

# Minutes

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## RSAI COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2021

Zoom

**Feb. 26, 2021, 12-2 pm (CET)**

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At 12.05 pm CET RSAI President Eduardo Haddad opens the meeting, thanking attendees for their participation in previous meetings, and welcoming new Council members. He also explains his motivation as incoming President, and praises Mark Partridge for his help in the transition.

He also notifies the Council that he and Andrea Caragliu will get in touch with Presidents of Supranationals for enhancing mutual relations. Prof. Haddad further explains that the purpose of today's meeting is to activate three new committees.

The following RSAI Council members, ex officio members, LRPC members, and invitees join the meeting:

- Andre Torre (ERSA President)
- Andrea Caragliu (Executive Director)
- Carlos Azzoni (LARSA Representative)
- Daniela Luminita-Constantin (Councillor at large)
- Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President)
- Francisco Carballo Cruz (ERSA Representative)
- Isabelle Thomas (Councillor at large)
- Jouke Van Dijk (Councillor at large)
- Lily Kiminami (PRSCO Representative)
- Mark Partridge (Immediate Past President)
- Peter Batey (LRPC and RSAI Archivist)
- Peter Stenberg (NARSC Representative)
- Rachel Franklin PRSCO President)
- Roberta Capello (PIRS EiC)
- Tomaz Dentinho (RSPP EiC)

### **1. Apologies (Annex 1)**

- Rosella Nicolini (Councillor at large)
- Eveline Van Leeuwen (ERSA representative)
- Serena Erendira (LARSA representative)
- Patricio Aroca (LARSA representative)

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2020 online meeting (Annex 2)**

Item 2: Jouke Van Dijk says he is not sure about the outcome of the decisions on the LRPC.

Mark Partridge explains he eventually did not write the LRPC to summarise the discussion. Peter Batey adds that in the November meeting he took notes of the discussion itself, on what regional science is, and what the LRPC can do. Notes were not circulated. Eduardo Haddad proposes a joint meeting with himself, Prof. Partridge, and Prof. Batey.

Prof. Partridge asks Prof. Van Dijk what the exact question is on. Roberta Capello stresses that the LRPC is in the Constitution, and described that its role is precisely described. André Torre asks whether the LRPC met before. Eduardo Haddad replied they met on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021.

Prof. Partridge explains that the gist of the letter from the President to the LRPC was to elicit strategic advice. He also requests a modification for point 9: involvement of general membership as suggested by the strategic planning committee.

André Torre seconds the minutes. Minutes are unanimously approved.

### **3. Activation of diversity, honors, and communication committees (Annex 3)**

Eduardo Haddad explains he and the Executive Director went through notes, minutes, and rules. Eventually they came up with a proposal for rules, goals, and ways of electing members. They also came up with proposals of potential members for both the three new committees, as well as regular ones for this year.

Andrea Caragliu explains the proposal. He explains that the goal of the diversity committee should be promoting the presence of a balanced composition of members in the RSAI activities; stimulating candidatures to RSAI awards by different members whenever appropriate; and to draft a list of recommendations to guide future developments of the Association. Members of this committee should remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory. The RSAI Council would nominate five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus the RSAI President. These members would report to the RSAI Council whenever necessary.

As for the communication committee, its goals would be promoting the branding of the Association and the marketing of its activities all over the world; guaranteeing an effective and active presence of the Association on the main social media. Members would remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory. The RSAI Council would nominate five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus the RSAI Executive Director. Committee members would report to the RSAI Council whenever necessary.

Lastly, as for the honors committee, its goals would be guaranteeing the smooth and timely constitution of the awards committees; proposing the RSAI Council names for all award committees; playing the role of support during the whole period of activities of each award committee, verifying that deadlines are met and procedures are followed according to the rules; and proposing the RSAI Council possible amendments of existing award rules if appropriate. Members would remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory. The RSAI Council would select five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus RSAI President and Executive Director, and Committee members would refer to the RSAI Council whenever needed.

Rachel Franklin suggests that a committee could actually deal with diversity, inclusion, and equality. She is also worried that the committee won't be heard. The Council should draft a statement on what it believes our policy should be. Eduardo Haddad replies that the goals of the committee could be left as they are, and then let the committee ask the Council to promote a statement. Mark Partridge adds that the work seems to go the right direction. Rachel Franklin replies that a two-sentences statement from the Council may guide the work of the Committee.

André Torre claims materials came in too late. Moreover, boundaries of committees' powers should be clarified. Rachel Franklin proposes to approve the committees today and open its membership to non-Council members. Jouke Van Dijk supports the choice of exact goals. Relations should be structural. André Torre agrees to postpone their activation and think about the goals, the structure, and proposition of each committee. Roberta Capello adds that these are important issues, but we still have to start from something. To be practical, she suggests to provide suggestions starting from what is already being proposed, bearing in mind that all suggestions must be consistent with the Constitution. Francisco Carballo-Cruz reminds that minutes say that (point 3) there are a number of suggestions from the strategic committee.

Jouke Van Dijk asks if there are other committees. Rachel Franklin stresses that rules should be changed. Eduardo Haddad replies that the Honors committee can make proposals to change rules. Rachel Franklin says that membership of these awards adds visibility to their members.

Tomaz Dentinho asks to add a member of the RSPP editorial board among Peter Nijkamp award committee members.

Rachel Franklin proposes the RSAI opens nomination to committees to all active RSAI members. Perhaps they should ask to be nominated by their supra-regional, if we want those to play a role.

The final decision about the activation of the new committees is postponed to the next meeting. Council members agree they will send the President and Executive Director suggestions for possible modifications on the rules and composition of the committees before the Council meets.

#### **4. Composition of 2021 awards committees (Annex 4)**

The President makes the following proposal for activating the 2021 awards committees:

- Hirotada Kohno award:

Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President); Serena Erendira (Council member); Roberta Capello and Bob Stimson (Past Presidents)

- Peter Nijkamp award:

Mark Partridge (Immediate Past President, Chair); Juan Cuadrado-Roura and Anna Nagurney (Fellows); PiRS board member (ask PiRS Editors: Julie Le Gallo)

- Martin Beckmann award:

PiRS – to be decided in Spring by the PiRS Editorial Board

- Jean Paelinck award:

Chair: member of the LRPC (Budy Resosudarmo). Four members from the Fellows (two stay on board only for one edition, Jouke Van Dijk and Michael Batty, two more stay for four years, Janet Kohlase and Isabelle Thomas, (two editions); then they rotate.

#### **5. Updates on the 2021 RSAI World Congress (Abdellatif Khattabi and Andrea Caragliu)**

Andrea Caragliu explains that at the date of the meeting 262 abstracts have been received and the organization of the online congress is proceeding smoothly.

André Torre supports the congress. He praises the idea to involve members from developing Countries. He also adds the online congress is a great opportunity to attract people from all over the world. Eduardo says he can guarantee additional funding for the congress.

#### **6. Change in the composition of the RSPP Editorial Board (Tomaz Dentinho)**

Tomaz Dentinho explains his proposal to enlarge the Board by involving Jian Wang and Abdul Shaban. Roberta Capello asks how many editors RSPP has. The board is moving from 13 to 15. Roberta Capello asks whether this is not an excessive number. Roberta Capello also suggests to check that Prof. Wang belongs to the RSAC, China's national section.

Rachel Franklin that gender balance is a complicated issue and while attracting good women from Europe and North America is easy, Asian and Latina American women are way less represented.

Rachel Franklin proposes to hold a conversation on the rules. Jouke Van Dijk expresses distress with the proposal and argues for a change in the rules.

Votes: Rachel Franklin votes against.

Abstains: André Torre, Jouke Van Dijk, Isabelle Thomas, Lily Kiminami, Daniela Constantin.

All other members approve the new editorial board. The new composition is approved by majority.

#### **7. 2021 RSPP award (Tomaz Dentinho)**

Tomaz Dentinho explains the way winners of the RSPP 2021 have been selected.

#### **8. AOB**

Roberta Capello explains that the LRPC met as usual. If the Council feels, the LRPC may produce a report to be presented at the Council. Eduardo Haddad adds that he plans to enhance the Council-LRPC relations and get useful advice. Peter Batey reports that he's happy to go ahead with the call with two LRPC members, Immediate Past President, and Current President.

#### **9. Next meeting**

Will be held either around the world congress, or around the ERSA Congress if no urgent matter is to be discussed.

With no more item to be discussed, at 2.15 pm CET the meeting is adjourned.

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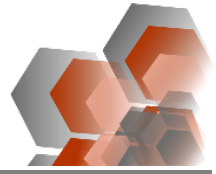
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## Annex 1 - Apologies

Apologies received from the following Council members:

- Rosella Nicolini
- Eveline Van Leeuwen
- Serena Erendira

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## RSAI COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2020

Zoom

**Nov. 18, 2020, 4-6 pm (CET)**

**Zoom link:** <https://osu.zoom.us/j/95134171049?pwd=MjNiZWFuUG5uNzE1U3MwWkVrVnVoUT09>

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At 4.05 pm President Partridge opens the meeting, thanking attendees for their participation in previous meetings, and praising the Council for their work over the past two meetings in the year. He also recommends the Council to address some of the issues raised in previous meetings about addressing prior concerns, such as diversity, openness, etc.

The following RSAI Council members, ex officio members, LRPC members, and invitees join the meeting:

- Amit Batabyal (Councillor-at-Large)
- André Torre (ERSA Representative and President)
- Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director)
- Brian Kim (PRSCO Representative)
- Carlos Azzoni (LARSCA representative)
- Daniela Constantin (Councillor-At-Large)
- Eduardo Haddad (Incoming RSAI President)
- Eveline Van Leeuwen (ERSA representative)
- Francisco Carballo-Cruz (ERSA Rrepresentative);
- Jean-Claude Thill (Chair of the Restructuring Committee and Past President)
- Lily Kiminami (PRSCO representative)
- Mark Partridge (RSAI President)
- Martijn Smit (RSAI Newsletter Editor)
- Neil Reid (NARSC Executive Director and Representative)
- Patricio Aroca (LARSCA representative)
- Peter Batey (LRPC and RSAI Archivist)
- Peter Stenberg (NARSC representative)
- Rachel Franklin (PRSCO Representative and President)
- Roberta Capello (EiC PiRS)
- Rosella Nicolini (Councillor-At-Large)
- Sandy Dall'Erba (NARSC Representative)
- Serena Erendira Serrano-Oswald (LARSCA Representative and President)
- Sumona Bandyopadhyay (Councillor-At-Large)
- Tomaz Dentinho (RSPP EiC)
- Xiumin Li (Vice President, RSAC, invited member)

### **1. Apologies (Annex 1)**

Maria Abreu (Councillor-At-Large)

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the Aug. 31 2020 online meeting (Annex 2) (3 mins)**

Mark Partridge calls the Council for approving the minutes of the Aug. 31 2020 online meeting, including the addendum proposed (Annex 2). Neil Reid seconds the motion. Minutes are approved unanimously.

### **3. “Final” recommendations from the Strategic Committee (Mark Partridge and Jean-Claude Thill, Annex 3) 30 mins—presentation and questions/comments [decision at next Council meeting]**

Prof. Partridge leaves the floor to Prof. Thill, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, for explaining their final recommendations. Jean-Claude Thill explains that the short document is to be intended in conjunction with previous committee documents.

The first point relates to the future role of the RSAI President. Taking comments from Council members into account, the committee suggests now to maintain the rotation principle, the President’s functions, and the 2-years term.

The second point relates to the proposal to include Vice Presidents in the Council, one from each supranational minus the one expressing its President on rotation, and altogether forming a committee helping the President on executive decisions. This creates a collective executive body sharing responsibilities, seeking advise from top-level executives from other organizations. This body would also smoothen the work of Council committees in charge of specific issues for the Association.

The third point relates to the role of the Executive Director. Given the recent developments of the COVID-pandemic and the related budget constraints, changing this position could not be feasible. However, one thing that could make this position less heavy would be to move the World Congress from the ED’s responsibility to one of the VPs.

Moreover, the strategic planning committee still recommends to change the frequency of the world congress from once every two years to once every four years. Also, they would suggest to hold it jointly with one of the supra-regional sections.

Lastly, the committee recommends to clarify the strategic nature of the LRPC rather than having to deal with minor issues.

Mark Partridge adds that from what he understood from the Strategic Planning committee the role of VPs would be to act as *liason* between RSAI and Supranational sections, so as to minimize decisions by RSAI President and ED that may turn out to be unpalatable for Supranational Sections.

Eveline Van Leeuwen suggests to limit the last 5 President to be on board of the LRPC. André Torre asks about the role of Council members as observers on the LRPC. Prof. Van Leeuwen adds that having VPs travel on behalf of the President would reduce the environmental impact of the association.

Prof. Thill adds that having VPs on board would imply a more collegial approach to leadership.

On the role of Council observers, Prof. Partridge explains that 12 years ago Roger Stough replied to the need to get the Council and the LRPC closer by means of having two Council members act as observers on the LRPC, later on also with voting rights. Prof. Dentinho modified the rules so that the RSAI President and ED would become observing members with voting rights. Now to those two we add two more observers, which, according to Prof. Partridge, should also get voting rights. Prof. Thill adds that the two extra members should be definitely added.



Prof. Thill adds that the fact that all previous Presidents are included is due to the moment when this was decided; the Association was newer and had less previous presidents, but now with many senior members of the community, this may be the time for capping the amount of prior Presidents to be members of the LRPC.

Prof. Partridge adds he would like to change the way the LRPC meetings take place. He would advise the LRPC, following advice from the Strategic Planning Committee, meet way before the Council does.

Prof. Franklin suggests to actually flip things over and meet *after* the Council. Prof. Thill adds that this may be a good idea given the structure of the LRPC and the stage of career at which many LRPC members are.

Francisco Carballo agrees with Prof. Franklin and adds that the focus of the LRPC should be on strategic issues. André Torre adds that he agrees with many recommendations proposed so far; however, regarding the role and place of the LRPC, he also has some comments. In his view, the LRPC should indeed focus on strategic issues, and the best way to do that would be to separate the timing of the LRPC meetings, so that they don't follow, or anticipate, RSAI Council meetings strictly.

Prof. Franklin agrees on the need to restructure the way RSAI Council and LRPC interact. Peter Batey adds that decoupling of meetings may help and avoid unnecessary clashes. He adds that previously, the LRPC acted thoroughly to nominate future Presidents. He also adds there would be support for capping the number of members on the LRPC., concluding the ED may represent a bridge between the two bodies. Lastly, Andrea Caragliu explains he's concerned that by totally decoupling meeting, the LRPC would be left with no strategic advice to provide.

A motion is proposed to report to the LRPC on this matter. The motion is unanimously approved. Mark Partridge agrees to write a letter to the LRPC, asking Peter Batey to somewhat anticipate the discussion that took place during the Council meeting.

#### **4. 2020 Budget and discuss post-Covid financial viability of RSAI/Supra-regions/Sections (Andrea Caragliu & Mark Partridge; Annex 4) (8 mins)**

Andrea Caragliu explains the situation with the budget proposal, concluding the situation for RSAI finances is stable and solid for 2021.

Mark Partridge adds that in the far future, things may change and not necessarily people would reconvene to in presence congresses, and this should be taken somewhat into account. University budgets for travel may not easily come back. Thinking of the future in creative manners should certainly be undertaken and this proactive approach would allow the Association avoiding major issues that are clearly looming in the horizon.

André Torre praises the quality of the budget, and also notes that the agreement with Wiley provides additional finances. However, other sections do not have the same source of income. ERSA, for instance, suffers major losses this year, due to not holding their congress in presence. Another concern is that of national sections; most of them transferred their fees to RSAI, but next year this may not be possible.

Sandy Dall'erba agrees that the COVID period may not disappear quickly. This may be turned into an opportunity by enlarging the scope of RSAI events through digital technologies. Also, he believes that the world congress should be jointly organized with a supranational congress, not to cannibalize attendees.

#### **5. Draft Mission Statement for the RSAI (Budy Resosudarmo; Annex 5) (12 mins)—discussion/feedback only**

Mark Partridge summarizes the mission statement from the LRPC. Rachel Franklin asks about the chance for the LRPC to define *Regional Science*. Sandy Dall'erba adds that there is an increasing interest in network economics; in their view, this would be a new field but in fact regional science has been doing this for 60 years now. Network is thus a keyword in our discipline.

Peter Batey promises he'll report these views to the LRPC.

Patricio Aroca adds that despite its academic success, you seldom find this field among recognized disciplines (for instance when applying for a grant). Mark Partridge concludes that a definition of the discipline would be important, and in this view the LRPC may give a further hand. Serena Erendira Serrano-Oswald adds that the word 'culture' should also be taken on board. Eveline Van Leeuwen suggests that our discipline could be difficult to grasp, and thus define; a range of topics should thus be included in the definition, but the crucial issue in the definition should deal with what is 'regional'.

André Torre suggests it is crucial that regional science is not at all limited to economics; many new members now come from other disciplines (such as geography, planning etc.).

#### **6. Replacement of Graham Clarke as Co-Editor of the RSAI Newsletter (Martijn Smit, 5 mins)**

Graham Clarke is retiring as of September 2020. In the past he would correct the proofs and provide networks. Prof. Caragliu adds that an additional budget should be allocated for the additional editor; 1,500 € could be split between the two. Rachel Franklin suggests to move to 1,000 Euros each. Andrea Caragliu agrees, and suggests to start with 1,000 Euros each, and then if more needs would be felt, then this will be taken into consideration by the Council. Eduardo Haddad suggests to save money by not printing newsletters. This will be moved to another council meeting for discussion.

#### **7. Selection of 2021 Nurturing Talent initiative proposals (Andrea Caragliu; Annex 6) (5 mins)**

Andrea Caragliu explains the committee proposal. Mark Partridge asks confirmation from LARSA that the 1,000 Euros going from LARSA to the AECR event are correct.

André Torre remarks that the way the proposal was made came out of a much improved process, going through many discussions and feedbacks among committee members.

The Council approves unanimously the proposal. Mark Partridge finally recommends supranational sections other than ERSA to also participate by submitting good proposals to the Council.

#### **8. Results of the elections of three new Councillors at large entering their positions from Jan. 1, 2021 (Andrea Caragliu) (2 mins)**

Andrea Caragliu explains the situation, and explains that LARSA is missing a member. Serena Erendira Serrano-Oswald explains why this is the case – LARSA's Council is in the process of restructuring the composition of its own Executive Board. Mark Partridge suggests to urge LARSA to make a final decision within the end of the year. The RSAI Council agrees to recommend LARSA to elect their representative within Dec. 31, 2020.

#### **9. Activation of RSAI Committees (Mark Partridge) (40 mins)—More details of a possible plan will be emailed before meeting.**

Mark Partridge explains that Andrea Caragliu will have to inform supranational sections that they'll have to have a member for the Honors committee, and on the Diversity Committee. As for the Communications Committee, these will tentatively include Eveline Van Leeuwen and Sandy Dell'erba.

It is proposed that a decision will be made within Jan. 21, 2021 electronically by the RSAI Council, and the ED will inform the Council about their position. Sandy Dall'erba recommends these Committees and their members talk to each other. André Torre agrees with Mark Partridge and Sandy Dell'erba, and also suggests to exploit the global network for being as inclusive as possible.

Mark Partridge instead proposes Sandy Dell'erba and Eveline Van Leeuwen for Committee number 4 (Communications committee). André Torre reminds the Council that he would be a candidate for this committee, as reported on the minutes. Rachel Franklin adds that, while all these people would be good choices, including non-members of the association would be beneficial. In fact, Prof. Partridge adds that the involvement of the RSAI's general membership as suggested by the strategic planning committee would make these committees more effective.

Mark Partridge adds that the committee could be activated now, and changed at a later stage. Rachel Franklin expresses concern for not repeating mistakes already made in the past. Mark Partridge proposes to nominate the two members from the Council, and then organize an online ballot to fill in the third member of the committee.

Mark Partridge warns the Council that not selecting committee now three months will be lost. Sandy Dell'erba argues that eliciting participation from individual members would make the process even more open. Mark Partridge replies that this proposal was already discussed in the previous meeting.

The Council agrees to organize a meeting in February 2021 to organize and activate committees and decide about awards committees' composition.

#### **10. Proposal to create a RSAI Global Scientific Seminar Series (Andrea Caragliu) (7 mins) (Annex 7)**

Andrea Caragliu explains the proposal. Rachel Franklin argues that many competing seminar series exist, so this proposal would have to be marketed. Rosella Nicolini suggests to organize proposals from national sections that cannot afford travel to present online. The Council unanimously agrees.

#### **11. Replacement of Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen in *Papers in Regional Science's* Editorial team (Annex 8) (5 mins)**

Prof. Capello reports that Prof. Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen is stepping down from the editorial team of PIRS. The editorial board suggests that Michael Lahr could be an excellent option. Prof. Lahr accepted the informal invitation only under the condition that he will step down in December 2021 when the editorial team's term will end. The Council unanimously agrees.

#### **12. Changes in RSP's Editorial Board (Tomaz Dentinho) (5 mins) (Annex 9)**

Tomaz Dentinho proposes a change in the editorial board of the journal. Rachel Franklin asks what is the share of women on the board. Tomaz Dentinho explains about the constraints to which the decision was subject. The Council discusses about the importance of gender balance in journals editorial teams. The Council suggests Prof. Dentinho to enlarge the editorial board with more women regional scientists.

The RSAI Council unanimously agrees.

#### **13. Report on the organization of the 2021 World Congress (Abdellatif Khattabi) (2 mins)**

The Council is informed that the procedure to organize the 2021 World Congress has been reactivated as promised, and that the association is also considering an option to move it online in case global health conditions will not be restored to full normality by the time of the congress (May 25-28, 2021). Another substantial update will be presented at the next Council meeting, due February 2021.

**14. AOB**

None to report

**15. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be organized (in online mode) in February 2021; the exact date will be decided with a doodle in January 2021.

At 7 pm CET Mark Partridge adjourns the meeting.

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# Rules for new committees

RSAI Council meeting, Feb. 26, 2021

# 1. Diversity committee

## **Goals:**

- Promoting the presence of a balanced composition of members in the RSAI activities;
- Stimulating candidatures to RSAI awards by different members whenever appropriate.
- Draft a list of recommendations to guide future developments of the Association.

## **Duration:**

- Members remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory.

## **Nomination of members**

- The RSAI Council nominates five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus the RSAI President.

Committee members report to the RSAI Council whenever necessary.



## 2. Communication committee

### **Goals:**

- Promoting the branding of the Association and the marketing of its activities all over the world;
- Guaranteeing an effective and active presence of the Association on the main social media.

### **Duration:**

- Members remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory.

### **Nomination of members**

- The RSAI Council nominates five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus the RSAI Executive Director.

Committee members report to the RSAI Council whenever necessary.

# 3. Honors committee

## **Goals:**

- Guaranteeing the smooth and timely constitution of the awards committees;
- Proposing the RSAI Council names for all award committees;
- Playing the role of support during the whole period of activities of each award committee, verifying that deadlines are met and procedures are followed according to the rules;
- Proposing the RSAI Council possible amendments of existing award rules if appropriate.

## **Duration:**

- Members remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory.

## **Nomination of members**

- The RSAI Council selects five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus RSAI President and Executive Director.

Committee members refer to the RSAI Council whenever needed.

## Proposal of awards committees for 2021 RSAI prizes

*This version: February 2021*

In yellow: proposals to be discussed at the RSAI Council meeting.

In red: committees are not needed because the award is not due in 2021.

In green: the committee has already been approved by the Council.

### 1. Hirotada Kohno award:

Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President); Serena Erendira (Council member); Roberta Capello and Bob Stimson (Past Presidents)

### 2. Peter Nijkamp award:

Mark Partridge (Immediate Past President, Chair); Juan Cuadrado-Roura and Anna Nagurney (Fellows); PiRS board member (ask PiRS Editors: Julie Le Gallo)

### 3. Martin Beckmann award:

PiRS – to be decided in Spring by the PiRS Editorial Board

### 4. Founder's medal:

Not awarded this year

### 5. Jean Paelinck award:

Chair: member of the LRPC (Budy Resosudarmo). Four members from the Fellows (two stay on board only for one edition, Jouke Van Dijk and Michael Batty, two more stay for four years, Janet Kohlase and Isabelle Thomas, (two editions); then they rotate.

### 6. Fellows award:

Roberto Camagni (Chair); Kiyoshi Kobayashi; Janice Madden.

### 7. RSAI young researcher award:

Abdellatif Khattabi; Janet Kohlase (Terciane Carvalho as potential replacement); Martin Andersson; Peter Nijkamp; Karima Kourtii.