
MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING
GRONINGEN, AUGUST 31 THURSDAY, 14:00 15:30

1. Apologies (Annex 1)

Council members present: Budy Resosudarmo (RSAI President), (Mark Partridge, President Elected and Councillor at Large), Neil Reid (NARSC Executive Director), Peter Stenberg (NARSC Representative), Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA President), Andre Torre (ERSA Representative); Francisco Carballo Cruz (ERSA Representative and Treasurer), Carlos Azzoni (President of LACRSA), Tuzin Baycan (Councillor at Large), Fabio Mazzola (Councillor at Large), Laurie Schindler (Councillor at Large) and Tomaz Dentinho (Executive Director).

Long Range Planning Committee Members present: Peter Nijkamp, Roger R. Stough, Roberta Capello, Andres Rodriguez Pose, Budy Resosudarmo and Mark Partridge

Ex-Officio members present: Andrea Caragliu (Editor of the RSAI Newsletter);

Invited members: Fu-Chuan Lai (President of the Chinese Regional Science Association – Taiwan). Sumana Banerjee (President of the Regional Science Association in India and LOC of the World Congress); Anahit Harutyunian (Armenian Delegation), Xue Ling (Vice President of the Regional Science Association of China), Li Guoping (Executive member of the council of RSAC), Xi Qiangmin (Member of TSAC) Wu Aizhi (Academic Secretary of RSAC).

Apologies from Council Members: Patricio Aroca (PRSCO President); Jichung Yang (PRSCO representative), Erendira Serrano (PRSCO representative), Alessandra Faggian (NARSC representative), Isabelle Thomas (ERSA representative), Jaime Bonet (LACRSA representative), Eduardo Haddad (LACRSA representative), Emmanouil Tranos (Councillor at large) and Daniel Griffith (Councillor at Large).

M-I. The RSAI Council acknowledged the apologies.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Minneapolis meeting

Budy Resosudarmo informed the Council that the Minutes of the RSAI Council Meeting in Tainan were distributed previously and asked the members to vote them.

M-II. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the Minutes of the Tainan Council (May 2017)

3. Nominations of the Councilors at Large (Annex 2a, Annex 2b)

Tomaz Dentinho informed that according to the RSAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Council can select members of the Council for the places of Councilors at Large. He also said that since Jacques Poot had to resign as President and Councilor-at-large two places were empty. T Budy Resosudarmo substituted the President substitute Andres Rodriguez Pose after an election process that finished in the RSAI Council of Taiwan last May. Tomaz Dentinho proposed that the President Elected Mark Partridges occupies the place left by Jacques Poot as Councilor at Large so that the members of the Council respect the Constitution and by-laws and the President Elected stays as a full member of the Council. Tomaz Dentinho informed that there will be still three places left for the election of Councilors-at-large that will take place in September with five nominated candidates: Amit Batabyal, Fu Chuan Lai, Sanja Malekovic, Sumana Bandyopadhyay and Rosella Nicolini.

M-II - The RSAI Council approved unanimously the selection of Mark Partridge for Councilor-at-Large for the period 2017-2019

M-III - The RSAI Council approved unanimously the selection of the nominated candidates for the election of three places for Councillor-at-Large: Amit Batabyal, Fu Chuan Lai, Sanja Malekovic, Sumana Bandyopadhyay and Rosella Nicolini Report and A.

4. Supraregional and Sections

Budy Resosudarmo proposed to change the order of the Agenda so that the delegations of China and Armenia after presenting their applications to the RSAI Council. The Council agreed.

✚ Regional Science Association of China (Annex 3a1, Annex 3a2, Annex 3a3)

Xue Ling, Vice President of the Regional Science Association of China, presented the application of the Regional Science Association of China to be a section of the Regional Science Association International. Xue Ling reported the evolution of regional policy in China since 1970s. The importance of Location Theory to support regional planning in the seventies. The scientific background that accompanied the transition to a market economy in the eighties and nineties. The theoretical framework to address the issues of urbanization and rural decline sensed in the turn of the century. Finally, the scientific requirements needed to support the ongoing development strategies (One Belt/One Road; Sustainable Development, Smart Specialization, Big Data management). Xue Ling informed the Council since the creation of the Regional Science Association of China in 1991 following a visit of Walter Isard there has been many regional science conferences, seminars and workshops with the participation of international researchers and that RSAC can account around 1000 members and many more can come in the future. Finally, Xue Ling said that RSAC wants to reinforce international cooperation through the involvement in international meetings, the increase of international publications and exchange of professors and students.

Budy Resosudarmo requested questions from the Council Members. Mark Partridge thanked the presentation and asked about the plans of RSAC to attract new regional scientist in China. Xue Ling reinforced that RSAC has more than 1000 members but with improved platforms want to serve everybody interested both nationally and internationally. Mark Partridge asked if RSAC has a scientific journal in English and Xue Ling responded that most of the regional science journal in China is in Chinese. Tomaz Dentinho asked whether the 1000 members can communicate in English and how many will become RSAI members. Xue Ling responded that soon he could provide the list of RSAC members that could be members of RSAI.

Budy Resosudarmo thanked the presentation of the RSAC Delegation and said that the Council will appreciate the application and will inform on the decision after the Council Meeting.

✚ Regional Science Association of Armenia (Annex 3b)

Anahit Harutyunian from the Armenia Delegation reported that since 2013 there has been regular annual regional science activities in Armenia (workshop in 2013, conference in 2015 and workshop in 2016) and participation of regional scientists from Armenia in European Summer Courses (2016) and Conferences (2015, 2016 and 2017). These activities had the support of the Gulbenkian Foundation, the Central Bank of Armenia, Armenian Universities and the Regional Science Association International. Anahit Harutyunian informed also that there is a legal entity created in Armenia and that for the future the plan is to promote regional science meetings involving participants from Armenia, the region and the world and to cooperate in the development of regional science activities in neighbour countries in the Middle East and Caucasus. Finally Anahit Harutyunian pointed out that the Armenian Regional Science Association has 35 members and more members are expected namely from Armenians in Diaspora.

Budy Resosudarmo thanked the presentation of the Armenian Delegation and said that the Council will appreciate the application and will inform on the decision after the Council Meeting.

✚ Regional Science Association of Bulgaria

Jouke Van Dijk, President of the European Regional Science Association, informed the Council that the ERSAC meeting on Friday will appreciate the application of the Regional Science Association of Bulgaria and once approved RSAI would have one more section in Bulgaria.

Budy Resosudarmo thanked Jouke Van Dijk for the information and declared that RSAI will welcome the new section in the Council Meeting of Vancouver.

✚ Latin America and Caribbean Regional Science Association

Carlos Azzoni informed the Council that the Latin America Regional Science Association will have its first Congress next October in São Paulo.

✚ Africa

Tomaz Dentinho informed the Council that there is an ongoing process to create the Network of Regional Science Associations in Africa involving South Africa, Morocco and other countries of the continent.

M-III. The RSAI Council acknowledged the information on the creation of the Network of Regional Science Associations in Africa.

5. Notes from the Presidency

Budy Resosudarmo asked permission to the Council to present the lines of his Presidency that started in May 2017 and will go until the end of 2018. The first purpose is to maintain the presence of RSAI in the most developed countries. The second aim is to expand regional science in Asia, Latin America and Africa. The third objective is to improve the quality of regional science in the world with three main projects. By stimulating the collaboration between countries and sections (exemplified by the visit of Henry De Groot for a training course in Indonesia); b) by increasing cooperation between developed and developing countries, namely by sending students from developing countries to regional science centres in developed countries; and c) by improving the cooperation between journals.

6. Analysis of the Application of the Regional Science Association of China and the Armenia Regional Science Association

Mark Partridge asked if RSAC want to be a Supraregional. Roberta Capello indicated that this is a very sensitive issue and that some good ideas come out of the Long Range Planning Committee. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose stated that RSAC is an issue that has been going for a long time with advances and delays. Continued saying that in 2014 the RSAI Council decided that RSAI could accept RSAC without being part of PRSCO. Reaffirmed that the process is not without problems since the whole structure of RSAI should be adapted to include applications from Asia and that RSAI cannot ignore RSAC. The recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee is that the Council should accept the applications of RSAC and of the Armenian Section and, at the same time, a committee should be created involving members from RSAC, India, Japan, PRSCO and the Presidency. The Committee will monitor the evolution of the activity in Asia and will propose the restructuring of RSAI to involve the all world. Peter Nijkamp remarked that this is a strategic decision that the Council must take but we need to know the best way to take it. Continued saying that it is impossible not to appropriately include China, India, Iran, Pakistan and many other countries in the RSAI structure and the same happens in South Africa, Morocco and all the African countries; on the other hand Peter Nijkamp remarked that RSAI does not want to lose some good friends like Japan. Peter Nijkamp finished by saying that if RSAI is a world organization it must cover the entire world with a spatial structure that can function without violating the Constitution in the short run. Mark Partridge asked to what extent is the cooperation between China and PRSCO. Carlos Azzoni recalled that the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Science Association appeared in 2017 without major problems and that PRSCO played a major role in the diffusion of Regional Science in South America and said that, according to the Constitution, any new section should part of a Supraregional organization. Roberta Capello said that a solution come out of the Regional Science Committee that would allow any section from Africa and Asia to be part of RSAI and reinforced that RSAI should have a structure that can integrate sections from those regions. Jouke Van Dijk said that sections should be part of Supraregional but RSAI should be practical. Neil Reid said that the idea of PRSCO is not convenient because it allow overlapping and distortions in the representation of the various sections in the Council; Mark Partridge confirmed that that overlapping has a major impact. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose reinforced Asian countries like India, China, Iran and others cannot be restricted to be part of RSAI because the structure of RSAI creates difficulties.

Budy Resosudarmo proposed that: (1) RSAI accepts China and Armenia as associated members with all the benefits of the sections and their members; and (2) the creation of a Restructuring Committee to look at the structure of the organization. The Restructuring Committee will involve one representative from the Long Range

Planning Committee, one from RSAC, one from India, one from Japan and himself. Roberta Capello proposed that the Committee should focus the creation of a structure that allows the application of Asian and African sections while leaving the issue of overlapping created by PRSCO to a future decision. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose suggested that the committee should propose a restructuration for November 2018 or 2019. Peter Nijkamp suggested that the Restructuring should monitor the evolution of RSAI in Asia and Africa and base the restructuring proposal on that evolution.

M-IV. The RSAI Council accepted unanimously the Regional Science Association of China and the Armenian Regional Science Association as members of RSAI

M-V. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the creation of a Restructuring Committee. The composition of the Restructuring Committee involves the President of RSAI (chair), a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, a representative of PRSCO, a representative of China, a representative of India and a representative of Japan. The task of the Restructuring Committee is to look at the evolution of regional science in Asia and Africa and to propose the RSAI Council a restructuring of the organization suitable to cover the whole world.

7. Report and Accounts of 2016 (Annex 4)

Tomaz Dentinho presented the RSAI Accounts of 2016 pointing out the main revenues and expenditures of the association and highlighting the payment of membership fees by the various sections. Tüzin Baycan asked why some sections have very few members compared with the size of the countries and regions where they are located and suggested that the representation in the Council should reflect the number of members. Neil Reid said that the selection of Council Representative by Supraregional could reflect the number of members of each section in the Supraregional. Tomaz Dentinho said that there is some wisdom in the composition of the Council because if we accept the idea of Tüzin Baycan bigger sections such as the United States or Japan would get most of the places; nevertheless, he thanks Tüzin Baycan because the Council should look at from where the revenues are coming and where they are applied. Namely by proposing rules and actions for the plan and budget and by monitoring the activities and accounts.

Francisco Carballo- Cruz, treasurer of RSAI informed the Council that the association is financially in good shape with an annual surplus and almost three hundred thousand Euros in the bank account meaning that it is possible to reinforce the programs nurturing talents, building bridges and thinking big.

M-VI - The RSAI Council approved unanimously the Report and Accounts of 2016.

8. World Congresses (Annex 5)

Sumana Banerjee, chair of the Local Organizing Committee of the RSAI World Congress in Goa and President of the Indian Regional Science Association informed the Council that the World Congress Venue is at the Goa Campus of the Birla Institute of Technology & Science where a group of scholars teach and do research in fields related to regional science. She further informed that there will be workshops on social and special integration, spatial econometrics and ecological economics and others that might be suggested and accepted. Finally, Sumana Banerjee said that the company Thomas Cook will take care of the logistics inside Goa and that three certified catering companies have applied to deliver meals and coffee breaks.

Neil Reid and Carlos Azzoni asked for more clear information on visa issues. Budy Resosudarmo asked for more clear information on transportation and suggested to avoid announcing the path that goes through Mumbai because it is complicated to move from the International to the Domestic flights. Peter Nijkamp reinforced that the Congress is the World Congress of RSAI and should be managed by RSAI.

M-VII - The RSAI Council acknowledged the progresses made in the organization of the World Congress.

9. RSAI Publications (Annex 6)

Papers in Regional Science (Annex 6a)

M-VIIIa. The RSAI Council acknowledged the report presented by Roberta Capello Editor-in- Chief of Papers in Regional Science.

Regional Science Policy and Practice (Annex 6b)

M-VIIIb. The RSAI Council acknowledged the report presented by Tomaz Dentinho Editor-in- Chief of Regional Science Policy and Practice.

RSAI Newsletter

Andrea Caragliu reported that although there was the idea to publish three issues per year the decision was to keep two issues, one per semester.

M-VIIIc. The RSAI Council acknowledged the information provided by Andrea Caragliu

Negotiations of new publication contract

Andres Rodriguez Pose informed the Council that Jean-Claude Thill should report the Council on the negotiations with the publishers to publish the RSAI journals Papers in Regional Science and Regional Science Policy and Practice. Andres Rodriguez Pose informed that a final decision is due at the Vancouver Council meeting.

M-VIIId. The RSAI Council acknowledged the information provided by Andres Rodriguez-Pose

10. RSAI Awards (Annex 7)

Tomaz Dentinho informed the Council that all the reports on the awards were distributed in the agenda.

M-IX The RSAI Council acknowledged the information provided by Tomaz Dentinho on the RSAI Awards

11. Regional Science Academy

Peter Nijkamp reported that the evolution of The Regional Science Academy (TRSA) since it was acknowledge by the RSAI Council of Lisbon in 2015 has been very promising with more than 19 regional science meetings implemented. The reflection TRSA would like to have with RSAI concerns the question of how to improve the synergy between the organizations. Budy Resosudarmo reaffirmed that RSAI is very much supportive on the activities of TRSA and that some plan must be approved in Vancouver to promote an effective cooperation between TRSA and RSAI.

M-IX The RSAI Council acknowledged the information provided by Peter Nijkamp on the TRSA

12. Date of next meeting

Vancouver, November 2017

Annex 1: RSAI Council Members

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Annex 2 - Nomination of Councilors at Large

Annex 2a - Selection of the President Elected to the Council

Mark Partridge was elected for the Presidency 2019-2020 but since there was a reduction of nominated representatives by the sections Mark Partridge cannot be representative of NARSC. The solution to have Mark Partridge in the Council as President Elected in 2017 and Vice President in 2018 is to be designated by the Council as Councilor at large for the period 2017-2020, following by law 3. e. ...To achieve desirable staggering of terms of office, the Council may, from time-to-time, designate certain at large positions to be for special terms not to exceed in duration the regular term of three (3)

years...substituting the place left by Jacques Poot leaving three places for the election of Councilors at large.

Annex 2b - Nomination of Councilors at Large

APPOINTED TO COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE

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Annex 3: Supra - regional and Sections

Annex 3a1: Application of RSAC

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Professor Tomaz Ponce Dentinho
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Dear Professor Tomaz Ponce Dentinho,

On behalf of The Regional Science Association of China (RSAC), I would like to submit to you and the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) our formal application for joining RSAI. We are very much looking forward to getting the approval for our membership. We hope that through enhanced cooperation and communication between our two sides, we can contribute together to a better future of Regional Science.

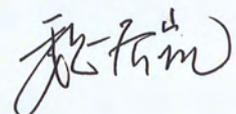
A delegation of RSAC will be in the RSAI Council in Groningen to introduce RSAC and the development of regional science in China.

Your kind assistance and organization are very much appreciated.

Best Regards.

Sincerely Yours,

Wei Houkai



Application of The Regional Science Association of China to the Regional Science Association International

I Background

Initiated and organized by Prof. Yang Kaizhong, The Regional Science Association of China (abbreviated as RSAC, hereinafter referred to as the Association) was founded in October, 1991. It is a national academic organization supported by Beijing University, endorsed by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and registered with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of PRC.

The mission of RSAC is to give intellectual support to China's socialist modernization cause by engaging China's regional science workers and economic workers in initiatives including Sino-foreign academic exchanges and cooperation, and the provision of consulting services on demographic and economic layout design, urbanization and regional development.

II Historical Development

In 1991, the Association was founded by Prof. Yang Kaizhong with the support of a number of well-known scientists at home and abroad, among whom are regional scientists Walter Isard, William Alonso, Martin J-Beckmann, Masahisa Fujita and Manas Chatterji; Chinese economists Ma Hong, Sun Shangqing, Wu Shuqing and Li Jingwen; Chinese geographers Wu Chuanjun, Chen Shupeng, Chen Chuankang, Yang Wuyang, Hu Zhaoliang, Hu Xuwei, Li Wenyan and Lu Dadao; productive forces layout specialists Liu Zaixing and Yang Shuzhen, and finally professor Zhou Deci, famous Chinese expert in urban planning. Since then, a formal academic organization grows in China to support and coordinate the academic communication and cooperation in regional science both at home and abroad.

In 1993, backed by the Association, Prof. Yang Kaizhong initiated the International Conference on Regional Science of Developing Countries and the Advanced Seminars on Regional Science in China. Scholars listed above were invited to the conferences and shared the theories and methodologies of western regional science. From then on, various colleges and universities, scientific research institutes and government departments all around the country established relevant research organizations for regional science research. Some colleges and universities also opened regional science courses and started to train postgraduates in this direction. Then in 1997, the Academic Degree Committee of the State Council listed regional science (regional economy) as sub-

discipline under applied economics. Since then, regional science has become a formal discipline for teaching and research in China.

The Association is improving the mechanism of communication and cooperation with Regional Science Association International (RSAI), Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO), North American Regional Science Conference (NARSC), and European Regional Science Association (ERSA), regional-science-related academic organizations of major countries and relevant institutes of higher learning, scientific research institutions, government departments and enterprises at home and abroad. Each year, the Association holds an annual meeting where international frontier knowledge and expertise were introduced and insights on state strategic initiatives were shared. In 2016, in collaboration with Peking University, Nankai University, Tsinghua University, Capital University of Economics and Business, Beijing- Tianjin- Hebei Region's Collaborative Development and Innovation Center of Hebei University of Economics and Business, School of Government and Beijing Development Institute of Peking University, the Association launched a yearly event-New Year Forum of Urban Policies and Management in China. From 2007 to 2012, the annual cross-strait regional science seminar was jointly held by the Association and Taiwan Regional Science Society. Since 2013, this seminar was formally merged into Asian Regional Science International Conference. In 2007, International Conference on Sino-Japanese Regional Science was jointly held by the Association and the Applied Regional Science Association of Japan. Since 2010, on the basis of International Conference on Sino-Japanese Regional Science, annual International Seminars on Asian Regional Science were held six times successively in Beijing, China, Kitakyushu, Japan, Hua-lien in Taiwan Province, China, Seoul, South Korea, Harbin, China and Sendai, Japan. In 2009, the Association and relevant societies in South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines co-sponsored Asian Association for the Urban and Regional Study (AAURS), and a series of International Seminars on Asian Urban and Regional Study were respectively held in Seoul, South Korea, Nanning in Guangxi Province, China and Bangkok, Thailand. Since 2012, the Advanced Training Course on China Regional Economy for Young Scholars has been offered each year. Starting from 2010, the National Development Annual Conference on Urban Management Discipline has been held every year. In 2017, RSAC initiated and sponsored the first International Symposium on space data science where famous professors of space econometric at home and abroad were invited to give a deep dive analysis of the frontier theory of spatial econometric. In addition, International Conference on Developing Countries' Regional Science, International Conference on Spatial Economics, International Seminar on New Economic Geography, International Advanced Workshop on Regional Science/ Spatial Economics, National Advanced Training Course on Regional Science for Teachers and China Regional Development Forum were also held from time to time.

III National Registration Certificate

The Regional Science Association of China (abbreviated as RSAC, hereinafter referred to as the Association) was established in October, 1991. It is a national academic organization supported by Beijing University, endorsed by Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and registered with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of PRC. The following is RSAC's social organization legal person certificate.



IV RSAC Profile

The first president of the Association was Prof. Wu Shuqing, a famous economist and the former president of Peking University. Its current president is Prof. Yang Kaizhong, a famous economist and secretary-general of Peking University. Since April 2012, with the strengthening of the president system, the Association started to adopt the director-general system as a parallel system. HaoShouyi, the famous economist and the former dean of institute of economics of Nankai University was appointed the first director-general. In April, 2016, a new leadership team was elected for the 6th term. The Association nominated Yang Kaizhong as the president, HaoShouyi and Sun Jiuwen as the vice presidents, Wei Houkai as the director-general, An Shi, Bai Yongxiu, Chen

Jianjun, Cheng Jinhua, Deng Xiang, GuoAijun, Han Zenglin, He Canfei, Li Min, Liu Binglian, Shen Tiyan, Wang Guixin, Wu Chuanqing, Xue Ling, Yin Cunyi, Zhang Keyun and Zhao Xiaolei as the vice directors-general, and Li Wen as the secretary-general.

At present, the Association has over 1000 members, including 246 directors and 78 executive directors. The Association also holds a think-tank of more than 2800 experts in relevant fields at home and abroad. Each year, activities held by the Association involve the attendance of about 23 thousand relevant scholars and attracted nearly 100 thousand academic audiences. In addition, the Association has set up 22 specialized committees, including:

- Specialized committee for regional economics,
- Specialized committee for urban economics,
- Specialized committee for spatial economics,
- Specialized committee for new economic geography,
- Specialized committee for spatial analysis,
- Specialized committee for urban management,
- Specialized committee for regional sustainable development,
- Specialized committee for territorial planning,
- Specialized committee for regional and urban planning,
- Specialized committee for regional tourism,
- Specialized committee for regional innovation,
- Specialized committee for marine economics,
- Specialized committee for development of central China,
- Specialized committee for development of western China,
- Specialized committee for development of northeastern China
- Specialized committee for development of population and regions
- Specialized committee for development of regional culture
- Specialized committee for the Belt and Road Initiative

Specialized committee for economic belt in Yangtze River Basin,

Specialized committee for ecological civilization, and

Specialized committee for China free trade zone and national economy.

V Planning after admission to RSAI

China is a developing economy characterized by vast territory, a huge population and significant regional disparity. Regional issues take a prominent position in national economic development in China. After joining into the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), the Regional Science Association of China (RSAC) will play an even more important role in promoting the prosperity and development of international regional science by uniting and organizing international researchers in fields of geography, economics, sociology, environmental science, system science, management science, behavioral science and policy science for coordinated multidisciplinary exploration of regional issues for domestic and international academic exchange and cooperation, and for providing scientific supports and consultation services to decision-making of both government and enterprises.

1. With its joining into RSAI, RSAC will establish partnership with the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), the Europe Regional Science Association (ERSA), the Pacific Regional Science Council Organization (PRSCO) and the Regional Science Association of American (RSAmericas) and set up a platform for international exchange among scholars and experts in the field of regional science.

2. RSAC will set up an institutional platform for academic exchange and cooperation and regularly invites international experts and scholars to present the frontier knowledge of regional science, thus promoting the construction of the discipline of regional science and growth of academic talents in China.

3. RSAC will compile and publish regional science books and, through the academic exchange platform of RSAI, keep close contact with academics in different countries and regions in order to promote both the construction of the discipline of regional science and the exchange and cooperation among researchers and industry practitioners.

4. RSAC will launch electronic journals, collect regional economic news both at home and abroad, provide information on frontiers of regional science, and invite professionals to present their insights and interpretation on various regional hot issues.

5. RSAC will update its present official website (www.rsac.org.cn) by adding an English version of the existing web pages, and provide up-to-date information about activities of the association and the lasted happening in the field.

6. On top of the existing training programs being offered to young scholars, RSAC will launch international young scholar training programs to promote the growth of young talents in the research of regional science by

increasing their international exposure, enhancing their research capabilities, and improving talent recommendation and pipeline building. We will also create incentives to mobilize young academics from developing countries to pursue higher education/ graduate programs.

7. RSAC will actively develop international members, encourage members to attend academic meetings and promote academic exchange and resource-sharing both at home and abroad.

8. RSAC will coordinate with its specialized committees to launch more internationalized and diversified activities.

9. Asian regional science symposium has been successfully held for six times. As its original sponsor, RSAC will make even more efforts to make the Asian regional science research more connected with the rest of the world.

Our membership has been expanding very rapidly in recent years and the proportion of young scholars is also increasing substantially year by year. Joining RSAI will not only help enhance the influence of the Regional Science Association of China, but also inject new forces into RSAI.

VII Appendix 1: List of the Sixth Council's Leaders of the Regional Science Association of China

Position	Name and Affiliated Organization
President	Yang Kaizhong Professor of Peking University
Vice President	Hao Shouyi Professor of Chinese Research Center for Urban and Regional Economy, Nankai University
	Sun Jiuwen Professor of Research Center for Economy , Renmin University of China
Present Director-general	Wei Houkai Professor of Institute for Rural Development Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Director-general-lect	Xiao Jincheng Professor of Institute for Spatial Planning and Regional Economy, National Development and Reform Commission P.R.C
Vice Director-general	An Shi Professor of Harbin Institute of Technology
	Bai Yongxiu Professor of Shaanxi Yong Xiu Institute for Economic Management
	Chen Jianjun Professor of Research Center for Regional and Urban Development, Zhejiang University
	Cheng Jinhua Professor of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)
	Deng Xiang Professor of School of Economics, Sichuan University
	Guo Aijun Professor of School of Economics, Lanzhou University
	Han Zenglin Professor of Liaoning Normal University
	He Canfei Professor of the College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking

	University
	Li Min Professor of Hunan Normal University
	Liu Binglian Professor of College of Economic and Social Development, Nankai University
	Shen Tiyan Professor of School of Government, Peking University
	Wang Guixin Professor of Institute for Population, School of Economics, Fudan University
	Wu Chuanqing Professor of Economics and Management School of Wuhan University
	Xue ling Professor of School of Government, Peking University
	Yin Cunyi Professor of Taiwan Research Institute of Tsinghua University
	Zhang Keyun Professor of School of Economics, Renmin University of China
	Zhao Xiaolei Professor of Institute of Finance and Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
Secretary-general	Li Wen Beijing Development Institute, Peking University
Vice Secretary-general	Bu Linhua Institute of Economics Management and Humanities and Social Science, Harbin Institute of Technology
	Deng Hongbing Research Center for Regional Economy and Investment Environment, China University of Geo-sciences
	Hu Bo Beijing Production City Fusion Technology Research Institute
	Huang Zhiji School of Government, Central University of Finance and Economics
	Shang Jin <i>Information China</i> , China Information Industry Association
	Wu Xiaoqing Binhai Research Institute in Tianjin
	Wang Yejiang Institute for Urban and Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
	Xu Xiaoping Beijing Hai enhui Economics and Technology Research Institute
	Wen Yuyuan School of Economics, Renmin University of China
	Zhang Xueliang School of Urban and Regional Science, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
	Zhang Chun School of Planning and Design, Beijing Jiaotong University
	Zhang Yaojun Institute for Population, Renmin University of China
	Zhou Jiang Research Center for Regional Economy, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences

Appendix 2: Specialized Committees of the Association (in the alphabetical order)

	Committee Name	Affiliated Organization	Convener	Position of the Convener
1	Young Scholar Work Committee		Zhang Xueliang	Professor of School of Urban and Regional Science, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
2	Specialized Committee for Economic Belt in Yangtze River Basin	Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences	Hou Shuiping	Professor of Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences
3	Specialized Committee for Urban Management	Peking University	Lu Jun	Professor of School of Government, Peking University
4	Specialized Committee of Urban Economics	Nankai University	Liu Binglian	Professor of College of Economic and Social Development, Nankai University
5	Specialized Committee for the Study of Development of Northeastern China	Northeast Normal University	Song Yuxiang	Professor of Northeast China Institute, Northeast Normal University
6	Specialized Committee for Territorial Planning	Institute of Spatial Planning and Regional Economy	Xiao Jincheng	Professor of Institute of Spatial Planning and Regional Economy, National Development and Reform Commission P.R.C
7	Specialized Committee for the Study of Marine Economics	Liaoning Normal University	Han Zenglin	Professor of Liaoning Normal University
8	Specialized Committee for Spatial Analysis	School of Economics, Renmin University of China	Shi Minjun	Professor of School of Economics, Renmin University of China
9	Specialized Committee for Spatial Economics	Sun Yan-sen Business School	Liang Qi	Professor of Research Center of Urban and Regional Development,

				Sun Yan-sen University
10	Specialized Committee for National Economy	School of Economics, Southwest University for Nationalities	Zheng Changde	Professor of School of Economics, Southwest University for Nationalities
11	Specialized Committee for Regional Innovation	East China Normal University	Zeng Gang	Professor of Institute for Resource and Environment, East China Normal University
12	Specialized Committee for Regional Economics	Renmin University of China	Sun Jiuwen	Professor of Research Center for Economy, Renmin University of China
13	Specialized Committee for Regional Sustainable Development	Beijing Normal University	Wu Dianting	Professor of School of Geography, Beijing Normal University
14	Specialized Committee for Regional Tourism	Qingdao University	Ma Po	Professor of Tourism College of Qingdao University
15	Specialized Committee for the Development of Regional Culture	China Art Science Technology Research Institute	Xiao gang	Professor of Lishui University in Zhejiang
16	Specialized Committee for Regional and Urban Planning	College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University	Lv Bin	Professor of College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University
17	Specialized Committee for Population Studies	Fudan University	Wang Guixin	Professor of Institute for Population, School of Economics, Fudan University
18	Specialized Committee for the Study of Ecological Civilization	China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)	Deng Hongbing	Professor of Research Center for Regional Economy and Investment Environment, China University of Geo-sciences
19	Specialized Committee for the Development of Western China	Enterprise Institute, Department of Development Research Center of the State Council	Zhao Changwen	Professor of Industrial Economics Department of Development Research Center of the State Council
20	Specialized Committee	Institute for Economic	Zeng Daozhi	Professor of Tohoku

	for New Economic Geography	Management, University of Chinese Academic of Sciences		University, Japan
21	Specialized Committee for Economic Belt in the Belt and Road Initiative	Northeast University	Bai Yongxiu	Professor of Shaanxi Yong Xiu Institute for Economic Management
22	Specialized Committee for the Development of Central China	Wuhan University	Zhang Jianqing	Professor of Institute for the Development of Central China, Wuhan University
23	Specialized Committee for the Study of China Free Trade Zone	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics	Zhao Xiaolei	Professor of Institute of Finance and Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Appendix 3: Key Events of RSAC (2014-2016)

2014:

January

On 22th, January, 2014, the leadership transition meeting of the Regional Science Association of China was held in Room 501, School of Government, Peking University. The subject of the meeting was mainly about the preparation of the coming leadership transition meeting and the annual meeting of the Association.

February

On 19th, February, 2014, sponsored by the Regional Science Association of China, Peking University and Korean Leaders Society, hosted by the Planning and Design Institute of Peking University and China Low-carbon Industry Investment Center, the first “The Development of Low-carbon & Smart City Forum” was held in Guangan, Sichuan.

March

In March, 2014, the new version of the Association’s website was launched. More application functions such as online registration of membership, meeting announcement, online application and online payment, etc.were enabled via this update.

April

On 26th, April, 2014, “the leadership transition meeting of the Regional Science Association of China& Academic Seminar on Regional Development and Urbanization” was successfully held in Renmin University of China.

June

On June 7th, 2014, sponsored by the Specialized Committee for Economic Belt in the Silk Road of RSAC and hosted by Shannxi Yong Xiu Institute of Economic Management, the Inauguration of the Specialized Committee for Economic Belt in the Silk Road of RSAC & the First Academic Seminar on Economic Belt in the Silk Road was held in Xi’an.

From June 28-30th, 2014, The Fifth International Forum on Spatial Integrated Humanities and Social Sciences was held under the sponsorship of the School of Government, the Center for Computational Science and Engineering, the Institute of Social Survey, and China Center for Regional Economic Research of Peking University.

July

From July 5-6th, 2014, the 9th Academic Annual Meeting of Consortium for Western China Development Studies was jointly held by Guizhou University of Finance and Economics, Consortium for Western China Development Studies, the Specialized Committee for the Development of Western China and the Overseas Chinese Economists Society in America.

From July 12-13, 2014, the Academic Forum on the Frontier of Regional Science and Urban Economy and the Economy in Free Trade Zone for Young Scholars and Postgraduates was held in Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

August

On 5- 7th, August, 2014, the 4th Annual Meeting of the Regional Science Association of Asia was held in Seoul, South Korea. The Association organized domestic representatives to attend the meeting.

September

On 17th, September, 2014, the Seminar on the Performance Appraisal of Institutional Innovation of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone was jointly held by the Collaborative Innovation Center of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone and the Regional Science Association of China. Famous scholars in relevant fields were invited to discuss the contribution of Pilot Free Trade Zone to the new path and new mode of opening up to outside world and the strategy of performance appraisal.

October

The Regional Science Association of China and the *Pivot* Press of Wuhan Media Group hosted the 2014 Academic Annual Meeting from 18~19th, October, 2014 in China University of Geo-sciences (Wuhan).

December

On 5th, December, the Inauguration of the Specialized Committee for the Study of China Free Trade Zone, RSAC & the Academic Seminar on the Development of China Free Trade Zone was held in Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

On 6th, December, jointly instructed by the Regional Science Association of China and Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, sponsored by National Opening up and Development Research Institute and Shanghai International Trade Society, the first Academic Seminar on the frontier of New Economic Geography was successfully held in Shanghai University of International Business and Economics.

2015**April**

From 11-12th, April, 2015, sponsored by the Specialized Committee for Urban Management of RSAC, the Seminar on China Urban Management & 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of Urban Management Major at Peking University was convened in the School of Government, Peking University.

June

From 15-16th, June, the 10th Academic Annual Meeting of Consortium for Western China Development Studies was convened in Southwest University in Chongqing.

On 20th, June, the Inauguration of the Specialized Committee for the Study of Ecological Civilization of RSAC & the First National Academic Seminar on the Strategy of the Innovation and Development of Ecological Civilization was convened in China University of Geo-science in Wuhan.

From 21-22th, June, the 6th International Forum on Spatial Integrated Humanities and Social Sciences was jointly held by Central China Normal University and the Regional Science Association of China in Central China Normal University.

July

From 17-20th, July, sponsored by the Regional Science Association of China, the Fifth Asian Seminar on Regional Science was convened in Harbin Institute of Technology. The theme of the meeting was on the optimization the spatial layout of economic development. More than 50 scholars from China and South Korea attended the seminar.

October

From 10-12th, October, 2015, the annual meeting of the Regional Science Association of China was convened in Nanchang University. In the meantime, the Third Session of the Fifth Executive Committee was also held in which two new specialized committees (the Specialized Committee for Regional and Urban Planning, and the Specialized Committee for National Economy) were inaugurated

From 24-25th, October, 2015, RSAC 2015 Forum on Regional Development Strategy and Marine Regional Science was held in Liaoning Normal University. This event was co-sponsored by the Specialized Committee for the Study of Marine Economics of RSAC and the Research Center of Marine Economics and Sustainable Development of Liaoning Normal University, a key research base in humanities and social science designated by the Ministry of Education, PRC.

November

On 20th, November, the Second Marine Industry Development Forum was convened in Binhai New District, Tianjin.

2016

January

On January 9th, 2016, the joint meeting of the Specialized Committee for Urban Management of RSAC and the Teaching Instruction Committee for China Regional Urban Management was held in School of Government, Peking University to discuss the annual work plan of 2016.

April

From 22-23th, April, 2016, the 2016 Director Transition Meeting of the Regional Science Association of China& Academic Seminar on Poverty Relief, Opening up and All-around Well-off Society was held in the Institute of Economics at South-Central University for Nationalities.

May

On 21th, May, 2016, the Inauguration of Sichuan Regional Science Society & the First Member's Congress was successfully convened in Chengdu, Sichuan.

June

On the morning of 18th, June, 2016, in Chengdu, Sichuan, the Project Opening Report on *Research of Sichuan's Solution towards Climate Change and Green, Low-carbon Development during the Thirteenth Five-year Plan* was presided by Zhoujiang, the secretary-general of the Specialized Committee for Economic Belt in Yangtze River Basin.

On 30th, June, 2016, President Yang Kaizhong met with Professor ManasChatterjifrom from Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Sponsored by Peking University and ICAP and co-sponsored by the Regional Science Association of China and Beijing Jiaotong University, IACP (International Association for China Planning) annual meeting was held on June 30th at Jiaotong University and on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July in the School of Government, Peking University .

July

From 9-10th, July, 2016, the 11th academic annual meeting of the Consortium for Western China Development Studies was held in Southwest University for Nationalities in Chengdu, Sichuan. It was jointly sponsored by the Consortium for Western China Development Studies, Southwest University for Nationalities, the Specialized Committee for the Development of Western China of RASA and the Chinese Economists Society, and jointly organized by the School of Economics, Southwest University for Nationalities, the Center of West Ethnic Economic Research and the Specialized Committee for National Economy, RSAC.

September

From 16-17th, September, 2016, at Southwest University for Nationalities, the Academic Seminar on Taking Targeted Measures in Poverty Alleviation was held by the Regional Science Association of China and Southwest University for Nationalities.

From 24-26th, September, 2016, the sixth Asian Seminar on Regional Science was held in Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan.

October

On 15&16th, October, 2016, the annual meeting of the Regional Science Association of China (RSAC) & the Seminar on Expanding New Space for Development---Innovation, Gathering and Regional Development was held in Hunan Normal University (Changsha).

On 21&22th, October, 2016, the Third International Forum on Innovation and Development of China (Tianjin) Marine Industry was held in Tianjin.

From 28-30th, October, 2016, the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of National Discipline Development in Regional Economics & the Academic Seminar on Serving the National Development Strategic Initiatives and the Opening New Page to Improve the Discipline Development was held in Renmin University of China. It was sponsored by the School of Economics, Renmin University of China, the College of Economic and Social Development, Nankai University and the School of Economics, Lanzhou University.

November

On 8th, November, 2016, Tomaz, the secretary-general of RSAI visited RSAC and discussed with leaders of the Association about issues of RSAC's admission into RSAI.

On 26th, November, 2016, the 2016 Annual Meeting of Development of China Urban Management was held by Zhejiang University and the Specialized Committee for Urban Management of RSAC.

December

On December 10th, 2016, the 2016 Academic Conference of The Frontier of New Economic Geography: Geo-economics in the Condition of Two belts and One Road was held in Southwest University of Finance and Economics. It was sponsored by the Specialized Committee for New Economic Geography of RSAC, School of International Business of SWUFE, the Specialized Committee for Spatial Analysis of RSAC, Sichuan Collaborative Innovation Center for "Innovation and Development of Direct Outbound Investment from Inland Areas", and the Institute of Geo-economics and Politics of the School of International Business of SWUFE.

On December 17th, sponsored by Yunnan University and the Specialized Committee for Spatial Analysis of RSAC, International Seminar (2016) on China Spatial Economics was held at Yunnan University

From 16-18th, December, 2016, the 2016 Academic Annual Meeting of Specialized Committee for the Development of Regional Culture of RSAC & the Symposium on Development of Regional Culture and Construction of Featured Towns was held in Lishui Institute in Zhejiang and in Longquan, a Celadon Porcelain

town. The event was sponsored by the Specialized Committee for the Development of Regional Culture, RSAC and Zhejiang Collaborative Innovation Platform of China Art, Science and Technology.

From 16-18th, the academic seminar on population and development under the Belt and the Road Initiative was held in Zimeng, Yunnan. The seminar was jointly sponsored by the Specialized Committee for the Study of Population of RSAC, the Institute of Population Studies at Fudan University, and the School of Economics at Hubei University.

Appendix 4: Media Coverage

<http://www.rsac.org.cn/>



The screenshot shows the RSAC website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the RSAC logo and the text '中国区域科学协会'. The main content area features a large group photo of the '2013 RSAC Annual Meeting' held in Tianjin. To the left, there is a '快速通道' (Quick Access) section with links for '如何成为会员', '会议注册缴费', '会员登记表下载, 提交', and '文章关键词搜索'. Below this is a '联系我们' (Contact Us) section with contact information for the secretariat, including address, phone, email, and WeChat. To the right, there are sections for '通知公告' (Notices) and '专家视点' (Expert Views), each with a list of recent articles and a '更多...' (More...) link. A '协会动态' (Association News) section is also visible, listing various events and dates.

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| 2017-03-20 | 2017年中国区域科学协会年会（RSAC' 2017）征文启... |
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| 2017-02-25 | “中国区域经济50人论坛”成立大会暨第一次研讨会即将召开 |
| 2017-02-12 | 第十届中国国土区域城市经济学家新春论坛：绿色发展与空间优化 |
| 2016-12-28 | 中国城市政策与管理暨京津冀协同发展新年论坛（2017）召开 |
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2016-12-16	第三届全国生态文明建设与区域创新发展战略学术研讨会 一号通知
2016-11-30	2016年中国区域科学协会区域文化发展委员会学术年会暨区域文...
2016-11-23	“‘一带一路’人口与发展”学术研讨会通知

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Appendix 5: Meeting pictures

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2012 Annual Meeting of RSAC



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中国区域科学协会2015年年会合影留念

2015年10月10日于南昌大学



2015 Annual Meeting of RSAC

2016年中国区域科学协会年会 (RSAC' 2100) 暨“拓展发展新空间——创新、集聚与区域发展”主题研讨会合影留念

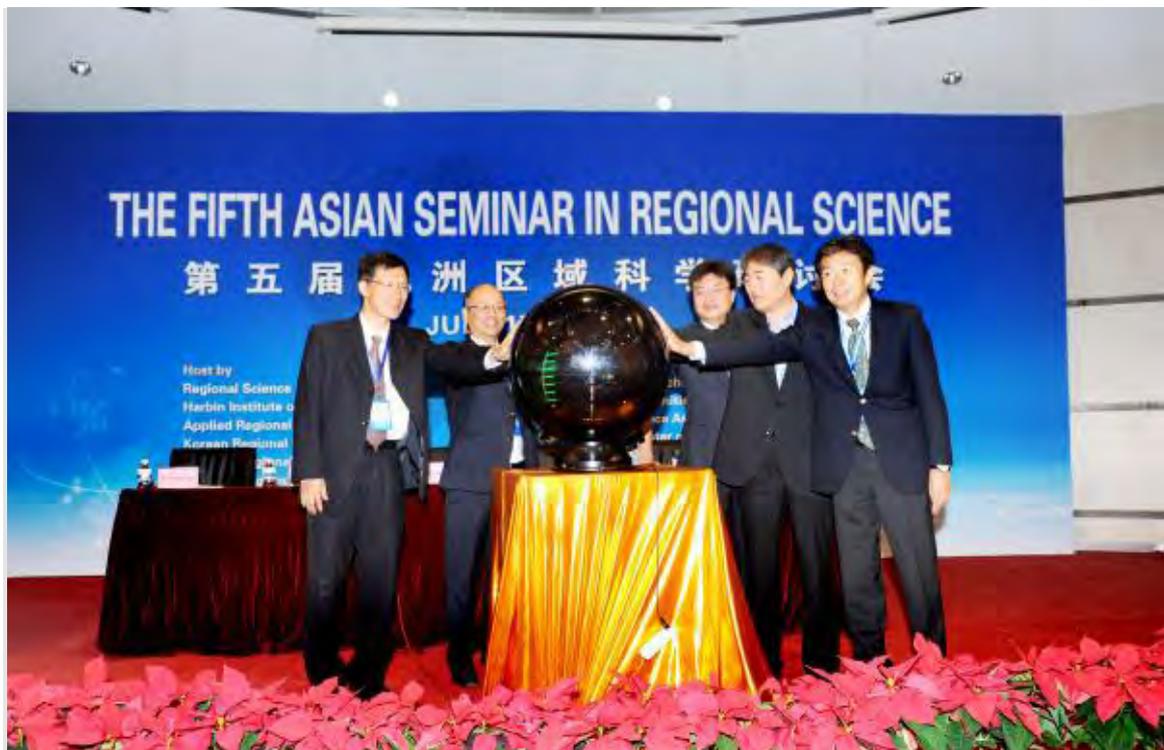
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Annex 3a2: Letter of Yoshiro Higano regarding the application of RSAC

Dear my Colleagues:

Many thanks for your constructive and proactive discussion (especially by Bob, Kingsley, Lay, Peter, Patricio, Budy, and Antoine) related with my e-mail about proposal of RSAC to be affiliated to RSAI *directly*.

There are two issues which were confused and sometimes the one might be missed by views/opinions focusing on the other. Also, their time-span for argument should be originally different and are now complicated and confused.

1. What criterion and standard shall be applied for approval of an academic organization (regional/national basis, or international basis with specified countries, languages, etc. – henceforth called as *applicant*) as an RSAI Section?

2. How RSAI should be re-organized in order to incorporate “sections” which are currently – or will be - outside of the current super-regions?

Views related with the issue 1:

(i) In case applicant belongs to the territory of super-region, the standard/criterion prescribed by super-region shall be applied as RSAI Constitution says. So, in case applicant applies her affiliation to RSAI through super-region whose territory she belongs to, there should be no further arguments as far as RSAI Constitution is concerned. The matter shall be handled by super-region and affiliation is recommended to RSAI in case super-region has approved affiliation.

(ii) In case applicant is *completely* outside of currently existing super-regions, RSAI shall take leadership with the matter. Even in that case, as far as the matter is related with currently existing super-region or RSAI Section in any sense and to whatever extent, RSAI shall listen to related super-region/RSAI Section while RSAI shall take leadership with the matter.

In this case, we must examine, for example, whether applicant will grow stably and sustainably by incorporating universities and institutes nation-widely if applicant propose a national section (say converge by applicant is argued as nation-wide); we must examine at first whether applicant has shown enough materials with which we can do the examination, e.g., directory of RSAI membership fee paying members in RSAI format, etc.

(iii) RSAC application shall be exceptional even if approved by RSAI. As I have already written in previous e-mail, RSAI can do anything once RSAI Council has decided although it might contradict to RSAI Constitution. In case of contradiction, impact (cost) could be of course huge although *expected* benefit could be huge like in RSAC case. While admitting this, RSAI shall be more careful about prescribing criteria/standards/conditions with which RSAI approve application by RSAC. This is must and shall be promptly done. In this case, apparently RSAI shall listen to PRSCO and Taiwan.

As far as we follow RSAI Constitution, RSAI shall treat RSAC as a ‘group’ in RSAI under the current Constitution of RSAI while RSAI offers and applies universal membership system for RSAC members as an exception. In my view, this special and specific case may bring more flexibility for RSAI in discussing the above issue 2.

Views related with the issue 2:

(a) As I have already written, basically RSAI and super-regions have been operated based on actual results (activities). Recent good example is LACRSA. The constituents have records to be active RSAI Sections of existing super-regions, say PRSCO and NARSC/RSAmerica, so long time. Always existing super-regions take important roles and shall not be neglected. In this sense, the relation between RSAI and super-regions/RSAI Sections in the above views (i), (ii), and (iii) shall be morphologically kept when RSAI strategically considers structural reorganization. Namely, we must realize that RSAI and super-regions are and shall be operated based on bottom-up system, too. (As far as I am correct, Indian RSA has been Membership Section of PRSCO since Bangalore and has a record of PRSCO activity.) More directly speaking, in case RSAI considers strategically creation of a new super-region, RSAI shall listen to existing super-regions/RSAI Sections.

(b) As for RSAC case, if RSAI will approve her application to become an RSAI section based on criteria/standards that will be prescribed in a short span as stated in the above (iii), I dare to say once again it will be apparently against RSAI Constitution. While admitting this, RSAI should prepare for (re-) organization of super-regions, say future positioning of RSAC in super-region, so that it will not hurt already existing and active CRSA-T (Taiwan) in PRSCO.

(c) In any way, RSAI shall be more careful with approval of RSAC as an RSAI *Section* (even if approved, RSAC shall be a group in RSAI under the current Constitution of RSAI although it is specially treated with application of universal membership system) because it will affect our future strategy and may rather confine flexibility of RSAI strategy.

(d) If terminology of reorganization is used as what means any grand transformation from the current bottom-up system of RSAI via revision of RSAI Constitution, it is not good idea. Considering historically, geographically, and politically complicated current structure of RSAI and further considering current and *future* situations RSAI must face, I do not believe we can have a better system. Rather, we should try to enhance the bottom-up system, which RSAI had to reach to after 40 years of confusion period while RSA (former RSAI) tried to establish a stable international organization) and RSAI has matured under umbrella of super-regions. For example, acquisition of NGO status by UN is one possible and effective way as Antoine and Roger suggested and tried to. In that case we must consider revision of RSAI Constitution and it will really have meaningfulness for us strategically.

Best regards,

Yoshiro

Past President of RSAI and Member of LRPC

Annex 3a3: Letter of Peter Nijkamp regarding the application of RSAC

Dear Yoshiro:

Sorry for my late reply to your last email, but the medical situation of my wife was taking all my attention. Fortunately, she is improving now, although it will remain a source of concern. Hope things on your side are improving.

Back to the new future plans for RSAI. I just make a few remarks and suggestions based on my personal experience.

1. The current situation in our world with more globalisation of science requires a rethinking of the organizational structures of RSAI. Otherwise, we will become a marginalised group.
2. New sections in Africa (e.g. South Africa, Morocco, Capo Verde, Kenya) and in Asia (e.g., the Caucasian Section, India) have to find a home base; otherwise they will turn to other organizations.

3. It seems plausible to divide the global RSAI organisation into 5 continental supraregional groups: North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific.
4. Three of these groups are rather well established now: North America, Latin America and Europe.
5. Africa needs quite some attention, but has in principle a great potential if South Africa and Morocco take the lead here.
6. Asia-Pacific is a challenge, as this includes PRSCO, China (still to be included), India (on its way to be included) and the Western part of Asia (with much dynamics in Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and the Gulf States).
7. I see a great perspective; PRSCO could be transformed into an Asia-Pacific RSAI supraregional group, incorporating the PRSCO countries including Australasia, as well as China, India, and the Western Asian countries. One thing is sure: India, Western Asia and most likely China will not join PRSCO.
8. From that perspective, I would suggest that you take the lead in building up an 'extended' PRSCO, which might become the biggest RSAI group in the world! You have the skills and support to do so.
9. Of course, such a transformation takes time and the current RSAI regulations are not so flexible. So, I wonder whether with all respect for current rules and arrangements (which are apparently outdated) we could develop a gradual transition toward a new RSAI model.
10. I am not so familiar with the Chinese situation, except that I know many excellent Chinese regional scientists who are very international and speak fluently English. If China joins RSAI (the earlier the better), we need to have a broad coverage of international scholars in China.

Well Yoshiro, I hope I have contributed to a positive discussion on the issues raised by you. I wish you all the best and hope to see you soon.

Peter Nijkamp

Annex 3b: Application of the Armenian Section



C.A.R.S

Caucasus Association of Regional Science

Application of the Caucasus Association of Regional Science to the Regional Science Association International

1. Background

Regional Science promotional activities have been initiated in Armenia four years ago by group of young researchers with the aim: (i) to contribute to the scientific development of Armenia and to support regional science networking in the Caucasus through organization of international and regional meetings each year, and also national workshops every year, (ii) to create academic interdisciplinary network, (iii) to boost national and international networking of universities, research institutions, expert groups and communities (iv) to promote science and development, (v) to fostering of exchange of ideas, (vi) to support Armenian scientists in their academic promotion and (vii) create Caucasus section of RSAI. With this enlarged scale eventually will be feasible the creation of digital Regional Science Publication for Western Asia.

Regional Science as a discipline have been approached in Armenia like in any other countries from disciplinary perspectives of geography, economics and law, agronomy, landscape architecture, urban architecture, ecology, spatial planning, policy and transport.

The idea to create a regional science association in Caucasus comes after the several joint initiatives between RSAI and Armenian regional scientists and with financial support of Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation:

- i) Regional Science Workshop on Interdisciplinary Analysis and Policies for Regional Sustainability – December 2013.

- ii) Public seminar on “International migration and regional development” for Armenian researchers in AUA, 21 March 2014
- iii) Summer course on Interdisciplinary Analysis and Policies for Regional Sustainability, June 2015
- iv) Symposium and workshop on the theme Regional Development in Western Asia; a Regional Science Perspective, October 2016

The list of the founding members:

1. Anahit Harutyunyan – PhD student, Lecturer of National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
2. Hermine Samvelyan - PhD student, Lecturer of National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
3. Ani Khalatyan - Assistant professor of Yerevan State University
4. Yana Yanikyan - Assistant professor of Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University
5. Irina Vanyan – Professor of National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
6. Armine Ghulyan - Associate Professor of National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
7. Aram Karapetyan - Associate Professor of Yerevan State University
8. Vehanush Marukhyan - Assistant professor of Yerevan State University
9. Artak Zargaryan - PhD student, Lecturer of Armenian National Academy of Sciences
10. Samvel Margaryan - Assistant professor of Armenian State University of Economics
11. Ruben Hayrapetyan - Associate Professor of Armenian State University of Economics
12. Emma Matevosyan - Associate Professor of Armenian State University of Economics
13. Ani Khachatryan Assistant professor of Armenian State University of Economics
14. Sergey Avetisyan – Researcher of Central Bank of Armenia
15. Valentina Gevorgyan – Researcher of American University of Armenia (AUA)
16. Aghavni Hakobyan - Associate Professor of Armenian State University of Economics
17. Stanislav Mezhdoyan - PhD student, Assistant professor of Tbilisi State University

2. *Motivation for a new RSAI section and prospective relationship to the relevant supra-regional organization*

The main objectives of the association are to:

- (i) contribute to the progress and advancement of the Regional Sciences through the development of interdisciplinary and cross-sectorial research;
- (ii) promote the Regional Science, its concepts, methods and tools in research or higher education organizations, institutions and institutes;
- (iii) serve as a place of exchange of information and knowledge for the scientific community interested in Regional Sciences, and also a forum for deepening the reflection of topics related to Regional Sciences;
- (iv) build relationships of scientific collaboration and technical cooperation with other national and international associations, organizations and foundations having similar objectives;
- (v) promote the exchange of scientific knowledge and technical experience with regional, national and international professional groups, working on the production or use of knowledge of Regional Sciences; and
- (vi) create and distribute any media to convey information between its members (scientific journals, books, newsletters, journals, congress, seminars, study days, etc;
- (vii) Create of digital Regional Science Publication for Western Asia.

The Caucasus Association of Regional Science is the first regional science associations in Caucasus region. Within the Scope of RSAI, Regional Science Supra-nationals and Regional Science Sections, the Caucasus Association of Regional Science aims to promote the creation of regional science association in Caucasus and particularly in Armenia; and to participate in regional science networks namely those linked to regional issues, Socio-economic development of the region, etc.

The members of the association, at least at moment the group founder, have a wide and diversified network of contacts in Armenia, Georgia and Black Sea Areas countries, that

can use to promote and initiate the formation of national association and also to federate them in supra national one. The members of the group founder belong to 10 different institutions (universities, Institutes of higher education, research Centers, and public Administrations) who have already many links of partnership and cooperation/collaboration with other regional and international institutions. These existing links will facilitate to establish an initial network of researchers and practitioners on regional science in Armenia and Black Sea Area Countries. The start will be from neighboring countries to Armenia and will extend to Black Sea Area Countries and beyond. The association is planning to organize a set of thematic seminars and workshops, summer courses and conferences or congresses to which various scientists from the Caucasus region and the globe will be invited. These events will serve as a forum for promoting the regional science in the Caucasus and BSA countries.

There are more than ten million Armenians living in Armenia, Armenian communities across the globe, that is, the Armenian Diaspora. In fact, today there are Armenian communities in more than 100 countries all over the world and the majority of them are in the Russian Federation, the U.S.A., France, Georgia, Syria, Lebanon, Argentina, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as other countries. Armenian communities have grown ever more dispersed, but also more connected to each other. After the independence of Armenia, Armenia becomes a home for many international students and scholars. Some of these students and scholars are involved in the association activities and this will prepare them to be active promoters of regional science in their respective home countries and also facilitate cooperation with universities and institutions.

The Caucasus Association of Regional Science will work in close partnership with (i) the association of neighborhood countries, (ii) with scientific foundations, associations and governmental agencies that support education and science and other national or supra national associations in order to foster and promote regional science among research scientists and practitioners in Caucasus and BSA countries.

3. Estimate of the number of new members expected within 1 year and within 3 years of the establishment of the section

Individuals, organizations or public/private institutions engaged in the field of Regional Science research or interested on the use of Regional Science research can be members of the association if they share its spirit as reflected in its constitution; their application is approved by the Board of the association; have paid an annual membership fee; and agree to be active and to work towards achieving the objectives of the association. The Association might also count among its members honorary ones.

The Caucasus Association of Regional Science has started with 30 members, 17 which are the group founder. These members are composed of professors (17), researchers (4) practitioners (3) and PhD students (6). Currently, the list of applied members of the Association is exceeded 75. As it is projected the number of members will reach more than 170 persons in 2019.

	2014/2015	2016/2017	2019
Graduate Students	6	20	40
Professors	17	36	60
Researchers	4	10	40
Practitioners	3	9	30
Total	30	75	170

4. Organization and legal status

The Caucasus Association of Regional Science is constituted in accordance with national laws and rules governing and regulating the right of association in Republic of Armenia (No. AC-268, the Law of the Republic of Armenia, 04.12.2001).

The activity of the association is carried throughout the Republic of Armenia and abroad. Later, it may adhere to any national or international institution / organization pursuing similar objectives.

The association is governed by a Board of the association, composed of 5 persons elected among its active members at a general assembly. The Board shall appoint among its members: a president, a general secretary, a treasurer and two advisers.

In order to ensure diversity and representativeness of the Board, the election of its members is based on a direct and individual secret ballot. Voters vote for any of the candidates appearing on a list, prepared on the day of the general meeting, and the votes are counted for each candidate individually. The Board is composed of the 5 persons who get the most voices.

The duration of the Association is unlimited. Any discussion or a statement of political, union or religious nature is strictly prohibited in the premises of the association and during the events it organizes or the documents it publishes.

The association meets once a year in general meeting. Other meetings of the General Assembly may be convened by the Board or at the express request of at least one third of members of the association. The date of the general assembly is brought to the attention of members at least 10 days in advance. The agenda is set by the Board, and might include all issues and proposals brought to the attention of the Board, and accepted by it as not being contrary to the interests of the association, one month before the meeting by any active member of the association.

The functioning of the association is governed by its charter and internal rules of procedure. The Charter may be amended on the initiative of the Board or at the request of at least one third of the association members. The extraordinary general assembly called to approve such changes may not validly deliberate unless at least half of the active members is present. If this proportion is not reached, the meeting is reconvened, but after at least two weeks, and at this meeting it can validly deliberate regardless of the number of members present.

5. *Planned activities during the first 3 years (international workshops, summer courses, congresses, meetings, networking)*

The Caucasus Association of Regional Science plans to organize in the next three years at least three RSAI international summer courses, three Regional Science Conferences and one three thematic Workshops (a. Regional growth, b. migration, c. transportation).

Delegations of the Caucasus Association of Regional Science will be present in ERSA 2017 and in various events organized by supra national or national associations belonging to the RSAI.

	2018	2019	2020
RSAI Summer Course	1	1	1
Conferences	1	1	1
Thematic Workshops	1	1	1

6. Financial plan for the first 3 years including the financial support asked for from RSAI and partner institutions and foundations. A brief plan for how the financial support from the RSAI could be repaid

The resources of the Association consist of:

- (i) contributions of its members;
- (ii) grants and donations as may be granted by the State, public or private enterprises, institutions or organizations, local collectivities, and national or international organizations of the civil society;
- (iii) Revenues from scientific events, cultural activities and training activities organized by the association and within the scope of its object.

With 170 members, within three years, the Caucasus Association of Regional Science will be able to pay membership fee to RSAI through membership fee and support of donor organizations as well as will be able to cover administrative expenditure.

	2018	2019	2020
Revenues €	5875	7850	9800
Members Contributions	375	850	1000
Grants	5000	6000	7000
Conferences	500	1000	1800
Costs €	3900	6900	9600
Secretariat	1800	1800	2000
Conference Costs	2000	4000	6000
Other Costs	800	1000	1500
Payment to RSAI	100	100	100
Margin	1175	950	200

Appendix 1: list of participants to the first general assembly

1. Anahit Harutyunyan – PhD student, Assistant professor of National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
2. Ani Khalatyan - Associate Professor of Yerevan State University
3. Yana Yanikyan - Associate Professor of Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University

4. Armine Ghulyan - Associate Professor of National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia
5. Aram Karapetyan - Associate Professor of Yerevan State University
6. Vehanush Marukhyan - Assistant professor of Yerevan State University
7. Artak Zargaryan - PhD student, Lecurer professor of Armenian National Academy of Sciences
8. Samvel Margaryan - Assistant professor of Armenian State University of Economics
9. Emma Matevosyan - Associate Professor of Armenian State University of Economics
10. Ani Khachatryan - Assistant professor of Armenian State University of Economics
11. Sergey Avetisyan – Researcher of Central Bank of Armenia
12. Nairuhi Jrbashyan - Associate Professor of Yerevan State University
13. Hasmik Ordukhanyan - Associate Professor of Armenian State University of Economics
14. Narine Elizbaryan - Assistant professor of Armenian State University of Economics
15. Nune Elizbaryan - Assistant professor of Armenian State University of Economics

Appendix 2: list of members of the board of the association

Administration	Name	Surname	Profession
President	Anahit	Harutyunyan	Researcher, Lecturer
Vice President	Yana	Yanikyan	Professor Assistant
Treasurer	Ani	Khalatyan	Professor Assistant
Adviser	Emma	Matevosyan	Associate Professor
Adviser	Samvel	Margaryan	Professor Assistant

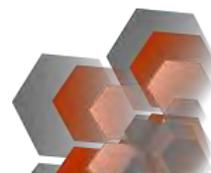
Annex 3c: African Network of Regional Science

At the Third Biannual Regional Science Conference hosted by CRUISE at Stellenbosch University from 3-5 July, 2017 an official decision was taken by the conference to establish an African Regional Science Network. The African Regional Science Network is based on the concept of a federal system of associated national African chapters starting with a two-member organisation – Morocco and South Africa. As and when sufficient capacity in Regional Science has been developed in other African states, chapters of Regional Science will be established and those state-chapters will then be added as federated members of the African Regional Science Network. South Africa and Morocco will frame a concept constitution that will be submitted to the RSAI for ratification. Once the constitution is in place a programme of action will be compiled to put the African Network on firm footing of ongoing activities.

Annex 4 – Accounts and Activity Report of 2016

RSAI Report and Accounts of 2016

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Note from the Executive Director



Along 2016 there were two Council Meetings, one in Vienna (Austria) and one in Minneapolis (USA) whose minutes are available through the RSAI webpage. There were the expected changes in the composition of RSAI Council with the election and substitution of one Councilor at Large. The RSAI Council was changed to include the representatives of the new supra regional association, the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Science Association. The RSAI Council has 19 members since January 2017: 6 councilors at large; 4 executives of the supra regional associations, 8 representatives of the supra regional associations and the executive director.

Two issues of the RSAI Newsletter were published by Roberto Caragliu and Graham Clarke and distributed in RSAI Conferences of ERSA in Austria and NARSC in Minneapolis.

Papers in Regional Science increase in the number of downloads in the period 2005 to 2016. The total includes usage on Wiley Online Library only. Downloads via Wiley Online Library increased by 14% in 2016. This compares with an increase of 11% across all Wiley Journals in Geography.

Regional Science Policy and Practice increase in the number of downloads in the period 2008 to 2016. The total includes usage on Wiley Online Library only. Downloads via Wiley Online Library increased by 8% in 2016. This compares with an increase of 11% across all Wiley Journals in Geography.

RSAI awards acknowledged the best work of regional scientists, the program Nurturing Talent helped the implementation of Summer Courses in Milan and Barcelona, the program Building Bridges created a connection with India and the Meeting in Armenia financed by Gulbenkian Foundation reinforced the links with the Caucasus Area.

There was an increase in the number of members from 4368 in 2014, 4399 in 2015 and 4544 in 2016. In November 2017 the Indian Regional Science Association become part of RSAI

Evaluated in euros, the bank account evolved from 270.875,4 € in December 2015 and 274486,5 € in December 2016. Membership enrollment was possible due to the strong support from the RSAI Sections and Supra-nationals and the advice of the Council and the Presidency.

Many thanks.

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho

Executive Director of RSAI

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1. RSAI Council Members

Table 1. –RSAI Council Members in 2017

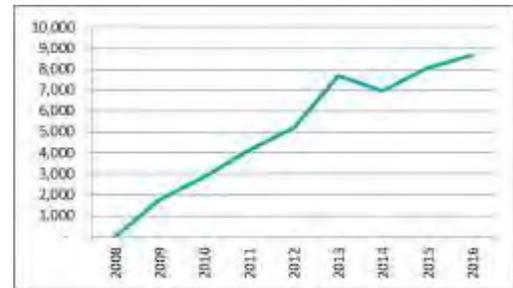
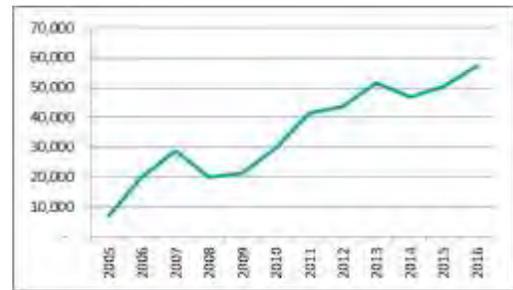
	Name	Member	Period	Email
1	Andres Rodriguez-Pose	Past President President Ersa Representative	2017 2015-2016 2013-2015	a.rodriiguez-pose@lse.ac.uk
2	Jacques Poot	President Vice – President Councilor at large	2017 2015-2016 2015-2017	jpoot@waikato.ac.nz
3	Patricio Aroca	PRSCO President	2016-2017	paroca@ucn.cl
4	Jichung Yang	PRSCO Representative	2013-2018	jcyang@snu.ac.kr ;
5	Erendira Serrano	PRSCO Representative	2015-2017	sesohi@hotmail.com
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8	Alessandra Faggian	NARSC Representative	2016-2018	faggian.1@osu.edu
9	Jouke Van Dijk	ERSA President	2015-2018	jouke.van.dijk@rug.nl
10	Isabelle Thomas	Ersa Representative	2015-2017	isabelle@geog.ucl.ac.be
11	Andre Torre	Ersa Representative	2014-2017	andre.torre@wanadoo.fr
12	Carlos Azzoni	LACRSA	2017-2020	cazzoni@usp.br
13	Jaime Bonet	LACRSA Representative	2017-2020	jbonetmo@banrep.gov.co
14	Eduardo Haddad	LACRSA Representative	2017-2020	ehaddad@usp.br
15	Emmanouil Tranos	Councilor at large	2015-2017	e.tranos@bham.ac.uk
16	Daniel Griffith	Councilor at large	2015-2017	dagriffith@utdallas.edu
17	Tüzün Baycan	Councilor at large	2015-2017	tbaycan@itu.edu.tr
18	Fabio Mazzola	Councilor at large	2016-2018	fabio.mazzola@unipa.it
19	Laurie Schintler	Councilor at large	2017-2020	lschintl@gmu.edu
20	Tomaz Dentinho	Executive Director Ersa Representative Councilor at large	2011-2018 2010-2012 2013-2015	Tomas.lc.dentinho@uac.pt

Table 2. –RSAI Council Members in 2016

	Name	Member	Period	Email
1	Andres Rodriguez-Pose	President Ersa Representative	2015-2016 2013-2015	a.rodriiguez-pose@lse.ac.uk
2	Jacques Poot	Vice – President Councilor at large	2015 2015-2017	jpoot@waikato.ac.nz
3	Isabelle Thomas	Ersa Representative	2015-2017	isabelle@geog.ucl.ac.be
4	Andre Torre	Ersa Representative	2014-2016	andre.torre@wanadoo.fr
5	Jichung Yang	Prsco Representative	2013-2018	jcyang@snu.ac.kr ;
6	Erendira Serrano	Prsco Representative	2015-2017	sesohi@hotmail.com
7	Yuzuru Miyata	Prsco Representative	2014-2016	miyata@ace.tut.ac.jp
8	Alessandra Faggian	RSA Representative	2016-2017	faggian.1@osu.edu
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10	Peter Stenberg	RSA Representative	2016-2018	stenberg@ers.usda.gov
11	Emmanouil Tranos	Councilor at large	2015-2017	e.tranos@bham.ac.uk
12	Daniel Griffith	Councilor at large	2015-2017	dagriffith@utdallas.edu
13	Tüzün Baycan	Councilor at large	2015-2017	tbaycan@itu.edu.tr
14	Hans Westlund	Councilor at large	2014-2016	hans.westlund@abe.kth.se
15	Fabio Mazzola	Councilor at large	2016-2018	fabio.mazzola@unipa.it
16	Tomaz Dentinho	Executive Director Ersa Representative Councilor at large	2011-2018 2010-2012 2013-2015	tomazdentinho@uac.pt
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19	Patricio Aroca	PRSCO President	2016-2017	paroca@ucn.cl

2. RSAI Publications

- ❖ This chart shows an increase in the number of downloads to PIRS in the period 2005 to 2016. The total includes usage on Wiley Online Library only. Downloads via Wiley Online Library increased by 14% in 2016. This compares with an increase of 11% across all Wiley Journals in Geography.
- ❖ This chart shows an increase in the number of downloads to RSPP in the period 2008 to 2016. The total includes usage on Wiley Online Library only. Downloads via Wiley Online Library increased by 8% in 2016. This compares with an increase of 11% across all Wiley Journals in Geography.
- ❖ RSAI Newsletters edited by Andrea Caragliu and Graham Clarke published two issues that were distributed in PRSCO, ERSA and RSAmericas Conferences of 2016.



3. RSAI Awards

- ❖ **The 2016 Kohno Prize** was awarded to Folke Snickars, Professor of Regional Planning at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.
- ❖ The winners of the **Martin Beckmann Prize 2016** were [Andreas P. Kyriacou](#), [Leonel Muineló-Gallo](#) and [Oriol Roca-Sagalés](#), for the paper "[Fiscal decentralization and regional disparities: The importance of good governance](#)" published in Volume 94, Issue 1, Marh 2015, Pages: 89-108.
- ❖ The **Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award 2016** has not been awarded, because there were no candidates for the Peter Nijkamp award.
- ❖ In 2016 the winner of the **RSAI dissertation prize** was [Michiel van Meeteren](#) for his dissertation entitled "From Polycentricity to a Renovated Urban Systems Theory: Explaining Belgian Settlement Geographies". He was supervised by Professor Ben Derudder, Department of Geography, Ghent University. Congratulations!
- ❖ The **RSAI Jean Paelinck Award 2016** has not been awarded.
- ❖ The **Award of Stan Czamanski Prize in 2016** has not been awarded.
- ❖ **RSAI Fellows in 2016**: Philip McCann, University of Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS; Mark Partridge, The Ohio State University, USA; and Sergio J. Rey, Arizona State University, USA.

4. Development of new sections

- ❖ In November 2016, the Indian Regional Science Association formally integrated of Regional Science Association International.

5. Universal Membership

- ❖ In 2012 RSAI secretariat began to register directly the list of members and respective registration fees interacting with RSAI sections. There are 4544 RSAI members in 2016 from 4399 in 2015, 4368 in 2014, 4081 in 2013, 3888 in 2012, 3450 in 2011, 3571 in 2010 and 3660 in 2009.

6. RSAI Accounts of 2016

- ❖ In 2016 RSAI achieved a net surplus of 9 676,76 €.
- ❖ There are sections that do not have enrolled members; there are sections that have relatively few members relative to the population of the respective areas of influence.
- ❖ The bank account grew from 278 855,63 € in December 2015, assuming an exchange rate of 1,357 €/1,0 £, to 274 486,5 € on December 2016; assuming an exchange rate of 1,1734/1,0 £. RSAI experienced a loss of almost 14 172,00 € due to changes in the exchange rate between the pound and the euro.
- ❖ The Investment Funds in Euros of 90 223,3 € were added to the account in Euros.
- ❖ The Costs with the new programs NURTURING NEW TALENT INITIATIVE and BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM were respectively, 14 891,95 € and 473,66 €.

ACCOUNTS FROM January 2016 till December 2016			
Description	Revenues	Costs	Margin
General	50,00 €	9 576,76 €	-9 526,76 €
ACCOUNTING		4 035,45 €	-4 035,45 €
WEBSERVER		141,84 €	-141,84 €
RSAI SECRETARIATE		5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
OTHERS	50,00 €	399,47 €	-349,47 €
Wiley - Blackwell	59 829,13 €	27 917,45 €	31 911,68 €
PIRS AND RSPP 2015 PROFIT SHARE	24 649,72 €		24 649,72 €
PIRS ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES 2016	22 731,39 €		22 731,39 €
RSPP ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES 2016	9 742,02 €		9 742,02 €
PAYMENT JOHN WILEY & SONS, LTD - YEAR 2016 - RSAI MEMBERSHIP		26 576,41 €	-26 576,41 €
Wiley to support Conference	2 706,00 €	1 341,04 €	1 364,96 €
Editorial	0,00 €	22 989,37 €	-22 989,37 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT (Editor and printing)		2 569,81 €	-2 569,81 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES		10 000,00 €	-10 000,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAYMENT FOR EDITOR		5 392,04 €	-5 392,04 €
RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAYMENT FOR EDITOR		5 027,52 €	-5 027,52 €
NEW SECTIONS	0,00 €	3 537,36 €	-3 537,36 €
Indian Support		3 537,36 €	-3 537,36 €
RSai Awards	1 007,52 €	18 387,23 €	-17 379,71 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT INITIATIVE		14 891,95 €	-14 891,95 €
BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM	230,00 €	703,66 €	-473,66 €
OTHER AWARDS	777,52 €	2 791,62 €	-2 014,10 €
Memberships	29 977,66 €	37,87 €	29 939,79 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1 713,85 €		1 713,85 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 564,88 €		1 564,88 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	610,00 €		610,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	220,00 €		220,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	1 268,00 €		1 268,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	468,49 €		468,49 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	289,00 €		289,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 234,00 €		1 234,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADOR SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	3 004,00 €		3 004,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 680,00 €		2 680,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	414,00 €		414,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIAN SECTION	136,61 €		136,61 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	266,00 €		266,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	2 034,00 €		2 034,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4 990,00 €	17,07 €	4 972,93 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	1 121,83 €		1 121,83 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION (DO NOT PAY 2016)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION (2 YEARS)	570,00 €		570,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION (PAY ON 2015)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION (PAY ON 2015)			0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	100,00 €		100,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	683,00 €		683,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 870,00 €		3 870,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TAIWAN SECTION	673,00 €	20,80 €	652,20 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	1 340,00 €		1 340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP UK & IRELAND SECTION	727,00 €		727,00 €
Events	66 356,63 €	63 186,06 €	3 170,57 €
RSAI WORLD CONGRESS 2016	53 510,31 €	50 521,10 €	2 989,21 €
SUMMER COURSE ARMENIA 2015	12 846,32 €	12 664,96 €	181,36 €
TOTAL	157 220,94 €	145 632,10 €	11 588,84 €

Balance brought forward from 2015 (01-01-2016)	82.213,75 €
Rescue of the Fund in Euros	90.223,30 €
Margin of 2016	11 588,84 €
Closing Balance carried forward (31-12-2016)	184.025,89 €
Bank account in Pounds	
Balance brought forward from 2015 (01-01-2016)	£ 77.191,39
Closing Balance carried forward (31-12-2016)	£ 77.191,39

Comparison RSAI ACCOUNTS 2015 and 2016		
Description	NET PROFIT	
	2015	2016
General	- 9.652,44 €	-9 526,76 €
ACCOUNTING	- 3.672,40 €	-4 035,45 €
WEBSERVER	- 70,66 €	-141,84 €
RSAI SECRETARIATE	- 5.000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
OTHERS	- 909,38 €	-349,47 €
Wiley - Blackwell	21.719,65 €	31 911,68 €
PIRS AND RSPP PROFIT SHARE	21.374,75 €	24 649,72 €
PIRS ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES	24.132,21 €	22 731,39 €
RSPP ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES	5.858,29 €	9 742,02 €
PAYMENT JOHN WILEY & SONS, LTD - RSAI MEMBERSHIP	- 32.060,33 €	-26 576,41 €
Wiley to support Conference	2.414,73 €	1 364,96 €
Editorial	- 23.441,93 €	-22 989,37 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT (Editor and printing)	- 3.442,04 €	-2 569,81 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- 10.000,00 €	-10 000,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAYMENT FOR EDITOR	- 4.999,89 €	-5 392,04 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- 5.000,00 €	-5 027,52 €
NEW SECTIONS	-	-3 537,36 €
Indian Support	-	-3 537,36 €
RSAI Awards	- 9.832,31 €	-17 379,71 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT INITIATIVE	- 8.001,04 €	-14 891,95 €
BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM	- 290,52 €	-473,66 €
OTHER AWARDS	- 1.540,75 €	-2 014,10 €
Memberships	44.318,45 €	29 939,79 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	2.203,96 €	1 713,85 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1.585,00 €	1 564,88 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	693,00 €	610,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	240,00 €	220,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	1.264,00 €	1 268,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	568,56 €	468,49 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	130,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	340,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	310,00 €	289,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1.332,00 €	1 234,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADOR SECTION	380,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	2.474,00 €	3 004,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2.690,00 €	2 680,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	510,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	386,00 €	414,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIAN SECTION		136,61 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	257,00 €	266,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	1.985,00 €	2 034,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	5.461,93 €	4 972,93 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	-	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	1.188,40 €	1 121,83 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	10.510,31 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	-	570,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	530,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1.230,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	680,00 €	100,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	713,00 €	683,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	4.200,00 €	3 870,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TAIWAN SECTION	679,80 €	652,20 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	1.089,49 €	1 340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP UK & IRELAND SECTION	637,00 €	727,00 €
Events	- 12.279,00 €	3 170,57 €
RSAI WORLD CONGRESS 2016	1.736,61 €	2 989,21 €
SUMMER COURSE ARMENIA 2015	- 14.015,61 €	181,36 €
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	10.832,42 €	11 588,84 €

2016 RSAI Report from the Treasurer

RSAI Financial Status

Francisco Carballo-Cruz
RSAI Treasurer

The 2016 closing

This report is mainly based on a cash-flow perspective.

The 2016 financial year was closed with an accounting surplus of €9,676.76, net of taxes (approximately 35% less than in 2015, €15,017.86). In 2016, RSAI total revenue amounted at €157,220.94€ and the total costs at €145,632.10. The most relevant sources of revenues were compensations by editorials (~€60,000) and memberships (~€30,000). The significant difference in membership's revenues in relation to 2015 (around €15,000) is due to the considerable number of sections that do not pay the memberships on time. The lack of payment of the NARSC section is the one with more impact on the accounts (between €10,000€ and €11,000).

RSAI main regular costs are editorial-related costs (~€51,000) and office running costs (~€9,500, of which €5,000 are personnel costs). Editorial-related costs reduced from previous year (almost 10% less than in 2015, €55,000). Office running costs were in line with the previous years. RSAI devoted almost €15,000 to the Nurturing New Talent Initiative. Besides this initiative, the total costs of RSAI awards and other programmes (namely the Building Bridges Program) were lower than €3,500. Additionally, RSAI devoted €3,500 to support a new section in India. The summer course held in Armenia was balanced in terms of revenues and costs. Regarding the RSAI balance sheet, as of 31/12/2016 total assets were ~€298,000 with equity funds of ~€291,000 (including a net profit of almost €9,700).

In my opinion, the 2016 results are overvalued mainly for two reasons. First, because RSAI is considering as income the remaining amount of registration fees that have still to be returned due to the cancelation of the World Congress in Istanbul (~€3,000). Second, because the euro value of the deposit in pounds was not updated. The pound depreciation in 2016 generated a significant loss (~€14,000). There is also another situation related to the double counting of a specific sponsorship. Together these situations imply an overvaluation of RSAI results in ~€20,000 (the equity is overvalued in the same amount). Therefore, in 2016 the real RSAI result was a loss of ~€10,300. Nevertheless, it should be emphasised that the negative result is mostly due to currency fluctuations and though it cannot be directly attributed to RSAI conventional activities. Excluding the impact of the currency depreciation of the account in pounds, RSAI results would be positive in almost €4,000.

The great effort of RSAI management to keep the running costs of the association as low as possible continued to be a priority in 2016. RSAI office annual costs were slightly lower than €10,000. The costs of RSAI editorial-related activities were in line with those of the previous year (somewhat lower). These activities gave rise to a considerable surplus of ~€9,000 (revenues of €59,900 and costs of €50,900), which contrasts with the (small) deficit of 2015 (~€1,700).

In 2016, revenues from memberships (~30,000) were sufficient to fund RSAI programmes and awards (~18,500) and to cover the office running costs (~€9,500). The surplus of editorial-related activities (~€9,000) allows to fund other activities (as for instance support new sections) and generate a small margin and therefore constitute additional reserves.

At the end of 2016, reserves amounted to €184,025.89 (bank account in euros) and £77,191.39 (bank account in pounds) (€90,468.30, at the exchange rate of 31-12-2016, 1.172). The increase in the current account in euros was of about 124.5% with respect to the end of 2015 (€82,213.75). The huge increase in its balance was due to the rescue of the investment fund in pounds (€90,223.30). The ratio of reserves (€274,249.19) to total costs (€145,632.10) at the end of 2016 was 1.89 to 1 (2.53 to 1, one year before). Excluding the costs of the World Congress the ratio increases to 2.88 to 1. In these circumstances, RSAI would be able to cover its costs for almost three years, even in a scenario with no revenues, which is very unlikely. The ratio increases to 4.53 to 1 if only the office running costs and the editorial-related costs are taken into account.

To sum up, during 2016 the association global financial performance was good, in line with what happened the year before. Even excluding events' revenues and costs, the financial situation is very healthy. The level of reserves is approaching €300,000.00, which is sufficient to face unexpected negative impacts in the accounts in the near future.

The 2017 situation

In 2017, RSAI management will not face significant challenges. The Executive Director and the Secretariat are now preparing the 2018 World Congress, to be held in Goa (India) in May next year. Editorial-related activities will consume the main share of RSAI resources. Some funds will be devoted to finance the Nurturing New Talent Initiative and the Building Bridges Program and to support the creation of new sections in regions where RSAI has little presence.

Conclusions and recommendations

RSAI has a clear strategy regarding general costs (keeping them as low as possible) and supporting activities (devote part of the revenues to support young talent, scientists from developing countries and the creation of national sections in new geographies). The strategy for editorial activities is also clear, but new (favourable) agreements should be negotiated with editorials for raising the amount of funds coming from them. As far as memberships is concerned, RSAI should make an effort to avoid unpaid memberships and to grant payments on time. Regarding the World Congress, RSAI should face it as a way of improving revenues on a regular basis and not as an extraordinary event. This approach can open the door to a new (and more favourable) financial model for the association.

Given the current level of reserves, it is possible to increase the support to scientific activities and individual scholars and to develop innovative initiatives all over the World. From the accounting point of view, RSAI management has made great progresses in terms of administrative rules compliance and invoicing.

Braga – Portugal, July 31st, 2017



(Francisco Carballo-Cruz)

CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis for qualified opinion:

- 1- A remaining value of 8.608,83 € paid by registered participants for the RSAI World Congress in Thailand in 2014, that didn't take place, was not returned, and had been included in RSAI equity since 2014, but within a reasonable time limit, those amount can be returned or used for the registration in the following World Congress that still not occurred and, other matter, RSAI registered a recoverable credit of Value Added Tax (VAT) of 2.057,00 € almost entirely originated until the year 2015, however, as all of their invoices are exempts from VAT, because are included in the numbers 12, 14, 16 or 19 of the article 9th of the portuguese VAT code, that credit is not supported, and consequently, these two situations overvalued the equity in the total amount of 10.665,83 €.
- 2- RSAI considered as income a remaining amount of inscriptions of 3.098 € that have still to credit and return due to the non-realization of the RSAI Word Congress in Turkey in 2016, and had considered a duplicate income of sponsorship in the excess amount of 2.730,23 € whose credit it only made in the following year of 2017, and didn't update the euro value of the deposit of GBP 77.191,39 that had an impact of loss in the year of 2016 of 14.172,34 €, and so these three situations did overvalued the RSAI net result of the year 2016 in a total of 20.000,57 €, and consequently overvalued the equity in the total amount of 20.000,57 €.

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Regional Science Association International - RSAI, registered in Portugal with the fiscal tax number 509754090, comprising the balance sheet as of 12/31/2016 (showing a total of 298.273,70 € and a total of equity funds of 291.004,70 €, including a net profit 9.676,76 €), the income statement by nature, the notes to the financial statements which include a summary of significant accounting policies, and the management report RSAI Report and Accounts of 2016.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the situations described in paragraphs 1- and 2- above, the attached financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Standard for Non-Profit Entities adopted in Portugal through the Accounting Standardization System.

Emphasis

Without affecting the opinion set forth in the above Opinion, I draw attention to the following situation:

-the paragraph 8 of the precedent Certifications of Accounts of 2015, related with the non-specialization of the economic exercises between the years 2015 and 2016, in the receipts of membership online and registrations to World Congress of the year 2016, it is resolved.

Basis for the opinion

My audit was carried out in accordance with the International Auditing Standards (ISA) and other standards and technical and ethical guidelines of the Order of Statutory Auditors. My responsibility under these standards is described in the section "Responsibilities of the auditor for the Audit of Financial Statements" below. I am independent of the Entity according to the law and I fulfill the other ethical requirements under the code of ethics of the Order of Statutory Auditors.

I am convinced that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the management board and the supervisory board by the financial statements

The management board is responsible for:

- preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Standard for Non-Profit Entities adopted in Portugal through the Accounting Standardization System;
- preparation of the management report in the legal and regularly applicable terms;
- establishment and maintenance of an appropriate internal control system to enable the preparation of financial statements free from material misstatement due to fraud and error;
- adoption of appropriate accounting policies and criteria in the circumstances; and

– evaluation of the Entity's ability to maintain continuity, disclosing, when applicable, matters that may raise significant doubts about the continuity of activities.
The supervisory board is responsible for supervising the process of preparation and disclosure of the financial information of the Entity.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

My responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error, and to issue a report stating my opinion. Reasonable safety is a high level of safety but it is not a guarantee that an audit performed in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Distortions may arise from fraud or error and are considered materials, if isolated or jointly reasonably expected to influence economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an ISA audit, I make professional judgments and maintain professional skepticism during the audit and also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures that respond to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatement due to fraud is greater than the risk of not detecting material misstatement due to error, since fraud may involve collusion, counterfeiting, intentional omissions, false statements or overlapping internal control;
- I gain an understanding of the internal control relevant to the audit for the purpose of designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control;
- I assess the adequacy of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and respective disclosures made by the management board in accordance with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Standard for Non-Profit Entities adopted in Portugal through the Accounting Standardization System;
- I conclude on the appropriation of the use by the management board of the assumption of continuity and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there is any material uncertainty related to events or conditions that could raise significant doubts about the Entity's ability to continue their activities. If I conclude that there is material uncertainty, I should draw attention in my report to the related disclosures included in the financial statements or, if these disclosures are not appropriate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to discontinue its activities;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of financial statements, including disclosures, in accordance with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Standard for Non-Profit Entities adopted in Portugal through the Accounting Standardization System; and
- communicate with those charged with governance, among other subjects, the scope and timing of the audit, and significant audit findings including any significant weaknesses in internal control identified during the audit.

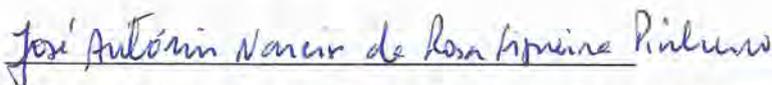
My responsibility also includes verifying the compliance of the information contained in the management's Report and Accounts of 2016 with the financial statements.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

About the management's report & accounts of 2016

In my opinion, the 2016 management's report & accounts of 2016 has been prepared in accordance with applicable laws and regulations in force and the information contained therein is consistent with the audited financial statements and no material inaccuracies have been identified.

Angra do Heroísmo, May 08, 2017



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Regional Science Association International

Taxpayer 509754090

Currency EUR

Balance Sheet on december

2016

Items	Notes	2016	2015
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Intangible fixed assets			
Other financial assets			89.856,69
Subtotal		0,00	89.856,69
Currents Assets			
Clients		2.510,23	
State and other governmental entities		2.057,00	1.998,69
Other revenues to receive		4.184,39	988,00
Cashier and Bank Deposits		289.522,08	188.492,94
Subtotal		298.273,70	191.479,63
Total do activo		298.273,70	281.336,32
CAPITAL PROPRIO E PASSIVO			
Equities			
Capital (Funds)		176.588,39	176.588,39
Other reserves		99.329,64	84.311,78
Adjustments on financial assets		5.409,91	5.409,91
Subtotal		281.327,94	266.310,08
Net profit of the exercise		9.676,76	15.017,86
Total Equity		291.004,70	281.327,94
Liabilities			
Non -current liabilities			
Subtotal		0,00	0,00
Current Liability			
State and other governmental entities			8,38
Differentials		7.269,00	
Subtotal		7.269,00	8,38
Total Liabilities		7.269,00	8,38
Total equity plus liabilities		298.273,70	281.336,32

Regional Science Association International

Tax Pay 509754090

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Income Statement at December 2016

Conta		Revenues and Expenditures	Notas	2016	2015
Pos	Neg				
71/72		Sales and services*		91.395,36	96.575,25
75		Operating subsidies			
785+792	685	Gains / Losses allocated to subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures		0,00	0,00
73		Inventory variation in production		0,00	0,00
74		Work for the entity itself		0,00	0,00
	61	Cost of goods sold and materials consumed		0,00	0,00
	62	Supplies and services		-39.314,92	-57.486,44
	63	Personnel expenses		0,00	0,00
7622	652	Impairment of inventories (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
7621	651	Impairment of receivables (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
763	67	Provisions (increases / decreases)		0,00	0,00
7623;7627/8	653;657/8	Impairment of Investments non-depreciable / amortizable (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
77	66	Increases / Decreases in fair value		366,61	643,57
78...+791		Other income and gains		12.659,70	7.198,87
	69-685+69..	Other expenses and losses		-55.429,99	-30.953,79
		Profit before depreciation, financial costs and taxes		9.676,76	15.977,46
761	64	Expenditures / reversals of depreciation and amortization		0,00	-959,60
7624/6	654/6	Impairment of depreciable / amortizable assets (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
		Operational results (before financial costs and taxes)		9.676,76	15.017,86
7915		Interest and similar income		0,00	0,00
	6911/21/81	Interest and similar expenses paid		0,00	0,00
		Profit before Taxes		9.676,76	15.017,86
	812	Taxes on profits		0,00	0,00
		Net profit for the exercise		9.676,76	15.017,86

Nurturing Talent 2015 and 2017

Contact person	Year application	Year support	Conference	Amount
Gunther Maier	2015	2015	“Developers, Planners, and the City” ERSA-ERES-RSAI Summer School 2015, to be held in Vienna between 5 and 14 July 2015	5000 €
Vicente Royuela	2015	2015	AQR-IREA Barcelona Workshop on Regional Science and Urban Economics, to be held in Barcelona in November 2015	3000 €
Daniela Constantin	2015	2016	RRSA Workshop on “Competition and competitiveness in European regions and cities”, to be held in Bucharest in March 2016	2000 €
Pedro Elósegui	2016	2016	VI International meeting at Universidad Nacional de Rio Negro, to be held in San Carlos de Bariloche	600 €
Roberta Capello	2016	2016	“Space, Territory and Growth: Advances in Regional Science” ERSA-RSAI Summer School 2016, to be held in Milan between 3 and 10 July 2016	6000 €
Tomaz Dentinho and Abdellatif Khattabi	2016	2016	1st AMRS Congress and 23rd APDR Congress on the “Sustainability of Territories in the Context of Global Changes”, to be held in Marrakech in May 2016	5000 €
Sumana Bandyopadhyay	2016	2016	Seminar on Challenges of Urbanization and Planning in China and India, January 2-3, 2017 Department of Geography, University of Calcutta	2000 €
Yannis Psycharis	2017	2017	2017 ERSA Summer School, to be held at the University of the Aegean (Lesvos Island Campus), Mytilene, Greece, 9-15 July 2017	7000 €
Christopher Charles Dunphy	2017	2017	10th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit in Applied Economics and Regional Science (AERS), to be held at The Ohio State University on April 21st and April 22nd, 2017	3500 €
Alessandra Faggian	2017	2017	Residential School of Advanced Economic Geography, to be held at the Gran Sasso Science Institute, Social Sciences Unit – July 2017, L’Aquila (Italy)	6000 €
Kamila Borseková	2017	2017	Inspiring workshop for young scientists – “Engines of scientific carer” will be organized within international conference CERS (Central European Regional Science) 2017: Engines of Urban and Regional Development that will take place in September 2017 at Matej Bel University in Slovakia.	2500 €
Patricia Fuentes and Jorge Manuel López	2017	2017	2017 BARCELONA WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL AND URBAN ECONOMICS to be held in Barcelona on November 23th-24th 2017	2000 €
Sumana Banerjee	2017	2017	57th ERSA CONGRESS “Social Progress for Resilient Regions” 29 August – 1 September 2017 Groningen, The Netherlands	1000 €

Building Bridges 2016 and 2017

Name	Country	Year	Conference	Amount
Meerim Sydykova	Kyrgyzstan	2015	55th ERSA Congress, 25-29 August 2017	290 €
Vijay Pandey	India	2016	ERSA-RSAI Summer School 2016, Italy	500 €
Vijay Pandey	India	2017	57th ERSA CONGRESS “Social Progress for Resilient Regions” 29 August – 1 September 2017 Groningen, The Netherlands	451,82 € (500USD)
Anahit Harutyunyan	Armenia	2017	57th ERSA CONGRESS “Social Progress for Resilient Regions” 29 August – 1 September 2017 Groningen, The Netherlands	451,82 € (500USD)
Yana Yanikyan	Armenia	2017	57th ERSA CONGRESS “Social Progress for Resilient Regions” 29 August – 1 September 2017 Groningen, The Netherlands	451,82 € (500USD)
Vehanush Marukhyan	Armenia	2017	57th ERSA CONGRESS “Social Progress for Resilient Regions” 29 August – 1 September 2017 Groningen, The Netherlands	451,82 € (500USD)

Annex 5: World Congress

The Regional Science Association of India has won the bid to host the 12th World Congress of the RSA International. The Association received suggestions between Delhi, Mumbai and Goa and selected Goa because of its reputation of being a popular destination that blends European and Indian cultures as also breathtakingly beautiful landscapes of the western hills and seaside. Most institutions in large cities in India are away from the city and seldom have hotels within walking distances (this was one of the important criterion for venue selection as outlined by RSAI norms). Again, if the venue selected is a hotel, most hotels have a maximum of four banquet halls that may be used for the Conference, but a World Congress may require close to ten rooms for parallel Technical Sessions. Besides, space for Poster Sessions, Exhibitions, displays, cultural interactions etc will not be available in hotels. The most central location in Goa, i.e. Panjim, has numerous international hotel chains but does not fulfil the space requirement. Our selection of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) ticks off all aspects (like very good infrastructure, superb maintenance, and adequate space for all provisions) except hotels within walking distance.

Prof Dentinho, Prof. Pathak and myself visited Goa, for a recce alongwith Dr. Puttaraju, the Chief Town Planner of Goa, and all opined BITS campus would be ideal and with a good transport committee, we shall make everyones stay at Goa, comfortable. The Congress plans to provide transportation in a planned manner – we propose that participants select hotels, Guest Houses and home stays within a 10 km circuit between Vasco-Bogmalo-BITS campus, we will provide information of all accommodation of different price ranges within this circuit. There are two five star hotels within this circuit. Those preferring hotels in Panjim or any other part of Goa may avail hotel transport or arrange private transport (parking space is available at BITS Campus) the charges in Indian currency is reasonable for participants from countries other than LIC's. The BITS campus students' hostel will also provide some rooms for students and single women participants to assure safety.

THE ACADEMIC CONTENT:

After consultations with Prof. Dentinho (who voiced the shared opinion of other RSAI members) faculty members at BITS and Town Planning Department (who will be co-hosting the event), the Department of Science and Technology, Department of Geography of University of Calcutta, University of Jadavpur, Centre for Studies in Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, the themes were outlined, though they are subject to modifications as we proceed with suggestions from senior members of RSAI.

The Scientific Committee comprise representation of all supranational and sections along with dedicated academicians from India who stand by Regional Science Association of India at all academic events.

Prof. Geoffrey Hewings and Prof. Peter Nijkamp have agreed to deliver key lectures.

Special Session Proposals have been received from:

Code	Title	Organisers
SS00	<i>Forty Under Forty</i>	Geoffrey Hewings (hewings@illinois.edu)
SS01	<i>Water management in South Asia: From conflict to cooperation</i>	Paulo Casaca – Executive Director of the South Asia Democratic Forum (SADF).Email: pcasaca@gmail.com; paulo@sadf.eu
SS02	<i>Smart Cities Initiatives for the 21st Century: Myth or Reality</i>	Tomas Dentinho – University of Azores, Portugal and Executive Director, RSAI Sumana Banerjee – University of Calcutta, India Vijay Pandey – Univesrity of Delhi, India. E-mail: vijay.dse15@gmail.com

SS03	<i>Spatial Systems: Social Integration, Regional Development and Sustainability</i>	Andre Torre - AgroParisTech, University Paris-Saclay, France. Email: torre@agroparistech.fr (Chair) Habibullah Magsi - Agricultural Economics, Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam, Pakistan. Email: hmagsi@sau.edu.pk
SS04	<i>Spatial Econometric Interaction Modelling</i>	Manfred M. Fischer – Vienna University of Economics and Business. E-mail: manfred.fischer@wu.ac.at (Chair) Yee Leung – Chinese University of Hong Kong. E-mail: yeeleung@cuhk.edu.hk
SS05	<i>Spatial Analysis: From Neural Computing to Deep Learning</i>	Yee Leung – Chinese University of Hong Kong. E-mail: yeeleung@cuhk.edu.hk (Chair) Manfred M. Fischer – Vienna University of Economics and Business. E-mail: manfred.fischer@wu.ac.at
SS06	<i>Perspectives on Social Justice</i>	Saraswati Raju D
SS07	<i>Geoinformatics Policy and Practice</i>	Debapriya Dutta

Prof. Nilanjan Ghosh will organize a session by Indian Society for Ecological Economics on Methods in Ecological Economics (this could also be organized as a pre-conference workshop).

General Session Proposals have also started coming in – details in presentation in Groningen.

Annex6: RSAI Publications

Annex 6a: Papers in Regional Science (Roberta Capello)



Editorial Report on 2016 Activities

Summary

The Editorial team changed a member. Jonathan Corcoran had to leave for personal reasons. In November 2016 in Minneapolis, the RSAI Council elected Antonio Paez, who started on 1st January 2017. I take the opportunity to thank Jonathan for his brilliant contribution to the journal and I wish him all the best in his new job. I also would like to wish Antonio Paez a fruitful collaboration with PiRS.

The results of 2017 are positive.

As last year, the increase in IF continues. It moved from 1.14 to 1.27. According to Scimago, in 2016 the total citations grew from 185 to 221, with a decisive decrease of self-citations, which in 2016 are in a number of 10.

As last year, the total number of submissions has been above 200 (222 compared to 224 of last year). The rejection rate is 90%, which is a strong signal of the seriousness and selectivity of the Editors in choosing high-quality contributions. The higher rejection rate is also helping with the current backlog which is now around 65 on-line papers, and 10 in production.

As for the geographical composition of submissions, PRSCO has slightly decreased its submissions, while the number of contributions from RSAmericas members has slightly increased, continuing the last year trends.

The authors' composition shows a reverse trend compared to last year, with a drastic decrease in the number of authors coming from PRSCO, compensated by an increase of European authors.

In terms of fields, the journal saw an increase in the number of contributions from economics and public policy and governance.

1. Editorial Team and Editorial Board

This report is the result of the work developed by the editorial team, with a change in the team of a member. Jonathan Corcoran had to leave for personal reasons.

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2. Editorial statistics

2.1 Number of submissions and rejection rates

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.

Cohort	Submissions	Acceptance rate	Rejection rate	Pending manuscripts
2004	88	0,37	0,63	
2005	71	0,36	0,64	
2006	80	0,38	0,62	
2007	144	0,27	0,73	
2008	108	0,23	0,77	
2009	178	0,34	0,66	
2010	163	0,33	0,67	
2011	182	0,28	0,72	
2012	197	0,32	0,68	
2013	221	0,21	0,79	
2014	231	0,22	0,78	
2015	224	0,23	0,77	4
2016	222	0,09	0,91	72

In 2016, **the number of submissions remained stable**. The acceptance rate has also remained around 10%, with 72 still pending manuscripts. Figure 1 shows that **the total number of submissions is still driven by European scientists**, even if decreasing. Americas and PRSCO have a similar share, with PRSCO increasing a bit, and Americas losing some shares.

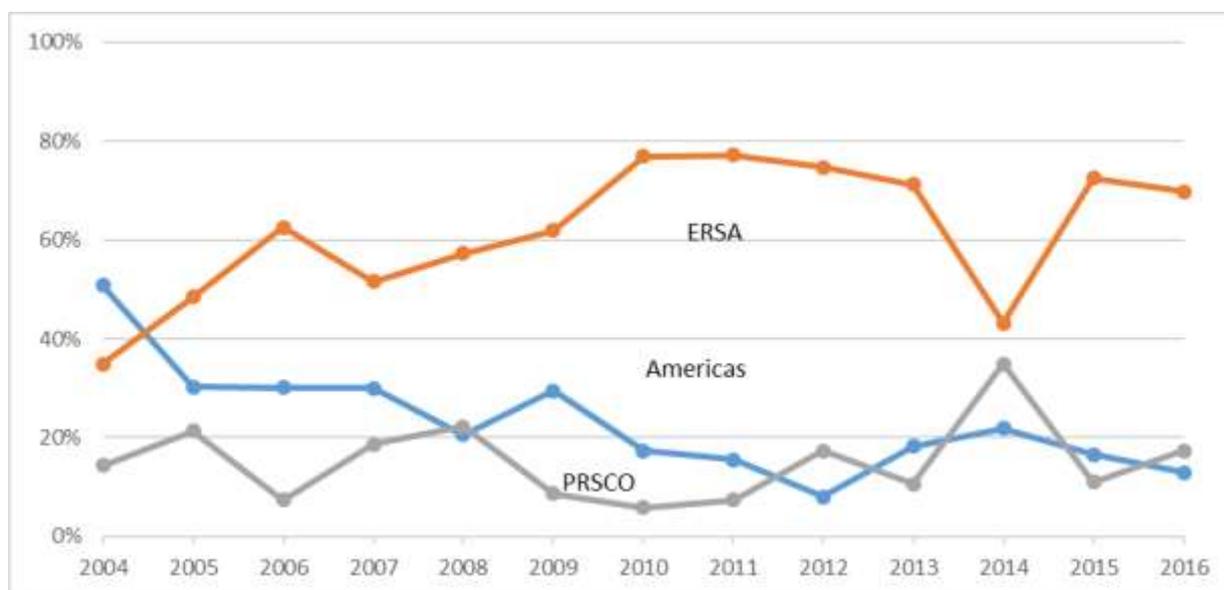


Fig. 1. Geographically detailed number of submissions, 2002–2016

2.2 Decision making process and reviewers

The decision making process has settled down. The good performance in terms of decision process continues (Table 2). On average, the first decision takes place in less than two months, the second in a little bit more than 1 month.

Table 2. Manuscript processing in months

Cohort	First decision	Second decision	Third decision	Final decision of acceptance to Early View	Final decision to publication in issue
2004	5,6	3,3	1,5	—	9
2005	6,1	2,9	—	—	12,8
2006	5,4	4,9	—	9	11,9
2007	3,1	2,7	1,3	7,4	11,4
2008	2,5	2,4	0,8	5,6	10,4
2009	3	2,6	1,5	2,9	8,8
2010	3,2	2,9	1,3	2,6	9
2011	3,1	2,5	2	1,9	11,4
2012	3	2,6	1,2	3,4	4,9
2013	1,8	2	0,8	3,1	12,4
2014	1,7	0,6	0,4	3,2	15,8
2015	1,7	1,7	0,6	2,9	21,5
2016	1,9	1,3	0,1	2,3	18,9

Also the time between the final decision and publication in print has improved. It decreased from 21,5 to 18,9 months, thanks to the idea of adding one issue more per year.

The number of referees has decreased, as Table 3 reports. While the European scientists show a high and constant engagement in the journal, American scientists have slightly decreased, and the PRSCO area slightly increased.

Table 3. Number of reviewers and proportion of reviewers by supra region

Year	Reviewers	ERSA	Americas	PRSCO
2004	192	0,39	0,5	0,11
2005	192	0,38	0,31	0,32

2006	181	0,4	0,52	0,08
2007	213	0,58	0,32	0,1
2008	230	0,56	0,34	0,1
2009	325	0,62	0,25	0,13
2010	332	0,61	0,23	0,15
2011	337	0,59	0,25	0,15
2012	354	0,62	0,22	0,16
2013	399	0,61	0,26	0,13
2014	325	0,62	0,25	0,13
2015	369	0,61	0,22	0,17
2016	318	0,62	0,26	0,12

2.3 Authors by geographical areas and by disciplines

Figure 2 presents the geographical distribution of submissions. **European authors decrease over time, while those from PRSCO increase**, a good sign of internationalization of the journal.

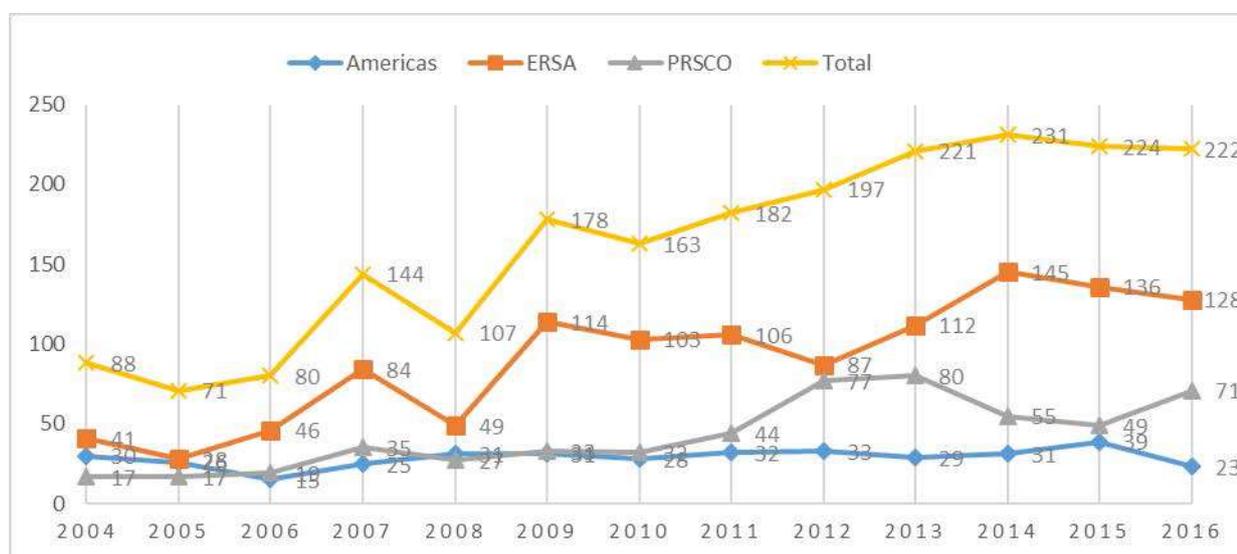


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Figure 3 reports the distribution of pages by discipline. **There is an increase of the economic area and of public policy.** The geography area has registered an increase after some years of decline.

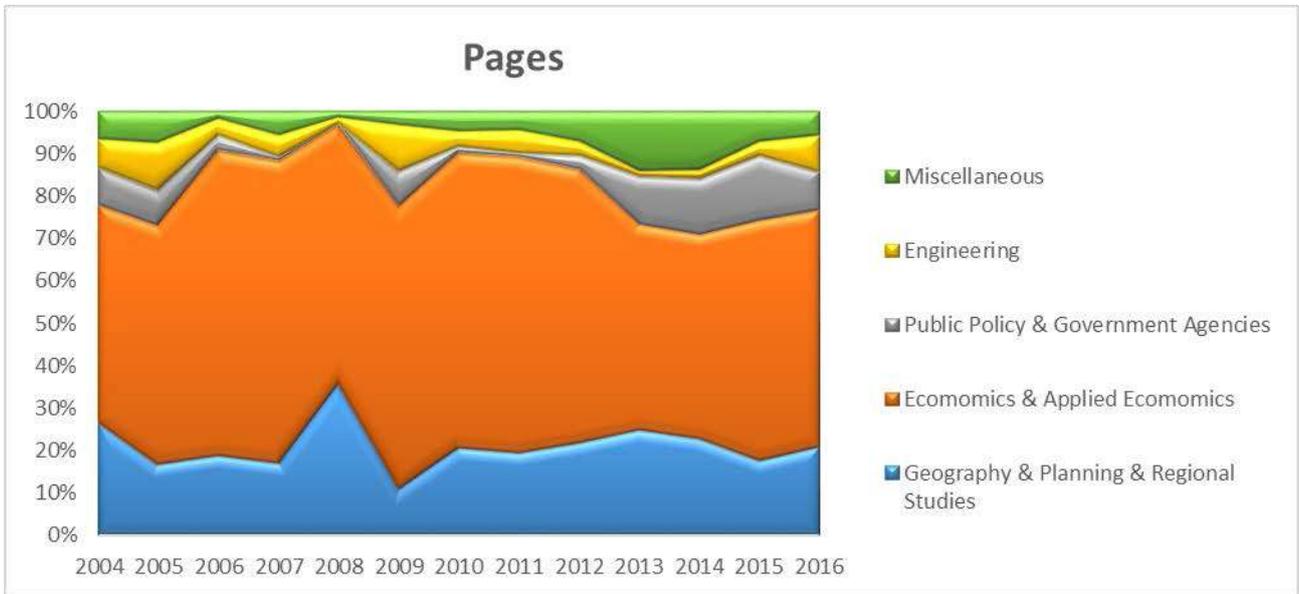


Fig. 3. Author pages by affiliation of the author(s), volume 83–95, 2004–2016

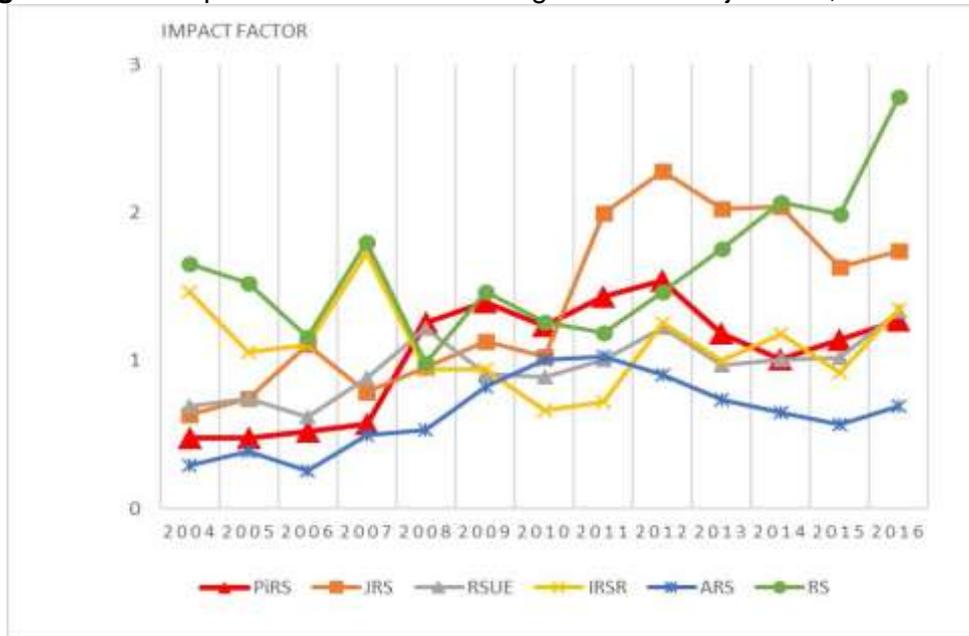
2.4 Impact Factor

The 2016 impact factor of PiRS has increased from 1.14 to 1.27, continuing the positive trend of the last few years.

According to Scimago, in 2016 the total citations grew from 185 to 221, with a decisive decrease of self-citations, which in 2016 are in a number of 10.

The five years impact factor is not available yet.

Fig. 4. Citation Impact Factor for various regional science journals, 2002–2016



3. Editorial Policies

During this year the editorial team reinforced the previous strategies put in place in the previous years, putting much effort in:

- 1) a good and efficient management of the journal, to make it appealing in terms of decision times with respect to other journals;
- 2) launch of special issues on strategic issues. This year the choice turned to be on the regional effects of Brexit, with Phillip McCann as editor;
- 3) a selection of papers to be published based on the novelty of the themes treated, together with the scientific rigor;
- 4) the Martin Beckmann prize for the best article published in Papers in Regional Science.

4. Concluding remarks

This report shows that the journal proceeds on a good trend like last year, signalling:

- an increasing interest of the international community, witnessed by the constant increase in submission;
- an increase in the IF;
- an increase in total citations and a decrease of self-citations;
- right RSAI policies to enlarge the journal to a worldwide market and to an increasing multidisciplinary science, witnessed by the enlargement of the geography of the authors towards America and the Pacific area, and by an increase of the number of works of different disciplines that find a location in the journal.

Next year (2018) a new contract will have to be signed by RSAI. With it, the situation of backlog will be taken more seriously into consideration, by expanding the number of issues per year.

As each year, I would like to end by thanking our Editorial manager, Elisabete Martins; we could not think about someone more professional for this job.

Roberta Capello
Editor-in-chief Papers in Regional Science

also on behalf of the other members of the Editorial Team
Alessandra Faggian, Donald Lacombe, Antonio, Paez, Michaela Trippi and Andrea Caragliu

Milan, Italy
8 August 2017

Annex 6b: Regional Science Policy and Practice (Tomaz Dentinho)



Editorial Report of Regional Science Policy and Practice

August 2017

Summary

This report refers to the activity of RSPP along 2016 and also details the evolution of the journal until August 2017 to reflect the changes in the editorial team that happened in March 2017.

The results are promising but very much dependent of the attribution of an Impact Factor at the end of 2017 / beginning of 2018 that has been asked through Wiley. The creation of the RSPP paper and review awards, the mobilization of special issues and the attraction of good contributions is crucial for the future of the journal.

1 - Introduction

This report refers to 2016 but also details the evolution of the journal until August 2017 to reflect the change in the editorial team that happened in March 2017. In Section 2 we analyze the journal metrics, in section 3 we highlight the aims and actions of the editorial team and in Section 4 we propose some conclusions.

2 - Editorial statistics

2.1. Pages, Papers and Authors

According to the Wiley Report of 2016, the number of pages and articles per year decreased from 2012, with 29 articles and 512 pages, to 2016, with 12 articles and 196 pages. For 2017, we expect to reach 20 articles and more than 300 pages.

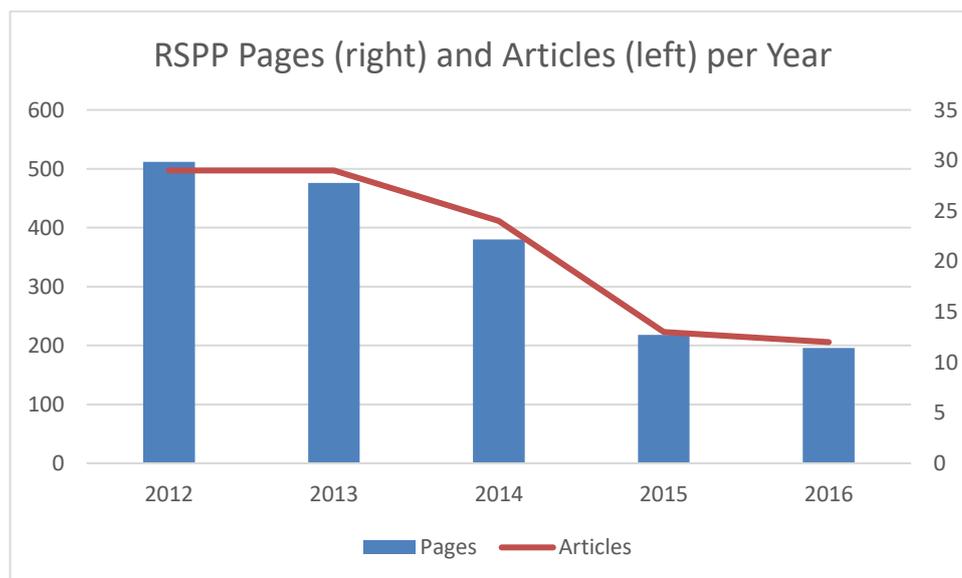


Figure 1: RSPP Pages and Articles per Year (Wiley Report of 2016)

The geographical distribution of the authors, counted by the number of pages, kept a higher percentage of papers coming from the Americas with the other sources increase their weight with the publication of special issues.

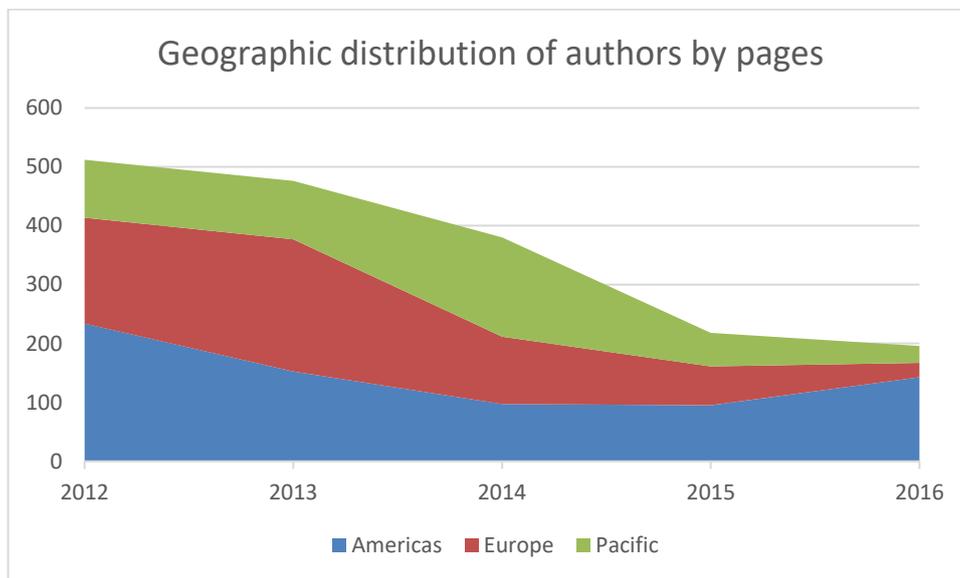


Figure2: Geographical distribution of authors by pages (RSPP Editorial Office)

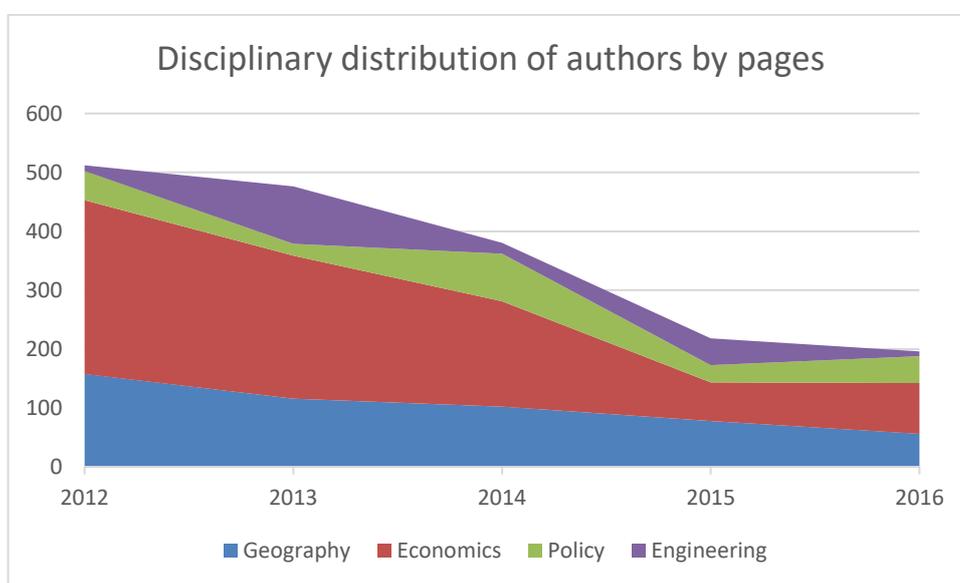


Figure 3: Disciplinary distribution of authors by pages (RSPP Editorial Office)

The disciplinary distribution of the authors, counted by the number of pages, is mainly concentrated based on geography and economics for the whole period.

2.2. Decision making process and reviewers

The number of submissions decreased from 2012 until 2016 but the rejection rate varied from 31% to 69% (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of submissions and rejection rates

Year	Submissions	Acceptance rate	Rejection rate	Pending manuscripts
2012	24	0,67	0,33	0
2013	27	0,63	0,37	0
2014	21	0,52	0,48	0
2015	16	0,31	0,69	0
2016	15	0,69	0,31	2
2017 (until 8 August)	30	0,31	0,69	17

The number of reviewers decreased strongly in 2016 associated with a concentration in the Americas of reviewers and authors.

Table 2. Number of reviewers and proportion of reviewers by supra region

Year	Reviewers	ERSA	Americas	PRSCO
2012	34	0,41	0,35	0,24
2013	15	0,47	0,33	0,20
2014	22	0,36	0,36	0,28
2015	13	0,38	0,38	0,24
2016	9	0,33	0,67	0,00

2.4. Performance Indicators

Regional Science Policy and Practice has finally received a CiteScore in Scopus of 1.17. The Journal of Regional Science has 1.97 and Papers in Regional Science 1.45. This is a very good score for RSPP although based on a reduced number of documents.

Table 3. CiteScore rank (CiteScore metrics calculated on 31 May, 2017. SNIP and SJR calculated on 27 June, 2017)

Title	CiteScore	CiteScore Percentile	CiteScore Rank	Citations 2016 Snowball Metrics	Documents 2013-15 Snowball Metrics	% Cited	SNIP	SJR
1 Environmental Policy and Governance	2.17	90%	54/587	193	89	67%	1.208	1.164
2 Journal of Regional Science	1.97	89%	20/190	205	104	70%	1.483	1.331
3 Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy	1.59	83%	97/587	433	272	54%	0.846	0.849
4 Papers in Regional Science	1.45	79%	118/587	219	151	57%	1.213	0.902
5 Regional Science Policy and Practice	1.17	74%	152/587	14	12	50%	0.682	0.286
6 International Journal of Urban Sciences	1.09	71%	169/587	96	88	51%	0.997	0.473
7 Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy	1.07	70%	175/587	58	54	56%	0.843	0.445
8 Regional Studies, Regional Science	0.82	59%	236/587	65	79	43%	0.732	0.231
9 Regional Science Inquiry	0.11	15%	495/587	5	45	7%	0.118	0.108

According to Google Scholar, citations on Regional Science Policy and Practice are growing but stabilizing since 2014 (Figure 4). According to Grace Ong from Wiley, *RSPP* is still undergoing evaluation by Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters) for an impact factor. The evaluation is likely to conclude at the end of 2017 at the earliest. The most important thing while the evaluation is in progress is to ensure that the publication of the issues are on schedule and that seems to be reachable.

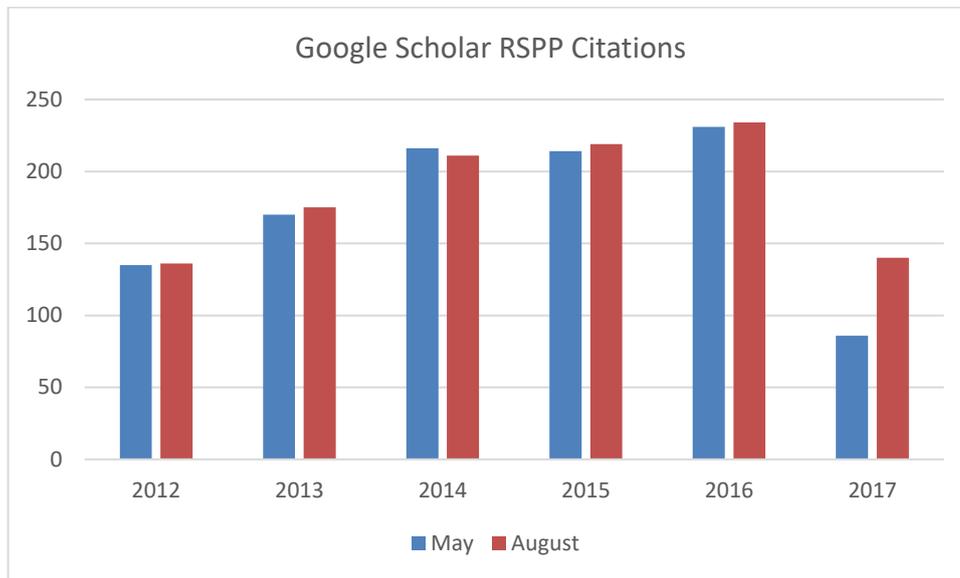


Figure 4: Google Scholar RSPC Citations (May and August 2017)

3. Editorial Aims and Policies

The plan is to reach 900 pages in 2019 with six issues and 50 papers. To achieve this target and combine it with the publication of high quality papers we really need:

- a) To receive an Impact Factor in the beginning of 2018, which will lead to a higher number of submissions;
- b) To involve readers in the journal namely by their contribution to the selection process of the RSPC paper award that is influenced by the number of citations.
- c) Finally we also challenged the Editorial Board to propose Special Issues for the next three years and so far, there is an indication for nine Special Issues:
 - a. Andre Torre and Livia Madureira- Innovation in rural areas.
 - b. Manie Geyer - Regional science in Africa.
 - c. Peter Nijkamp - Origins and futures of regional science.
 - d. Andrea Székely - Walled territories.
 - e. Carlos Azzoni and Vargas - Regional Science in South America.
 - f. Neil Reid, Alessandra Faggian and Giulia Pezzi - Local entrepreneurship and tourism: policies and practices in peripheral areas.
 - g. Budy Resosudarmo and Geoffrey Hewings – Spatial and Social Justice.
 - h. Hugo Santos – Case Studies in Regional Policy
 - i. Yannis Psycharis – Papers from ERSO Summer Course 2017.

Furthermore, with a diversified editorial team and editorial board, we expect to enlarge the geographical and disciplinary scope of the journal.

4. Concluding remarks

The reduction of the number of papers can create a unique opportunity to receive an Impact Factor since the base of the Impact Factor coefficient is very low. Then, with the diversified readers of the RSPC diversified community, it is possible not only to expand strongly the readership of the journal but also to steadily increase its performance indicators.

Tomaz Dentinho, Patricio Aroca, Jaime Bonet, Tiago Freire, Eduardo Haddad, Neil Reid, Vicente Royuela and Emmanouil Tranos.

Annex 8c: RSAI Newsletter (Andrea Caragliu)

The RSAI newsletter will have been published twice in 2017, following the now traditional schedule. After a discussion between the Editors and the RSAI board, a proposal to increase its frequency to three issues per year has been postponed. The two issues have been distributed at the major RSAI events: PRSCO congress in Tainan, ERSA congress in Groningen, and NARSC congress in Vancouver.

The editors will likely introduce a couple of changes starting from 2018.

1. The newsletter will no longer host a column on Centres of excellence in Regional Science. This will be replaced by one on national Schools of Thought in Regional Science. This will offer newsletter readers a broad overview of the scientific trajectory of regional science in different geographical and institutional settings, ideally with a pleasant and easy-to-read style.

2. The Newsletter could also usefully add more room for policies. This will translate into a column discussing the way regional science thinking has influenced policymaking over the last few decades.

The newsletter editors expect these two tweaks to increase the attractiveness of the product, thereby offering a better service to the RSAI community.

Annex 8d: RSAI Webpage (Tomaz Dentinho)

From June 2016 until June 2017 we expand the number of hits from 13790 per month to 19630 per month. With the support from Wiley and the cooperation of the supra-regionals we have been able to put online the key speeches of the main conferences. We are creating a system to create a data base with regional science papers; we hope that soon we will contact the journal of the sections of put their articles in RSAI data base.

Annex 8e: Negotiations with publishers (Jean Claude Thill)

After soliciting proposals from various publishers, we have received 3 proposals that are currently under review. Jean-Claude Thill will make a recommendation to Council to enter final negotiations with a sole publishers by the time of the Vancouver Council meeting.

Annex7: Awards

Annex 7a: Jaen Paelinck Award (Emmanouil Tranos)

Despite the extension and the reminders, I have not yet received any nominations for the Jaen Paelinck Award.

Annex 7b: Peter Nijkamp Award (Carlos Azzoni)

I have send a call for application to the presidents of the national associations. If you think we should send it again to all members, I can send Elisabete the call and she could post it. So far we have two potential application (verbally confirmed), one from Chile and one from Brazil.

Annex 7c: RSAI dissertation competition (Laurie Schintler)

The panel has been assembled and is comprised of Laurie A. Schintler (Chair) and Philip McCann, Katherine Nesse and Terry Clower. There are 17 applications this year. The panel plans to deliberate and make a decision on the award in September.

Annex 7d: Stan Czamanski award (Laurie Schintler)

I am still waiting to hear back from someone regarding serving on the Czamanski Award (note: I have reached out to a number of people - many are traveling during month of October when the decision will need to be made or they are over-committed). Patricio Aroca has agreed to serve on the panel. Laurie A. Schintler is working with Kieran Donaghy to identify someone from Cornell regional science community to serve on the panel and is currently in the process of securing a third person for committee.

Annex 7e: Fellows Award

2017 elected RSAI Fellows



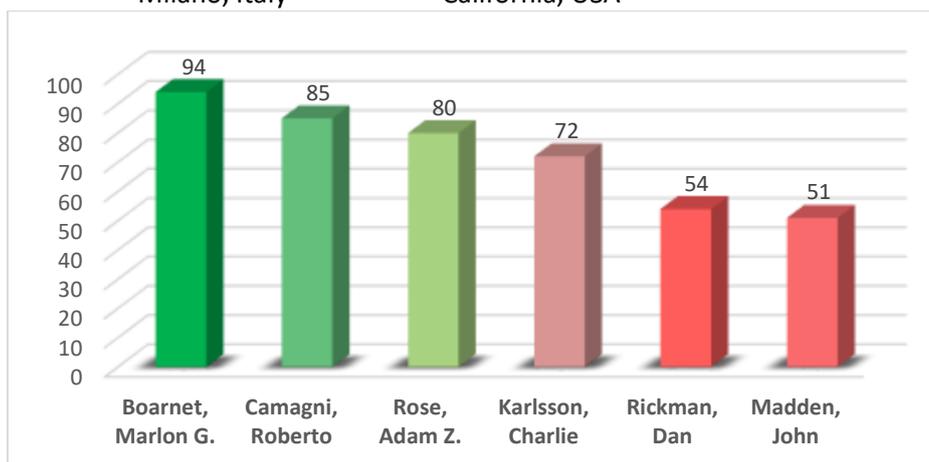
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University of Southern
California, USA



[Roberto Camagni](#)
Politecnico di
Milano, Italy



[Adam Rose](#)
University of Southern
California, USA



On the Fellows Selection Committee: Action item:

Jean-Claude Thill is stepping down from this committee at the end of 2017. As Chair of this committee, Jean-Claude Thill nominates Dr. Kieran Donaghy to serve on this committee for the period of 2018-2020. Dr. Donaghy has been approached and accepted to serve if confirmed by Council.

Annex 7f: Martin Beckmann RSAI Annual Award

Winner 2017

The jury consisting of Janice Madden, Carlos Azzoni and Erik Verhoef chose the article "[Borrowing size in networks of cities: City size, network connectivity and metropolitan functions in Europe](#)" by [Evert J. Meijers](#), [Martijn J. Burger](#), [Marloes M. Hoogerbrugge](#), published in Volume 95, Issue 1, Marh 2016, Pages: 181-198 as the winner of the Martin Beckmann Prize as the best paper published in Papers in Regional Science in 2016.

Motivation:

Through an elegant scientific approach, the paper interprets the contrast that exists between the current dynamics in the Western European urban system and the burgeoning literature stressing the importance of agglomeration for economic growth. The papers argues that rise of 'city network economies' leads to processes of borrowed size as well as the rise of agglomeration shadows in networks of cities, and finds that network connectivity positively enhances the presence of metropolitan functions, even if local size remains the most significant determinant for most types of functions. Based on the originality of the interest in the topic, and the important results achieved, the jury concluded that the paper was the best published one in 2016.

Annex 7g: Regional Science Policy and Practice Paper Award

Winners 2017



Akihiro Otsuka and Mika Goto (2015) - [Estimation and determinants of energy efficiency in Japanese regional economies](#). Regional Science Policy & Practice 7 (2), 89-101

"The paper contains a full empirical attempt to model and a significant regional issue of policy and practice concern: the spatial patterns of energy efficiency across the prefectures of Japan. Useful findings of the study are clearly spelled out for policy-makers. The paper is itself a model of how regional science methods can be harnessed for making contributions to policy and practice. As such, is a most meritorious demonstration of the underlying concept for our relatively new journal and thus highly deserving of receiving the award. Identification and estimation of variables that are understood and can be used by policy-makers."

AND



Roberto Camagni and Roberta Capello (2015) - [Rationale and design of EU cohesion policies in a period of crisis](#). Regional Science Policy & Practice 7 (1), 25-4

"A great literature review and an important (continuing) EU issue. A reflective and policy-prescriptive paper focused on EU regional policies in the context of a period of economic downturn. Broad-ranging, the paper marshals a variety of data to buttress its argument. A nicely done contribution. A prospective paper with great impact well rooted theoretically and with sound methods."