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RSAI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a particularly busy 2006 for RSAI with a focus on developing Regional Science in new areas of the world and on enhancing member services.

In January an international workshop was held in Bangalore, attended by both international and Indian regional scientists. Following that successful meeting, which attracted a significant number of young scholars from within India, progress is being made towards formally merging the RSA Section in India within the RSAI.

Then in April, a most successful workshop was held in Shanghai hosted by the East China Normal University and which was sponsored by RSAI and PRSCO. About 100 regional scientists from China participated, including representatives from the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Since that workshop, a series of meetings have been held between representatives of RSAI and PRSCO and representatives from key organizations in China. We are hopeful that the processes are now underway to formalize the creation of an official China Section of RSAI will be completed by about mid 2007.

In July, the newly constituted Malaysian Section of RSAI hosted a most successful PRSCO Institute attended by over 120 local and international regional scientists in Kuala Lumpur.

An important feature of those three activities was the key role that a number of RSAI Fellows played in the meetings.

There is reason to be very optimistic about the further expansion of regional science in Asia and Latin America. We now have achieved the formalization of a Chile Section of RSAI, which is holding its inaugural conference in Antofagasta in October. And discussions are underway with groups of regional scientists in Colombia and Bangladesh which we are confident will lead to the establishment of new sections of RSAI in these countries.

It is with considerable pride of achievement we can report that the number of RSAI members has now passed 3,500 under the new universal membership arrangements instituted by the Council in association with NARSC, ERSA & PRSCO and the RSAI which occurred under guidance of Past President Antoine Bailly. We seem to be well on track to pass the 4,000 membership target ahead of schedule, which will be a great achievement.



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During 2006 the RSAI Council has been working hard with the people at Blackwell, with Randy Jackson, the Newsletter Editor and RSAI website manager, along with the supra-regional organizations of RSAI, to implement the recommendations of the Member Services Task Force that were ratified by the RSAI Council at its Las Vegas meeting in November 2005. Numerous innovations are in store for the RSAI website. And by the Toronto meeting of the RSAI Council in November this year a full business plan for the introduction of a new international journal in Regional Science Policy and Practice will be in place for implementation in 2007.

At its recent meeting in Volos during the ERSAC Conference, the RSAI Council approved the creation of three important new RSAI Awards for introduction in 2007. These are: the Hirotsada Kohno Award for Outstanding Service to the RSAI; The Martin Beckmann RSAI Annual Award for the Best Paper in *Papers in Regional Science*; and The Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for an Early Career Scholar from a Developing Country. These are important new awards that named to honor and thank three of our members who have made outstanding contributions to the development and operation of regional science. The new awards will recognize outstanding service to RSAI, recognizing excellence in regional science scholarship, and encourage the involvement of outstanding young scholars from developing nations in RSAI activities.

The partnership between RSAI and Blackwell is progressing in a most satisfactory way. Under that arrangement, Blackwell collects membership funds and manages the membership register, and is the publisher of *Papers in Regional Science*. It also assists with the RSAI website and other member services. These functions operate under a separate set of financial accounts, and I am pleased to report that a dividend of £8,770 was returned to the RSAI organization as a 'surplus' from the 2005 calendar year operations. With the expansion in membership numbers, this dividend is set to grow in the years to come and will provide a useful cash flow into the RSAI general account enabling modest discretionary expenditure on new initiatives.

I am pleased to report that at the Volos meeting of the RSAI Council in September, a part of a new editorial team has been appointed to oversee the *Papers in Regional Science*, the association's flagship journal. From 2007 the new editor-in-Chief will be Jouke van Dijk from the University of Groningen in The Netherlands. Jouke is currently the editor from the European region. Philip McCann from Waikato University in New Zealand will be the new Editor from the Pacific region. Negotiations are well underway for the appointment of a new editor from the North American region and a new Reviews editor, and these appointments will be made by the Council at its Toronto meeting in November. We say a very big 'thank you' to the outgoing Editor-in Chief, Raymond Florax, Editor Jessie Poon, and Reviews editor Brigitte Waldorf for the roles they have played.

One of the most pleasurable tasks I have had to perform as President is to present plaques to the new RSAI Fellows at one of the supra-regional meetings. At the recent meeting of ERSA in Volos I presented Fellow Awards to three new RSAI Fellows, Alex Anas, Peter Batey and Kingsley Haynes. At the NARSC meeting in Toronto in November it will be my pleasure to present those awards to an additional seven new RSAI Fellows, namely, Richard Arnott, Manfred Fischer, Michael Greenwood, John Kim, Ann Markusen, John Parr and Kenneth Small. I wish to thank Art Getis who did a wonderful job as chair of the committee and for steering the process for the selection of these 10 new RSAI Fellows for the 2007 round. We now have a total of 27 RSAI Fellows.

This is my last President's Message for the RSAI Newsletter as my two year term as President of RSAI finishes at the end of 2006. Roger Stough will then take over as President.

I particularly want to thank Graham Clarke for the great job he is doing as our Executive Director, and it has been wonderful to work closely with Graham. I also want to thank all the RSAI Councilors with whom I have worked as President and President Elect over the last three years. And I want to acknowledge the great job that the Councils and Boards of our supra-regional organizations – NARSC, ERSA and PRSCO – are doing. In addition, there are literally hundreds of our members who work very hard to ensure that the successful operation of the many local Sections of RSAI around the world. The efforts of all of these dedicated people result in a wonderfully diverse set of active organizations that promote regional science and organize the many conferences and other events held under the Regional Science banner. Hardly a week goes by when there is not a regional science meeting that one could attend somewhere across the globe. And I also want to thank the members of the Long Range Planning Committee which comprises the past presidents of RSAI for their wise counsel and their on-going contributions to the association.

We now have a truly international association that is expanding to have a presence across all continents and in an expanding number of developing nations. Regional Science is now in its 6th decade and is going from strength to strength. Most importantly, a large number of young scholars are being attracted and are active participants in regional science meetings around the world. This will ensure the ongoing regeneration of our association.

It has been a privilege for me to serve as your President, and I look forward to many years of continuing involvement in the regional science movement and to continue to meet with the many, many good friends I have made over the last 35 years during which I have been involved in regional science.

Bob Stimson, RSAI President



AWARDS, PRIZES, AND COMPETITIONS

THE 2006 RECIPIENT OF THE BARRY M. MORIARTY GRADUATE PAPER was awarded to Diehang Zheng, from the University of Southern California at the Southern Regional Science Association annual meeting in St. Augustine, Fl.

THE 2006 WILLIAM H. MIERNYK RESEARCH EXCELLENCE MEDAL was presented to Shaoming Cheng, George Mason University, at the Southern Regional Science Association annual meeting by Randy Jackson, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University.



THE BENJAMIN H. STEVENS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN REGIONAL SCIENCE FOR 2007-2008 – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Fellowship is awarded in memory of Dr. Benjamin H. Stevens, an intellectual leader whose selfless devotion to graduate students as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend continues to have a profound impact on the field of Regional Science. Fundraising efforts to increase the Fellowship's endowment are ongoing. Donations should be sent to: The Stevens Fellowship Fund, First Busey Trust and Investment Company, P.O. Box 3309, Champaign, IL 61826-3309 USA. Checks should be drawn to The Stevens Fellowship Fund.

The Stevens Fellowship is administered by a committee on behalf of the North American Regional Science Council; David Boyce serves as Secretary and Michael Lahr as Treasurer. The 2006-07 Stevens Fellowship competition was judged by a selection committee consisting of: Janice Madden, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, chair; David Boyce, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Northwestern University; Gordon Mulligan, Geography and Regional Development, University of Arizona; Bruce Newbold, Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University; and Brigitte Waldorf, Agricultural Economics, Purdue University.

The Committee thanks all students who entered the competition this year, as well as their doctoral supervisors. Faculty at all North American Ph.D. programs is asked to encourage their best students to apply for the Eighth Annual Stevens Graduate Fellowship, which will support the winning student's thesis research in the field of Regional Science for the 2007-2008 year. The application **deadline is February 15, 2007**. Full submission guidelines may be found at <http://209.200.67.135/narsc/bapp.html>.

Joshua Drucker, a doctoral student in City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been selected as the winner of the competition for the seventh annual Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science. The Fellowship will provide a one-year stipend of \$25,000 to support Drucker in his research on the influence of regional dominance on industrial success. His thesis will investigate the hypothesis that manufacturing firms in regions and specific industries dominated by a few large businesses capture fewer regional agglomeration benefits, and thus are less productive, than firms in the same industries but located in regions characterized by less corporate dominance and a broader firm size distribution. His research is supervised by Professor Harvey Goldstein, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Associate Professor Edward Feser, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Feser wrote that Drucker's research is a direct test of some of the most innovative ideas of Benjamin Chinitz, which have long remained only partially explored given the absence of appropriate data to measure regional corporate dominance.

Applications should be shipped to: Professor K. Bruce Newbold, School of Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4K1 Canada. Shipment by express parcel service (e.g. Fedex, UPS) is recommended. Applicants are strongly encouraged to send an e-mail to newbold@mcmaster.ca when they ship their materials.



JOHN QUIGLEY ELECTED FOREIGN MEMBER OF THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES

John Quigley was elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences at their meeting in March in Stockholm. Quigley is the I. Donald Turner Distinguished Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, where he holds professorships in the Department of Economics, the Haas School of Business, and the Goldman School of Public Policy. He chaired Berkeley's Economics Department in 1992-95 and the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate in 1996-1997. He served on the Board of the RS&AI and PRSCO and as President of the WRSA. He was

elected a Fellow of the RSAI in 2004. The Swedish Academy advises the Swedish government, industry, and the academic community on matters related to engineering, science, and economics, especially as they relate to technology and society. The academy currently has 750 Swedish members and 254 foreign members. The academy's division of economics currently has 83 members. Quigley will be inducted into the academy by King Carl XVI Gustaf at a ceremony in Stockholm this coming October.

PROFESSOR JOHN FRIEDMANN WINS FIRST 'UN-HABITAT LECTURE' AWARD



Professor John Friedmann has won the first United Nations Human Settlements Lecture award. The recently launched UN-HABITAT Lecture series is organized through the Global Research Network on Human Settlements (HS-Net), an international board that advises UN-HABITAT on its Global Report on Human Settlements.

The award seeks to recognize outstanding and sustained contribution to research, thinking and practice in the human settlements field. A key component of the award is the delivery, by the award winner, of a lecture before a live audience. The delivery of the lecture is intended to stimulate global debate and provoke new thinking in the field of human settlements. Professor Friedmann will deliver the first annual lecture during the third session of the World Urban Forum in Vancouver, Canada (19 to 23 June, 2006). The lecture will be disseminated through a multi-media DVD, as well as hard copy and web publication.

John Friedmann is currently Honorary Professor in the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He is also Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning at UCLA, USA. Professor Friedmann is one of the most well-known urban planners in the world today. He has worked in, and written about Latin America, North America, Europe and China. He was founding professor of the Programme for Urban Planning in the Graduate School of Architecture and Planning at UCLA, and serves its head for a total of 14 years between 1969 and 1996. He has, among other honours, honorary doctorates from the Catholic University of Chile and the University of Dortmund. Just before coming to Vancouver, he was Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning of the University of Melbourne, Australia. Professor Friedmann has published 15 individually authored books, and co-edited 11 books, 150 chapters, articles and reviews. Some of his important

books include: *Territory and Function: The Evolution of Regional Planning* (with Clyde Weaver, 1976); *Empowerment: A Theory of Alternative Development* (1983); *Cities for Citizens: Planning and the Rise of Civil Society* (with Mike Douglass, 1998); *The Prospect of Cities* (2002); and *China's Urban Transition* (2005).

Professor Friedmann is the epitomic progressive planner - influential intellectually and in practice to generations of planning students and practitioners from around the world. His ideas on regional development, world cities, participation and empowerment, and the importance of civil society in relation to planning and governance have been extremely important in the evolution of ideas on planning in both the developed and developing world.

LUC ANSELIN ANNOUNCED WINNER OF THE WILLIAM ALONSO MEMORIAL PRIZE



Anselin announced winner of the 2006 William Alonso Memorial Prize for innovative work in regional science for his development of the LISA statistics and the GeoDa software. Luc is currently Senior Research Professor at the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) and Professor of the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, the Department of Geography and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois.

MARK PARTRIDGE APPOINTED THE C. WILLIAM SWANK CHAIR



Partridge was recently appointed the C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy, at the Ohio State University and a Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics. Prior to that, he was the Canada Research Chair in the New Rural Economy at the University of Saskatchewan, where he is currently an Adjunct Professor. He has published over 60 academic and scholarly papers that have appeared in journals such as the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, and *Review of Economics and Statistics*. He served as President of the Southern Regional Science Association and is on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Regional Science* and the *Review of Regional Studies*. He has consulted with various governments in the U.S. and Canada and has testified to the U.S. Congress on issues related to immigration policy.



COMMUNICATION & LITERATURE

RECENT BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF RSAI

- Arbia, Giuseppe. 2006. Spatial Econometrics: Statistical Foundations and Applications to Regional Convergence, Series: Advances in Spatial Science. (ISBN 3-540-32304-X).
- Carruthers, John I. and Bill Mundy (eds.) 2006. Environmental Valuation. Series: *Urban Planning and Environment*. Ashgate (ISBN 0754644715).
- Fischer, M.M. 2006. Spatial Analysis and GeoComputation: Selected Essays (ISBN 3-540-35729-7).
- Fischer, Manfred M. 2006. Innovation, Networks, and Knowledge Spillovers: Selected Essays. Springer (ISBN 354035980X).
- Green, Gary, Steven C. Deller and David Marcouiller (eds). 2006. *Amenities and Rural Development: Theory, Methods and Public Policy*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing [ISBN 1845421264].
- Johansson, Börje; Charlie Karlsson, and Roger Stough (eds.) 2006. The Emerging Digital Economy: Entrepreneurship, Clusters, and Policy. Series: Advances in Spatial Science. (ISBN 3-540-34487-X).
- Johnson, Thomas G. Daniel Otto and Steven C. Deller (eds). 2006. Community Policy Analysis Modeling. Oxford: Blackwell Professional Publishing.
- Patriksson, Michael. *The Traffic Assignment Problem, Models and Methods*, VSP, 1994. PDF file now available on his web page at <http://www.cs.chalmers.se/~mipat/traffic.html>.
- Phillips, Fred. 2006. Social Culture and High-Tech Economic Development: The Technopolis Columns. Palgrave.

Hardback, [ISBN 1403999511].

- Stimson, R.J., Roger R. Stough, and Brian H. Roberts. 2006. Regional Economic Development: Analysis and Planning Strategy [ISBN 3-540-34826-3].
- Westlund, Hans. 2006. *Social Capital in the Knowledge Economy: Theory and Empirics* National Institute for Working Life, Sweden, Springer, *Advances in Spatial Science*, ISBN 3-540-35364-X. € 74.95 | £ 57.50 For an e-flyer with order form, send message to: hans.westlund@niwl.se



CONFERENCE NEWS

IV MEETING OF THE BRAZILIAN RSA, October 15-17, 2006 "Learning Regions and Regional Development," Foz do Iguaçu City, Brazil. All paper submissions welcome. www.aber.fea.usp.br

2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LAND POLICY, October 19-21, 2006, Shenzhen, China. Contact: John Whitehead, China Program Assistant, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, jwhitehead@lincolinst.edu

2ND SEMINAR, JEAN PAELINCK ON SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS will be held in the University of Zaragoza (SPAIN), **October 27-28, 2006**. Email your paper to aangulo@unizar.es by September 20, 2006. More information at <http://dae.unizar.es/seminario2/>

"RETROFITTING OF SOCIAL HOUSING: FINANCING AND POLICY OPTIONS" EUROPEAN CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 7-8, 2006, Holiday inn, Thessaloniki, Greece, The target of this event is to provide a forum for the exchange of experience on retrofitting of social housing and in particular on related financing mechanisms and incentives. This exchange is expected to stimulate the debate between social housing companies, financing institutions, public authorities and other stakeholders across Europe. Contact: Mrs Kiki Papadopoulou, Centre for Renewable Energy Sources –CRES, Tel.: 0030 210 66 03 310, Fax: 0030 210 66 03 302, e-mail: kpapad@cres.gr

53RD ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, November 16-18, 2006

The Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Paper and session submissions will be accepted online between April 15-August 1, 2006. Conference registration through the conference website. Hotel reservations at the Fairmont Royal York, located in the heart of downtown Toronto. Book early to get the special conference rate! (www.fairmont.com/royalyork). Conference questions Bruce Newbold (905) 525-9140 x 27948 newbold@mcmaster.ca Official conference website: www.narsc.org

2007 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (SAEA) will be held in Mobile, AL, **February 4-7, 2007**. Deadline for paper, poster and symposia proposal submissions is September 15. Call for proposals at the SAEA website: <http://www.saea.org/> general information: <http://www.saasinc.org/>

46TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, Hyatt-Regency in Newport Beach, **February 21-24, 2007**. Papers on all regional science topics with submittal by the customary October 15 deadline. Send manuscript to Executive Secretary, Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu). For multi-authored papers, clearly indicate which authors plan to attend, and please include complete contact information for all intended participants. All papers are screened by the Program Committee before formal invitations to present are emailed. Program Committee decisions are never made on the basis of an abstract alone. The WRSA website will full conference information is accessible at <http://geog.arizona.edu>.

RSAI WORLD CONGRESS, March 17-19, 2007, Sao Paulo, Brazil, School of Economics, University of Sao Paulo is hosting the Brazilian Regional Science Association meeting on: World Integration, Emerging Countries, Lagging Regions, and Sustainability. Website: www.aber.fea.usp.br/rsai.2008.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION 2007 MEETING, Charleston, SC. The Southern Regional Science Association's 46th annual meeting will be held at the elegant Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC (www.francismarioncharleston.com/), **March 29-31, 2007**. Papers are welcomed on a wide range of topics in regional science. If you are interested in presenting a paper,

please send an abstract of 100-200 words by e-mail to Nancy White, the 2007 Program Chair (nwhite@bucknell.edu). When there are multiple authors on an abstract, please include the address, phone number, fax, and e-mail address for each author who will attend the conference. The deadline for abstracts is Friday, December 15, 2006. Submissions by e-mail are preferred; however, Nancy can be contacted by phone at (570)577-3449 and by mail at Bucknell University, Department of Economics, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Visit the SRSA conference website for additional information: <http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/conferencesub.htm>.

THE 9TH CRIME MAPPING RESEARCH CONFERENCE, sponsored by the Mapping and Analysis for Public Safety (MAPS) program at the National Institute of Justice, Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, **March 28-31, 2007**. The conference brings researchers and practitioners together to learn about recent research into geography of crime, spatial data analysis methods, criminal justice research involving use of GIS and spatial data analysis, and practical applications of crime analysis and GIS in law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. There will also be professional development workshops. The deadline for submissions is September 29, 2006. Details and forms for submitting to the call for presentations/workshops are available on the MAPS program website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps>.

2007 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT (2007 ICSM), Entrepreneurial Strategy Innovation and Sustainable Development, Sichuan University, Chengdu, P.R. China, **April 19-20, 2007**. Website: <http://www.icsm2007.com>

CONFERENCE ON FRAMING LAND USE DYNAMICS II, organized by Faculty of Geosciences and MNP, **April 18-20, 2007**, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, Deadline for submission of abstracts: October 1, 2006. For more information about the conference or to submit an abstract, go to: www.geo.uu.nl/flud2007

THE INDUSTRY STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held on **April 26-27, 2007** in Cambridge, MA. There are substantial areas of common interest between Regional Science and Industry Studies, especially around topics in plant location, regional

economic development, innovation, and globalization. As you may learn by visiting the Sloan Industry Studies web site <<http://www.industry.sloan.org/>>, the distinguishing feature of Industry Studies is that research is based on direct observation at the plant or firm level. Scholars working in this area are normally invested in learning about the institutions that shape competition in particular industries or relationships among industries, and industry studies research often is multidisciplinary. One must be an affiliate of the program to participate. All presentations will be by invitation, and travel subsidies will be available for those invited. Please consider the possibility of becoming an Industry Studies Affiliate. Contact: Frank Giarratani, Professor of Economics and Director, Center for Industry Studies, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, www.IndustryStudies.pitt.edu

54 ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, November 7-11, 2007, Savannah, Georgia, USA at the Hyatt Regency. The meetings will be hosted by the SRSA. The Hyatt underwent a complete renovation in the spring of 2005 and claims 347 guest rooms, including 29 suites, offering panoramic views of the Savannah River and the Downtown Historic District. Deadline for reservations is: October 25, 2007. Contact: Professor Doug Woodward woodward@moore.sc.edu or <http://mooreschool.sc.edu/moore/economics/profiles/woodward.htm>, University of South Carolina, program chair.



Papers in Regional Science is the official journal of the Regional Science Association International. It encourages high quality scholarship on a broad range of regional science topics. Coverage includes: behavioral location models, transportation and migration, land use and urban development, spatial agglomeration and segregation, new economic geography, inter-industry analysis and trade, environment and natural resources, urban and regional development, geographical information systems and spatial data analysis.

The journal publishes high quality papers that make a new contribution to the understanding of urban and regional

systems. The editors invite submissions dealing with theory, methods and models of spatial analysis. The journal has a multi-disciplinary outlook and includes contributions from economics, geography, planning, engineering and public policy.

The web address for the journal is: <http://www.rsai-members.org/aims.asp>

 **EDITOR'S NOTE**

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In order to receive RSAI monthly news updates and other regional science related communications, you need to join the listserv (regsc-l), maintained by West Virginia University's Regional Research Institute, at <http://www.rii.wvu.edu/listservs.htm>



RSAI thanks Bob Stimson for his service as President



MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, VOLOS, SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Bob Stimson (Chair), Carlos Azzoni, Peter Batey, Roberta Capello, Paul Cheshire, Graham Clarke, Yoshiro Higano, Phil McCann, Jan Oosterhaven, Jessie Poon, Roger Stough.

1. Apologies: Antoine Bailly, David Boyce, Roberto Camagni, David Edgington, Raymond Florax, Lay Gibson, Kingsley Haynes, John Madden, T. John Kim, Jacques Poot, Jean-Claude Thill, Brigitte Waldorf

2. Minutes of last meeting: Accepted.
Matters arising: none

10 (item 10 brought forward) 2008 RSAI World Congress, Brazil

Carlos Azzoni reported on preparations for the conference which were going well. The dates were confirmed as 17-19 March 2008 at a venue still to be finalized in Sao Paulo. The themes are 'World Integration, Emerging Countries, Lagging Regions, Sustainability.' A brochure has been prepared for circulation (see next newsletter), and a call for papers will be made in the next few months. The President thanked Carlos and his team for their efforts.

3. Financial matters

3(a) Blackwell Report:

The president referred to a meeting with Blackwell representatives and the President, president Elect, Executive Director, and Treasurer held in London in June 2006, at which Blackwell presented the first annual report document produced for the year 2005. That report had been circulated to Council members.

A surplus of £8700 had been returned to RSAI. This will increase over the next two years as PiRS is accepted more widely and membership approaches the 4000-5000 mark. Graham Clarke reported that membership currently stood at 3400.

With a number of Sections due on-line very soon he hoped to see a figure of around 4000 by the end of 2006.

3(b) Operating Budget, 2006 and projected for 2007

A document setting out likely expenditures for 2006 and projected for 2007, 2008 was tabled. It was noted that these related to RSAI functions and activities outside those conducted under the contract with Blackwell, which cover membership, PiRS and associated matters.

The Council noted that accounts for 2006 and the detailed budget expenditures for 2007 would be presented as usual at the Toronto meeting of Council in November. Council asked to see likely income projections before agreeing to such expenditures.

3(c) Inspected Accounts, 2005

The Executive Director and Treasurer tabled the 'inspected accounts' for 2005. These had been prepared by Henton & Co. our new accountants in the UK (as part of the necessary paperwork for the UK Charity Commission - inspected not audited accounts demanded each year).

4. RSAI Section development

4(a) India:

The President reported on a very successful meeting in Bangalore in January with 120-130 delegates present, mostly from India itself. Roger Stough noted the possibility of launching a major research centre in regional science in collaboration with RSAI and possibly a Foundation. The Executive Director reported that he is working with the exiting Indian RSA (which has no formal

association with RSAI and PRSCO) to get e-mail addresses to bring as many Indians into RSAI membership as possible this year.

4(b) China

The President reported on the excellent and highly successful seminar held in Shanghai in April 2006 which also attracted 100+ delegates. He and Roger Stough thanked Yoshiro Higano for all his efforts to start a new section in China (and elsewhere in Asia and the Pacific). The President reported that we could be optimistic that the senior scholars and officially connected leadership group that is being formed in China following the meetings held in Shanghai provides the planning mechanism for the formation of an official RSAI Section in China that has the potential for the recruitment of several thousand members in China. Things seem to be on track to formalize this at the PRSCO meeting in Vancouver in May 2007.

4(c) Malaysia:

PRSCO had held a most successful Summer Institute in Kuala Lumpur in July 2006, hosted by the new Malaysia Section of RSAI

4(d) Chile

The Chile Section of RSAI is now formed and operating, and will hold its first meeting in October 2006, which the President will attend.

4(e) Colombia

There has been progress with the formation of a Section of RSAI in Colombia, and there is likely to be a workshop there in 2007 or 2008, sponsored by RSAI and PRSCO.

4(f) Bangladesh

Progress is being made for the formation of a Section of RSAI in Bangladesh. Key persons have been invited for further discussions to the Japan Section meeting in November.

4(g) South Africa

It was noted with some concern that despite the holding of a successful RSAI World Congress in 2004, little progress seems to have occurred in developing an active Section of RSAI in South Africa. Roger Stough agreed to begin discussions with colleagues to produce a framework that may assist the revitalization of interest and activity in South Africa.

5. Strategic Priorities for RSAI

5(a) A paper had been circulated by the President and President Elect prior to the meeting which set out a rationale for strategic priorities for RSAI in the immediate future to guide the development of RSAI activities over the next few years, building on initiatives taken in recent years. Seven specific strategic directions were proposed.

The paper was accepted subject to two amendments: first, point 3 should specifically refer to developing countries; second, a new point 8 be added, relating to the 'branding' of RSAI and enhancing its image.

Council agreed that better marketing and branding was required if RSAI was to follow the pattern set by ERSA and look to be more professional in the future.

A Branding and Communication sub-committee was appointed to report to future meetings. The committee is Roger Stough, Peter Batey, Phil McCann and Paul Cheshire.

5(b) Roger Stough tabled a brief paper on the potential for RSAI to pursue foundation funding for international development of regional science. Given the success of ERSA's recent EU grant proposal, Roger was encouraged to take this proposal forward and develop a strategy.

5(c) Long Range Planning Committee

In the absence of Antoine Bailly, Peter Batey then reported on behalf of the LRPC.

(i) Policy journal (see item 6c)

- (ii) RSAI and NGO/international body status (Graham Clarke and Antoine Bailly to look into this further)
- (iii) Arrangements for Editors of PiRS (see item 6b)
- (iv) Branding issues for RSAI (see item 5a above)

6. Member services

6(a) Website & Newsletter

The paper prepared by Randy Jackson and circulated in advance to members of Council, which outlined ideas for web development, was discussed.

The Council agreed with the proposals set out in the paper, with exception that 2b, 5 and 6be deleted (which largely related to use of the web for surveys and offering pop-up e-mail alerts at various times).

The Council resolved to ask Randy to revise the paper and cost the proposals and to bring a report and specific proposals to the meeting of the Council in Toronto in November 2006.

6(b) Papers in Regional Science

On behalf of the Editor-in Chief, Raymond Florax, Jouke van Dyke reported on progress with PiRS in 2006. Although a little behind schedule he was confident that all editions for 2006 would appear during the calendar year.

A paper by Raymond Florax on behalf of the Publications Sub-committee, which had been circulated to members of the Council, was discussed. It noted that the current members of the editorial team for PiRS finish their term at the end of 2006.

Names were proposed for the new Editor-in –Chief and a new editor from the Pacific region.

The Council resolved to appoint Jouke van Dijk (current Editor from ERSA) as the new Editor-in Chief for a three year term from January.

The Council resolved to appoint Phil McCann as the Editor from the Pacific region to a three year term from January 2007.

It was decided to invite Charlie Karlsson to be the Book Reviews Editor from January 2007.

A new editor from the North America region is needed to replace Jessie Poon. The Council resolved to invite James Le Sage to that position, and, subject to his agreement, ratify that appointment at the Toronto meeting of the Council in November 2006.

The Council congratulated Jouke and Phil on their appointments and thanked them for agreeing to take on those roles on the editorial team for PiRS.

6(c) Policy and Practice journal initiative

A pre-circulated paper which set out details for developing a Regional Science Policy and Practice journal was discussed in some detail. This followed the acceptance by the Council of the recommendations in the report of the Member Services task Force at the Las Vegas meeting of the Council in November 2005.

The document provided information and guidelines for the possible development of a Policy and Practice journal. The council agreed that it should now proceed with the formal planning for such an initiative. Jan Oosterhaven reported the support of ERSA conditional on a strong European presence in the journal and its editorial team. It was agreed that the proposal be sent to an independent consultant for evaluation and advice. Paul Cheshire would liaise with The President and Executive Director over finding such an individual, who would be asked to provide a report within a month or so. That report should advise on market targets, production options and editorial policy, among other relevant matters.

It was agreed that the new journal be operated as a separate entity from PiRS with its own editorial team and board be drawn from around the world, but with a strong European presence because of the very strong focus within Europe on regional policy. However, it is important that the journal have a truly international perspective and coverage. There should ideally be an integrated process for the submission of papers to both PiRS.

A full report on the strategy and procedures for the introduction of the new Policy and Practice journal should come to the meeting of the Council in Toronto in November 2006. A sub-group would explore issues further: Roger Stough, Bob Stimson, Graham Clarke, Paul Cheshire, Peter Batey, Phil McCann, Jouke van Dijk, Roberto Camagni.

7. New RSAI awards

A pre-circulated paper proposing a number of new RSAI Awards was discussed. This paper had been prepared following a request by the Council at its meeting in Las Vegas in November 2005 for proposals for new award.

A number of Council members felt that there possibly 5 new awards as proposed might be too many at this stage, and that clarification was needed some of the proposals.

The Council resolved to approve the introduction of two new awards as proposed in the paper, namely:

The Hirotada Kohono Award for Outstanding Service to RSAI

The Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for an Early Career Researcher from a Developing Country

The Council also resolved to initiate an annual for the best paper in PiRS, this to be known as

The Martin Beckmann Annual Award for the Best Paper in Papers in Regional Science

The procedures for the implementation of these 3 new Awards and the rules and processes for selecting recipients for them are to be set out in a document by the President to be circulated to Council for final comment and the new awards are then to be announced and implemented so that the first round of awards may be made in 2007.

8. Review of procedures for RSAI Fellows

A pre-circulated paper was discussed. This was in response to the need for the procedure for the selection of RSAI Fellows to be reviewed this year following the implementation of the procedure five years ago.

The Council resolved to appoint the Committee proposed by the President to review the procedure for the selection of RSAI Fellows and to propose recommendations on the roles fellows might play in RSAI, as set out in report with recommendations is to come to the Council at its meeting in Toronto in November 2006.

The Review Committee appointed is: John Quigley (Chair), Maureen Kilkenny, Peter Batey, the President, the President Elect.

9. RSAI Council: Supra-Regional Appointees and Nominations and Election of Councillors-at-Large

9(a) Retiring Councillors

It was noted that Phil McCann and Bob Stimson would finish their term as Council members in December 2006 (although both would be on Council in 2007 as editor of PiRs for PRSCO and Outgoing President respectively). Of the appointees from the supra-regional bodies, Councillors whose terms finish at the end of 2006 are Yoshiro Higano, Roberto Comagni and Brigitte Waldorf.

9(b) Supra-regional body appointees

ERSA announced the appointment of George Petrakos for 2007-2009 replacing Roberto Comagni.

PRSCO has re-appointed Yoshiro Higano

NRSC will report to Toronto meeting of Council its appointee to the Council to replace Brigitte Waldorf

9(c) Nomination and election of two Councillors-at-Large

Two positions need to be filled for a 3 year term 2007-09

The Executive Director will e-mail the membership calling for nominations for the 2 At-Large vacancies and if needed an election will be held in accordance with the process set out in the RSAI Constitution. Ballots papers will be distributed and voting will occur via email.

The Council discussed the names of persons it regarded as having excellent credentials for selection as Councillors and it was agreed that those persons would be approached to nominate to ensure that there is a sufficient number of candidates to fill the number of vacancies.

9(d) Attendance at and participation in Council meetings

The President drew attention to the difficulty experienced by some councillors in being able to attend all meetings of the RSAI Council, and indicated that this has had, and could continue to have, implications on occasion for obtaining a quorum to officially conduct the business of the

Council. This potential difficulty may be better averted by enabling Councillors unable to travel to a meeting to participate via telephone hook-up.

The president proposed that that facility be provided as a trial for the next meeting of the Council in Toronto in November 2006.

11. Supra-regional reports

11(a) ERSA

Paul Cheshire noted the success of the recent ERSA Summer School in Groningen and the success of its EU grant proposal for future summer schools. He also noted that ERSA planned to implement its strategy for professional administration and research support from February 2007. The president congratulated ERSA for its forward thinking on professionalism.

11(b) NARSC

Nothing to report until Toronto.

11(c) PRSCO

Yoshiro Higano noted next PRSCO meeting was 6-9th May 2007 in Vancouver. He also noted that if discussions with China were successful in the short term a future PRSCO meeting would be allocated to China (if not then possibly Australia/New Zealand). Again, Bob thanked Yoshiro for all his work on new Section development in Asia and the Pacific region.

12. Date of next meeting

Friday 17th November 4pm Toronto.

13. AOB

None

Graham Clarke, Executive Director
September 2006