounts	Return from save account for 6 months of interest
28/10/2025	JUR0002 0099052883420		3 984,07 €	- €	646 798,75 €	General-Accounts	6 months of interest (183 days)
28/10/2025	TRANSFERENCIA		- €	500 000,00 €	146 798,75 €	General-Accounts	move to save account for 6 months of interest
November							
03/11/2025	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR27/2025	48,20 €	- €	146 846,95 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
03/11/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR26/2025	47,20 €	- €	146 894,15 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
06/11/2025	TFI PAYPAL	FR28/2025	49,05 €	- €	146 943,20 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2025
06/11/2025	RSAI secretariate 25		- €	6 000,00 €	140 943,20 €	General	Assistance to RSAI secretariate (members and website)

Annex VIII

Account Name : NARSC International Fund

Resume Statements

	BEGINNING BALANCES	ENDING BALANCES
From JANUARY 1, 2025 through MARCH 31, 2025	\$ 96 125,34	\$ 95 435,49
From JANUARY 1, 2024 through DECEMBER 31, 2024		
From JANUARY 1, 2023 through DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$ 76 712,03	\$ 79 156,26
From JANUARY 1, 2022 through DECEMBER 31, 2022	\$ 71 015,43	\$ 76 712,03
From JANUARY 1, 2021 through DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$ 64 255,89	\$ 71 015,43
From JANUARY 1, 2020 through DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 60 437,87	\$ 64 256,89
From JANUARY 1, 2019 through DECEMBER 31, 2019	\$ 66 208,89	\$ 60 437,87
From JANUARY 1, 2018 through DECEMBER 31, 2018	\$ 59 941,24	\$ 66 208,89
From JANUARY 1, 2017 through DECEMBER 31, 2017	\$ 56 413,66	\$ 59 941,24
From JANUARY 1, 2016 through DECEMBER 31, 2016	\$ 45 850,49	\$ 56 413,66
From JANUARY 1, 2015 through DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 46 874,08	\$ 45 850,49
From JANUARY 1, 2014 through DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$ 45 583,02	\$ 46 874,08
From JANUARY 1, 2013 through DECEMBER 31, 2013	\$ 45 163,33	\$ 45 617,68
From JUNE 1, 2012 through DECEMBER 31, 2012		\$ 45 162,62

Annex IX

ANNEX BUDGET PROPOSAL 2026

Description	Revenues	Costs	Revenues-costs
General	0,00 €	10.278,00 €	-10.278,00 €
ACCOUNTING & ANNUAL FEE LICENCE FOR SYSTEM OF BILLING	0,00 €	3.700,00 €	-3.700,00 €
WEBSERVER - only need to be renewed in 04-04-2027	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEE	0,00 €	378,00 €	-378,00 €
RSAI SECRETARIAT	0,00 €	6.000,00 €	-6.000,00 €
OTHERS	0,00 €	200,00 €	-200,00 €
Executive Directorate	0,00 €	7.500,00 €	-7.500,00 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES	0,00 €	7.500,00 €	-7.500,00 €
Editorial Activity	0,00 €	28.500,00 €	-28.500,00 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	0,00 €	2.000,00 €	-2.000,00 €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	8.500,00 €	-8.500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5.000,00 €	-5.000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	6.000,00 €	-6.000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5.000,00 €	-5.000,00 €
ARCHIVIST	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	0,00 €	1.000,00 €	-1.000,00 €
RSai Awards	0,00 €	4.900,00 €	-4.900,00 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
DISSERTATION AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 1ST PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	600,00 €	-600,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 2ND PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	300,00 €	-300,00 €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PLAQUES	0,00 €	1.000,00 €	-1.000,00 €
RSai Supports	0,00 €	32.727,22 €	-32.727,22 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2026	0,00 €	27.727,22 €	-27.727,22 €
BULDING BRIDGES	0,00 €	5.000,00 €	-5.000,00 €
Elsevier	39.172,56 €	0,00 €	39.172,56 €
2025 Revenues (PIRS and RSPP) - based on the revenues of 2024	39.172,56 €	0,00 €	39.172,56 €
2026 RSai World Congress	15.000,00 €	0,00 €	15.000,00 €
20 % Registration fees and sponsorships to RSai	15.000,00 €	0,00 €	15.000,00 €
Others	7.000,00 €	0,00 €	7.000,00 €
Interests - Deposits in saving account	7.000,00 €	0,00 €	7.000,00 €
Deposit cash money from 2026	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Refund VAT 2026 from State	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Return transfer	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Memberships	37.305,15 €	0,00 €	37.305,15 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1.500,00 €	0,00 €	1.500,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €	50,00 €

MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1.490,00 €	0,00 €	1.490,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	430,00 €	0,00 €	430,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	210,00 €	0,00 €	210,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	1.045,00 €	0,00 €	1.045,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	530,00 €	0,00 €	530,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	220,00 €	0,00 €	220,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	980,00 €	0,00 €	980,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	600,00 €	0,00 €	600,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	189,87 €	0,00 €	189,87 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	240,00 €	0,00 €	240,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1.140,00 €	0,00 €	1.140,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	299,25 €	0,00 €	299,25 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	1.780,00 €	0,00 €	1.780,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2.090,00 €	0,00 €	2.090,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	580,00 €	0,00 €	580,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1.640,00 €	0,00 €	1.640,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	144,00 €	0,00 €	144,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	510,81 €	0,00 €	510,81 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	390,00 €	0,00 €	390,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	4.210,00 €	0,00 €	4.210,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4.710,00 €	0,00 €	4.710,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	299,44 €	0,00 €	299,44 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	425,00 €	0,00 €	425,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	4.498,35 €	0,00 €	4.498,35 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	330,00 €	0,00 €	330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	1.100,00 €	0,00 €	1.100,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1.330,00 €	0,00 €	1.330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	450,00 €	0,00 €	450,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	280,00 €	0,00 €	280,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3.090,00 €	0,00 €	3.090,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	25,00 €	0,00 €	25,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	498,43 €	0,00 €	498,43 €
TOTAL	98.477,71 €	83.905,22 €	14.572,49 €

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SARSA BACKGROUND

The aspiration to establish a Regional Science section in Southern Africa emerged from early collaborations in Zimbabwe and later extended to the broader region with ongoing support from RSAI membership — notably with the initial challenge of promoting a special issue for the RSAI journal *Regional Science Policy & Practice*. This vision materialised in July 2023 with the hosting of the 1st Southern Africa Regional Science Association (SARSA) Conference at the University of Zimbabwe under the theme “*Rethinking Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa*.” The event brought together over 50 delegates from Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Botswana, and Lesotho, including senior academics, early-career researchers, government officials, and several RSAI representatives, particularly Prof. Andrea Caragliu, Prof. Hans Westlund, and Prof. Eduardo Haddad. Delegates unanimously endorsed the establishment of a Southern African regional science body, leading to the creation of the Southern Africa Regional Science Association (SARSA) and a founding members list (see Appendix 1).

Building on this foundation, the 2nd SARSA Annual Conference was held in Maputo, Mozambique, from 19–20 June 2024, attracting around 80 participants, again representing both academic institutions and practitioners, primarily from Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. Three RSAI delegates (Prof. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, Prof. Eduardo Haddad and Prof. André Chagas) attended and encouraged SARSA leaders to formalise constitutional structures and expedite affiliation with RSAI. The General Meeting agreed that the next conference would be hosted in South Africa, continuing the rotation of events across the region to strengthen regional inclusivity.

The 3rd SARSA Annual Conference, held at the University of Cape Town (10-12 September 2025), marked a major milestone. This meeting began with the official signing of the SARSA Constitution by founding members, confirming SARSA as a formally established association governed by elected leadership. RSAI representatives – Prof. Viñuela, Prof. Dentinho, Prof. Haddad, and Prof. Odei – witnessed this significant step.

The three-day program featured plenary discussions with policymakers from the City of Cape Town, keynote speeches by globally renowned regional scientists, 34 academic paper presentations, a field visit to affordable housing developments, and an awards gala recognising excellence in regional science – including new awards for emerging scholars and policy-relevant research.

The City of Cape Town, the SARCHI Chair in City-Region Economies (UFS), the University of Cape Town's Department of Construction Economics and Management, and RSAI's Nurturing Talent support were among the key sponsors, demonstrating strong institutional partnerships in the region.

SARSA has now held three successful annual conferences in three different countries and has established its first executive committee led by Dr Tazviona Richman Gambe. Future conferences are scheduled for Namibia (2026) and Angola (2027), reflecting SARSA's commitment to expanding representation and regional cooperation throughout Southern Africa. SARSA has therefore demonstrated, before formal RSAI affiliation, consistent activity, a growing membership base, democratic governance, and an active constitution, satisfying key RSAI prerequisites for new sections.

MOTIVATION FOR A NEW RSAI SECTION

The creation of SARSA as an official RSAI section is driven by the need to institutionalise regional science across a region of strategic importance, yet historically underrepresented in global regional science networks. The motivation is anchored in three major arguments:

1. Extending RSAI's Scientific Reach to a Critical but Underrepresented Region

Southern Africa is undergoing a profound spatial transformation marked by rapid urbanisation, climate vulnerability, resource dependence, and uneven regional development. These dynamics have intensified governance and planning challenges, exposing the need for integrated, evidence-based approaches to territorial development. Despite the growing relevance of regional science to these issues, the region remains underrepresented within RSAI's global network, with limited institutional linkages and platforms for cross-country collaboration. The Southern Africa Regional Science Association (SARSA) fills this critical gap by offering an inclusive, interdisciplinary, and regionally grounded platform for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers. By connecting local expertise and empirical insights to RSAI's global research and policy frameworks, SARSA not only enhances the visibility of Southern African scholarship but also contributes new perspectives to global debates on spatial inequality, urban resilience, and sustainable regional development.

2. Supporting a Growing Base of Regional Science Talent in Southern Africa

Across the three SARSA conferences held between 2023 and 2025, participation has shown steady growth and increasing diversity – both in disciplinary scope and institutional representation. Doctoral candidates, early-career academics, and professional practitioners have emerged as key beneficiaries of mentorship,

research exposure, and capacity-building initiatives facilitated through RSAI's leadership. The introduction of competitive paper awards, thematic sessions, and regional academic networking activities has further strengthened scholarly engagement, fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration. These efforts have already begun to yield higher-quality research outputs and enhanced visibility for emerging scholars from Southern Africa. Formal affiliation with RSAI will consolidate these gains by strengthening SARSA's institutional capacity to expand membership, establish focused research clusters, and promote international collaboration and researcher mobility across the global RSAI network.

3. Strengthening RSAI's Global Mission of Inclusivity, Capacity Building, and Knowledge Dissemination

SARSA's establishment is fully aligned with RSAI's strategic ambition to extend the frontiers of regional science into parts of the world not yet represented by existing sections. Since its inception, SARSA has demonstrated a strong capacity to organise regular conferences and knowledge-sharing activities, establish enduring institutional partnerships, and maintain a transparent and democratically elected governance structure. These achievements reflect both institutional maturity and regional relevance — key prerequisites for sustainable affiliation. Formal recognition by RSAI will accelerate SARSA's growth trajectory, enhance its visibility within the international regional science community. Ultimately, affiliation will not only consolidate SARSA's role as the principal regional node for Southern Africa but also strengthen RSAI's global presence and scientific influence across the Global South.

In summary, SARSA seeks formal recognition as an RSAI section to:

- Consolidate and expand a strong network of scholars and practitioners
- Sustain annual conferences and regional knowledge exchanges
- Recruit new members from academia, government, and civil society
- Strengthen regional science's role in shaping Southern Africa's development future

SARSA is ready for affiliation, with momentum, leadership, and demonstrated capacity that strongly meet RSAI's evaluation criteria.

ESTIMATE OF NEW MEMBERS

Based on participation at the three SARSA annual conferences, Harare (2023), Maputo (2024) and Cape Town (2025), as well as institutional networks engaged across the region, SARSA anticipates a strong and growing membership base drawn from

universities, government agencies, research councils, NGOs, and the private sector. An initial estimate of potential members is outlined below:

Category	Expected Members (Year 1-3)	Key Sources
Professors & Senior Researchers	20-30	Regional Universities: University of Zimbabwe, University of Cape Town, University of the Free State, Eduardo Mondlane University, University of Botswana, University of Namibia, Stellenbosch University, etc.
Emerging Scholars (Postdoctoral Fellows; PhD & Masters Students)	20-30	Strong attendance from postgraduate cohorts at SARSA conferences and regional research programs
Practitioners (public sector, NGOs, private consulting, development agencies)	10-20	City of Cape Town, Human Settlements Department, regional planning councils, and development practitioners
Total Estimated Membership	50-80	Across 10 Southern African countries

Attendance registers for the events we have held so far are attached in the appendices section – Zimbabwe (Appendix 1), Mozambique (Appendix 2) and South Africa (Appendix 3). SARSA expects membership numbers to rise further as activities expand into Namibia (2026) and Angola (2027), reaching full regional coverage including Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, Lesotho and Eswatini.

ORGANISATION

SARSA operates under a democratically approved SARSA Constitution (Appendix 4) adopted at the 3rd Annual Conference (Cape Town, 2025). Governance structures include:

SARSA Council (2025–2027)

- **President:** Tazviona Richman Gambe (Zimbabwe)
- **Vice President:** Elizabeth Mirika Musvoto (South Africa)
- **Secretary-General:** Sam Mwando (Namibia)
- **Vice Secretary-General:** Hélder Marcelino (Angola)
- **Treasurer:** Inês Selça dos Santos Cuambe (Mozambique)
- **Country Representatives:** Botswana (Phenyo Mpolokang), Zambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Eswatini, and Angola (representatives for other countries to be updated).

SARSA Advisory Board (2025-2027)

- Mr Joel Chaeruka

- Prof. Samuel Odei
- Prof. Ivan Turok
- Prof. Roger Behrens

Representative Governance Structure

SARSA operates under a representative and transparent governance framework designed to ensure accountability, inclusivity, and regional balance. Its leadership is democratically elected, with executive positions rotating periodically to promote shared ownership and continuity. Country representation within the executive and advisory committees guarantees that diverse national perspectives are reflected in decision-making and strategic planning. The association's constitution provides a clear framework governing elections, membership, financial management, and institutional accountability. During this consolidation phase, advisory support from RSAI representatives continues to play a pivotal role in guiding SARSA's organisational development and aligning its operations with RSAI's global standards and best practices.

SARSA committees are also being formed for:

- Conferences and Events
- Research and Publications
- Training and Talent Development
- Partnerships and Fundraising
- Communication and Visibility. This subcommittee is responsible for managing the WhatsApp and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/southern-africa-regional-science-association/posts/?feedView=all>) accounts, and the website is under construction.

SARSA is thus well structured to deliver continuity, regional coordination, and long-term sustainability.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (FIRST 3 YEARS AS RSAI SECTION)

SARSA's program is designed to ensure high visibility, regional engagement, and capacity development. The planned events for the next three years are shown in the table below:

Year	Location	Activities
2026	Namibia	4th SARSA Annual Conference – Reimagining Regional Development Futures: Pathways to Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Growth in Southern Africa

2027	Angola	5th SARSA Annual Conference – Doctoral Colloquium & Practitioner Masterclass (Urban Systems Modelling)
2028	Botswana/Zambia	6th SARSA Annual Conference – Special Interest Group Sessions & Regional Science Schools (Summer/Winter)

Additional annual activities include:

- Quarterly online research seminars
- Cross-country research collaborations
- Student paper mentoring and awards program
- Membership drives at universities and government institutions
- Strengthening connection to RSAI journals and global conferences (ERSA, PRSCO, NARSC, etc.)

SARSA will continue capacity development through the *RSAl Nurturing Talent* programme where applicable.

FINANCIAL PLAN (FIRST 3 YEARS)

SARSA's financial sustainability will rely on a combination of *Revenue Sources*, including the following:

1. Membership fees (tiered for students/practitioners/academics)
2. Conference registration fees
3. Sponsorships from:
 - Municipal governments
 - Regional development agencies
 - Universities and research foundations
 - RSAI initial support

Estimated Registered Membership Revenue

- 50-80 members @ USD20-50 = USD1,600 – 4,000 annually

Expected RSAI Start-Up Support Requested

- USD 5,000 total over first 3 years
 - o To support conference organisation, PhD participation, and networking activities

Repayment Strategy

Once SARSA achieves:

- Strong financial surplus from events
- Membership stabilisation above 50

SARSA commits to repay RSAI's initial support in incremental installments, projected from Year 4 onwards, and thereafter become financially independent.

CONCLUSION

SARSA is now a fully constituted association with: (i) a democratic governance structure, (ii) proven organisational capacity (3 successful international conferences), (iii) active multi-country membership, (iv) clear strategic growth vision, and (v) regional institutional partnerships and RSAI support. SARSA respectfully seeks official recognition as an *RSAI/Section* to accelerate its mission of deepening regional science in Southern Africa and expanding RSAI's global impact.

SARSA IN PHOTOS: ZIMBABWE



SARSA IN PHOTOS: MOZAMBIQUE



SARSA IN PHOTOS: SOUTH AFRICA



APPENDICES

1. Founding Members List (Register) – Zimbabwe
2. Conference Register – Mozambique (Ines to attach)
3. Conference Register – South Africa
4. SARSA Constitution



CONSTITUTION

FINAL DRAFT

September 2025

1. NAME

- i. The name of the association shall be Southern Africa Regional Science Association, hereinafter referred to as SARSA.
- ii. The association shall operate as a non-profit organisation.
- iii. The association shall be an affiliate member of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI).
- iv. The association may join regional and international bodies with a similar purpose.
- v. The duration of the association is unlimited.

2. HEADQUARTERS AND ADDRESS

- i. The headquarters of the organisation shall be situated in Harare, Zimbabwe, at the University of Zimbabwe's Department of Architecture and Real Estate Building
- ii. The headquarters may be transferred to any other country in Southern Africa, subject to approval by the General Assembly.
- iii. Sub-offices shall be situated in the member countries that include South Africa, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Malawi and Angola.

3. PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The SARSA aims to develop and promote regional sciences in Southern Africa. The Association's objectives include:

- i. promoting and encouraging the dissemination and teaching of regional sciences in Southern Africa;
- ii. promoting the sharing and circulation of ideas and research activities on regional problems using tools, methods and technical schemes specifically developed for regional analyses;
- iii. encouraging the development of new regional science concepts, procedures and analytical techniques able to address Southern Africa's development problems;
- iv. promoting the recognition of the role and professional qualification of those who work in the field of regional sciences;
- v. promoting scientific and technical publications on regional sciences;
- vi. promoting the exchange of information and national and international relations between scholars and organisations, and cooperation with similar scientific associations;
- vii. promoting annual conferences, as well as congresses and meetings, at the national and international level, on regional sciences.

4. MEMBERSHIP

i. Eligibility

- a. All individuals whose professional activity is carried out within the scope of the study or practice of regional development and who affirm their adherence to the Association's Statutes can be members of the Association.
- b. Membership is acquired through the management's acceptance of a candidacy proposal presented by three effective members in full use of their rights, one of whom is at least a founding member and after payment of the admission fee.
- c. Founding members are all those provisionally registered on the date of the first General Assembly.
- d. The acceptance decision will be based on the presentation of the candidate's professional curriculum.
- e. In case of non-acceptance of the proposed candidacy, the proposing members may appeal the decision to the next General Assembly. The General Assembly may assess and eventually ratify the admission processes of accepted members.
- f. After two years, the statutes will be reviewed on this matter, to establish admission criteria, taking into account the experience gained.
- g. The direction will be supported, on a transitional basis, in the verification of the application conditions, by the opinion of an Admissions Committee that will function in accordance with Section 15.
- h. With the approval of the Board of Directors, institutes, research centres, public or private bodies, companies and other bodies interested in regional, urban and local studies can be admitted to the Association as 'institutional members'.
- i. Each institutional member, after notifying the Secretary, shall appoint their representative who holds the same rights as the individual member.

ii. Rights of Members

SARSA members' rights are:

- a. To intervene in the management and participate in the life of the Association;
- b. Participate in General Meetings;
- c. Elect and be elected to the respective governing bodies;
- d. Be informed of all the activities of the Association and use, under regulatory terms, the services availed by the Association;
- e. Request the convening of extraordinary general meetings under the terms outlined in this constitution;
- f. Enjoy the benefits granted by the Association;

iii. Members in full use of their rights are those:

- a. Whose dues are up to date or are not overdue for more than three months;
- b. Not impeded by the fulfillment of any penalty, for any contravention to which the disciplinary regulation sanctions such effect.

iv. Duties of members are:

- a. Contribute to the achievement of statutory objectives in harmony with the regulations and guidelines issued by the governing bodies, namely by participating in the Association's activities;
- b. Timely pay the installments that have been set or any supplementary installment that may be approved;
- c. Publicise the Association's activity and promote the adhesion of new members;
- d. Comply with and ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory standards, as well as the resolutions of the General Assembly;
- e. Exercise the positions for which they were elected without prejudice to Section 6 (iv).
- f. Maintain conduct consistent with the purposes and interests of the Association.

v. Cessation of membership shall be through:

- a. voluntary resignation through written communication;
- b. failure to pay the membership fee for more than one year;
- c. expulsion deliberated unanimously by those present on the Board of Directors against anyone who adopts attitudes or performs acts contrary to the interest or the good name of the Association;
- d. death of a member.

The readmission of SARSA members will always be by decision of the General Assembly.

vi. Regional (Country) Delegations

- a. The constitution of Regional Delegations is the initiative of a group of at least thirty associates residing in the same geographic area and will be ratified in the General Assembly following the presentation of the respective proposal to the president of the Board of the General Assembly.
- b. The Regional Delegation is made up of all members residing in the respective area who request the corresponding registration.
- c. Two years after the formation of the first Regional Delegation, the Board will submit to the General Assembly a proposal for the geographical basis of the organisation of the Association.
- d. The activities of the Regional Delegations will be subject to internal regulation to be approved by the General Assembly.
- e. It is the objective of the Regional Delegations to diversify and expand the activities of SARSA in the respective areas and to coordinate all the activities of the Association.

5. THE STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

SARSA will be organised based on the following structures:

- i. Governing Bodies;
- ii. Regional Delegation Bodies.

6. ASSOCIATION BODIES

- i. The governing bodies of the Association are:
 - a. The General Assembly
 - b. The Board of Directors
 - c. The Supervisory Board
- ii. The bodies of the Regional Delegations are:
 - a. The Regional Assembly
 - b. The Steering Committee
- iii. The term of office of the members of the elected bodies is two years, with their duties ceasing when the members who succeed them take office.
- iv. Each member cannot be elected or appointed to the same body for more than two consecutive terms.

GOVERNING BODIES

7. The General Assembly

- i. The General Assembly is the sovereign body of SARSA, made up of all members of the Association in full enjoyment of their rights, convened and gathered for this purpose.
- ii. The General Assembly is responsible for:
 - a. Electing and dismissing the members of the respective board, the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board;
 - b. Approving modifications and additions to this constitution;
 - c. Approving the regulations relating to the organisation and activities of the Association;
 - d. Approving activity plans, budgets, reports and management accounts;
 - e. Ratifying the creation of Regional Delegations;
 - f. Establishing the amount of the admission fee and quotas;
 - g. Resolving disputes between the Association's bodies or between them and the members;
 - h. Establishing the criteria for acquiring membership status;
 - i. Deciding on the exclusion of members of the Association in the case provided for in Section 4 (v) (c);
 - j. Deciding to dissolve the Association;

- k. Addressing any issues that are raised by the partners.
 - iii. The meetings of the General Assembly are directed by a board of three members, one of them being the Chairperson.
 - iv. The General Assembly will ordinarily meet every two years, in the first quarter of the calendar year, to elect the governing bodies.
 - v. The General Assembly ordinarily meets yearly to assess, respectively, the report and accounts, and the budget and plan of activities for the following year:
 - vi. The General Assembly meets extraordinarily upon call by the chairperson, who will be obliged to do so if requested by the Board of Directors, the Supervisory Board, or by written request from at least twenty-five members in full enjoyment of their rights.
 - vii. Notices for General Assembly meetings will be made through advertisements published on SARSA's website and sent to members via email at least fifteen days in advance. The Regional Delegations will make the calls in their respective area.
 - viii. The notices will indicate the day, time and place, and the respective agenda.
 - ix. The decisions of the General Assembly, to be recorded in the minutes, are taken by a simple majority of votes, except in cases where the statutes, regulations, or general law provide otherwise.
 - x. The powers referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (j) of Section 7 (ii) may be exercised in an Assembly expressly called for that purpose.
 - xi. A qualified majority of two-thirds is required for deliberations under paragraphs (b), (c) and (h) of Section 7(ii).
 - xii. Each SARSA member is entitled to one vote, and there are no votes by delegation.
8. The Board of Directors
- i. The Board will be made up of five members, one of whom will be the president.
 - ii. It is incumbent upon the Board of Directors to exercise all the powers necessary to carry out the activities that fall within the Association's purposes and, namely, the following:
 - a. Represent the Association, through the President;
 - b. Ensure the activity of the Association, complying with and enforcing provisions of the constitution and internal regulations, as well as the decisions of the General Assembly;
 - c. Drawing up the program of activities and budget for the following year, and submitting them to the General Assembly together with the proposals of the Regional Delegations;
 - d. Prepare the report and accounts for the year just ended and submit them to the General Assembly, accompanied by annexes relating to the Regional Delegations;
 - e. Create the necessary working groups and coordinate their activities;
 - f. Admit partners, suspend them and propose their exclusion;
 - g. Request the convening of the General Assembly whenever deemed necessary;

- h. Signing contracts, precautionary or other titles, and other documents necessary for the prudent management of interested parties;
- i. Dispose, with a favourable opinion of the Supervisory Board, any assets or values of the Association;
- iii. The Association is bound by the signature of two members of the Board, one of whom must be the President. For mere expedient acts, a signature will suffice.
- iv. The Board's deliberations will be taken by a majority vote of those present (a minimum of three) and recorded in a specific book, with the president having the casting vote in case of abstention or tie.

9. The Supervisory Board

- i. The Supervisory Board is made up of three members, one of whom is the president.
- ii. The Supervisory Board is responsible for:
 - a. Formulating an opinion on the proposed action program and activity report;
 - b. Give an opinion on the budget and financial report prepared by the Board of Directors, for consideration by the General Assembly;
 - c. Monitor the activity of the Board of Directors.

10. Elections

- i. The election of the board of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board is carried out by secret, direct, and universal scrutiny, and postal voting may be used.
- ii. The election is carried out by voting on specific lists for each of the bodies, considering the candidates from the most voted lists elected.
- iii. Whenever there is a vacancy in a position on the board of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors or the Supervisory Board, it will be provisionally filled by designation of the Board of Directors until ratification at the next General Assembly.
- iv. In the event that more than half of the positions of the same body remain vacant, new elections will take place for that body, with the term of office of the elements thus elected ceasing on the date set for the term of office of the outgoing members.

11. Bodies of Regional Delegations

- i. The Regional Assembly is made up of all members of the SARSA who live in the respective geographical area (country) and is chaired by a board of three members, one of whom is the chairperson and the other two secretaries.
- ii. The Steering Committee is made up of five members elected by the Regional Assembly.

12. The Regional Assembly is responsible for:

- i. Electing the members of the Board of the Regional Assembly and of the Directive Commission.
- ii. Discuss and approve the activities plan and respective execution report containing the respective financial impact to be submitted to the General Assembly of SARSA;

- iii. Consider any regional issues submitted to it by the Board of the Regional Assembly or by any group of partners in its geographical area;
 - iv. Decide on the dissolution of the Regional Delegation.
- 13. The Board of the Delegation is responsible for:
 - i. Promoting the pursuit of the objectives and the exercise of the attributions of the Delegation;
 - ii. Manage the activities of the Delegation and enforce the statutory provisions of the SARSA, as well as administer the assets and funds entrusted to them;
 - iii. Transmit all proposals and decisions made by the Delegation bodies to SARSA's governing bodies;
 - iv. Check the conditions for acceptance as partners of proposals in your area of action and submit the respective acceptance to SARSA's governing bodies;
 - v. Prepare the annual activity plan and the respective execution report, including its financial implications.
- 14. Revenue and Expenses of the Association
 - i. The SARSA constitutes revenue:
 - a. The fees and dues paid by its members;
 - b. Subsidies, legacies or donations attributed to it;
 - c. The proceeds from the sale of its publications;
 - d. Remuneration for any other activities that fall within its objectives and responsibilities.
 - ii. SARSA's expenses are those resulting from the exercise of its activities in compliance with the constitution and internal regulations, and those imposed on it by law.
- 15. Final and Transitional Provisions
 - i. The Admissions Committee referred to in Section 4 (i) (g) will exist until the criteria for admitting members are definitively established and, subsequently, while the General Assembly keeps it in operation.
 - ii. The Admissions Committee will be made up of five members (three of whom are founders), in full enjoyment of their rights, elected at the Electoral Assembly that elects the corporate bodies.
 - iii. Its mandate will coincide with that of the governing bodies to which it corresponds.
 - iv. The Admissions Committee will prepare a report on the activity carried out during its mandate.
- 16. Dissolution
 - i. In the event of dissolution of the Association, the General Assembly that decides on it will appoint a liquidation committee and define its statute.
 - ii. After dissolution in a General Assembly, the Association will maintain its legal existence exclusively for liquidation purposes, in accordance with what is determined in that Assembly.

iii. In the event of dissolution, the assets and funds of the Association will have the destination determined at the same General Assembly, without prejudice to the provisions of current legislation.

17. The first elections will be held within ninety days immediately after the legal recognition of SARSA, in an electoral General Assembly convened by the installing commission.

We, the Founding Members, do hereby adopt and enact this Constitution as the governing document of the Southern Africa Regional Science Association.

Adopted and signed at Cape Town, South Africa, on this 10th day of September 2025.

Signatories:

Name of Founding Member	Signature
1. Talent Ndlovu	Talent Ndlovu
2. JEDFREY MATATI	Jedfrey Matati
3. THOMAS KARAKADAI	Thomas Karakadai
4. JAZVIONA AICHMAN GAMBE	Jazviona Aichman Gamba
5. BELCHIOR JOSE MANUEL	Belchior Jose Manuel
6. Helberjonas L.P. Marcelino	Helberjonas L.P. Marcelino
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We, the members of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), hereby witness and affirm the adoption of the Constitution of the Southern Africa Regional Science Association.

Done at Cape Town, South Africa, on this 10th day of September 2025.

Witnesses (RSAI Representatives):

Name of RSAI Member	Signature
1. Ana Vinuela	Ana Vinuela
2. OAEI AMPONSAH SAMUEL	Oaei Ampomah Samuel
3. TUIAZ PUNCE DENTINHU	Tuiaz Ponce Dentinh
4. EDUARDO AMARAL HADDAD	Eduardo A. Haddad
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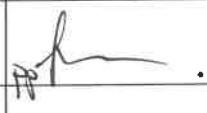


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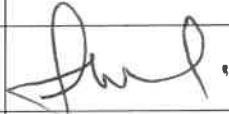
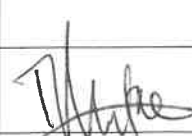
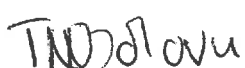
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