MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING PORTLAND, 2015 Friday Nov 13 10:30-12:30 Forum Suite

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose welcomed the members of the RSAI Council and the members and guest members presented themselves around the table. The meeting began with 11 of the 15 members of the RSAI Council (Annex 1)

1. Apologies (JCT) (Annex 1)

Council members present: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (President), André Torre (ERSA Representative), Yuzuru Miyata (PRSCO Representative), Jichung Yang (PRSCO Representative), Erendira Serrano Oswald (PRSCO Representative), Carlos Azzoni (RSAmericas Representative), Neil Reid (RSAmericas Representative), Daniel A. Griffith (Councillor at Large), Tüzin Baycan (Councillor at Large), Hans Westlund (Councillor at Large), and Tomaz Dentinho (Councillor at large and Executive Director).

Apologies from Council Members: Jacques Poot (Vice President and Councillor at Large); Isabelle Thomas (ERSA representative), Richard Shearmour (RSAmericas Representative), Emmanouil Tranos (Councillor at Large).

Long Range Planning Committee Members present: Roberta Capello, Jean-Claude Thill and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose.

Ex-officio members present: Roberta Capello (Editor of PIRS); David Boyce (Archivist) and Michel Carroll (Editor of RSPP).

Invited Members present: Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA President), Carlos Azzoni (RSAmericas President), Neil Reid (RSAmericas Executive Director), Raymond Florax (Chair of the Publishing Committee).

M-I. RSAI Council acknowledged the apologies unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Lisbon meeting.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of Lisbon Council held on 27 August 2015.

Jouke Van Dijk enquired about the status of the Regional Science Academy. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that the Regional Science Academy is an independent institution operating under the umbrella of the RSAI and that the RSAI Council approved in Lisbon a statement of support of the Regional Science Academy. Jouke Van Dijk asked about the scope of the Regional Science Academy and about its reporting procedures. Andrés Rodríguez Pose answered that the Regional Science Academy's aim is to be present in areas currently not covered by the RSAI or by the supra-regions. The Academy will be invited to report to Council once they are in full operation. Andrés Rodriguez Pose reinforced that, if channelled in this direction, the Regional Science Academy can become an asset for regional science. Tuzin Baycan queried about whether the activities announced by the Regional Science Academy were not part of the mission of RSAI. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose answered that the RSAI objective – as that of any other organisation within the Regional Science community - is to promote regional science and that, given the structure of Regional Science as a community, voluntary efforts by members of the community to promote the goals of the RSAI should be welcome. Neil Reid underlined the importance of voluntary efforts for forwarding the goal of Regional Science. Roberta Capello intervened to say that, as in past cases, volunteer contributions to Regional Science should be welcome and that it is better to channel those efforts under the umbrella of the RSAI than to have them running as completely independent, perhaps rival activities. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose concluded the discussion that a statement of support to the Academy had already been approved at the Lisbon Council meeting and that there was no overwhelming demand from Council to reverse it. He asked if there were other points for clarification.

M-II. RSAI Council approved unanimously the Minutes of the Lisbon Council (August 2015)

3. New Measures – Thinking Big (Annex 2)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose recalled that two measures were launched in 2015 - 'Nurturing New Talent' and 'Building Bridges' – and proposed a new one under the name of 'Thinking Big'. A proposal for 'Thinking Big' was circulated prior to the meeting. The idea is to provide seed funding for young researchers of less than 35 years of age. Jouke Van Dijk welcomed the proposal and said that ERSA could eventually add more funds to these programmes. Neil Reid also remarked that NARSC can help to support the programs. Jean Claude Thill stated that this type of initiatives are very important. André Torre supported the idea, as did Daniel Griffith, who enquired about whether the conditions of eligibility could be based on years after PhD completion. Andres Rodriguez-Pose answered that this is a first proposal and that changes, such as the one proposed by Daniel Griffith would certainly be considered. Carlos Azzoni asked about reporting requirements. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that the receiver should provide evidence of submission of a fully-fledge proposal to a Research Council or equivalent within a year of reception of funds. Erendira Serrano informed that some contracts cannot be done by young researcher within universities. Jean Claude Thill asked whether the money goes to the Universities or to the applicants. Andrés Rodriguez-Pose said that it could be stated in the call that the allocation of resources could either be made directly to the candidate or to the institution, at the request of the candidate. Jouke Van Dijk stressed the need to avoid or minimise overheads. Andrés Rodriguez Pose remarked that suggestions would be welcomed in order to minimise the proposal and that a revised proposal would be submitted to the Istanbul Council. Jouke Van Dijk indicated that the proposal could also be brought to the European Organizing Committee in Vienna next February.

M-III. The RSAI Council will make a decision on the revised 'Thinking Big' proposal at the Istanbul Council.

4. Plan and Budget for 2016 (Annex 3).

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho explained that the Revenues expected for 2016 will come from Wiley (44420 Euros) and from the Membership fees (44457 Euros). Regarding expenditures there is the payment of subscription fees to Wiley (26000 Euros) and to Editorial Expenditures of RSAI Journals and Newsletter (24000 Euros). Other costs are for accounting, auditing and secretariat (9880 Euros) and for awards (2250 Euros) and for RSAI new measures (16500 Euros). Tomaz Ponce Dentinho also clarified that if the World Congress attracted 400 participants there would be an expected margin of 26,449 Euros for RSAI. Finally he informed that RSAI Funds grew from around 200,000 Euros in 2011 to around 300,000 Euros in 2015.

M-IV. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the Plan and Budget for 2016 (August 2015).

5. New Councillors at Large 2016-2018 (Annex 4).

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho informed the Council on-line elections took place from the 15th of September 2015 until the 15th of October 2015 for new councillors at large, based on the decision taken at the Lisbon meeting. Of a total of 483 votes, 258 votes went to Dr. Fabio Mazzola, 131 to Dr. Amitrajeet A. Batabyal and 83 to Dr. Terry L. Clower; 11 votes were declared void.

M-V. The RSAI Council acknowledged unanimously the election of Fabio Mazzola as RSAI Councilor at Large for the period 2016-2018.

6. Changes in By-Law 3 – Expansion of RSAI Council from 15 to 19 members (Annex 5).

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose recalled that at the RSAI Council that took place in Lisbon in August 2015 adopted the following resolution: "M-VI. The RSAI Council approved unanimously that the Presidents of the Supra Nationals and the Executive Director should be full members of the RSAI Council for the period of their respective mandates"; and, remembered that, it was also agreed that the by-laws that will translate those principles would be submitted for approval at the Council in Portland. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that those principles were included in a new and more simplified redaction of By-law 3 presented in Annex 5. André Torre moved to approve the new writing of by-law 5.

M-VI. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the new version of By Law 3 in Annex 5 (August 2015)

7. New Sections and Supra-nationals

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose indicated that with the recent approval of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Science Association some restructuring of the territorial organization of the RSAI could be expected, perhaps with a reorganization of the supra-regional structure. Carlos Azzoni informed that the group of Latin America and Caribbean Sections had met at the PRSCO Meeting in Viña del Mar (Chile) and that it was expected that by the World Congress in Istanbul the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Science Association will be constituted and submitted for recognition by the RSAI Council. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose welcomed the development and remarked that RSAI will change its by-laws to adapt to include the 4th Supraregional organisation.

M-VII. The RSAI Council acknowledged the development of a New Supraregional Regional Science organisation involving Latin American and Caribbean Sections

8. Nomination of the Executive Director for 2016-2018.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that elections were due for the RSAI Executive Director for the period 2016-2018. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose proposed the Council to re-elect Tomaz Ponce Dentinho for a new three year mandate as Executive Director of RSAI. He also said that this will be the last of three terms that the Executive Director can be in charge. The Council nominated André Torre and Jean Claude Thill to develop a proposal for a professional secretariat to be presented in the Council of Minneapolis in November 2016.

M-VIII. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the election of Tomaz Ponce Dentinho for Executive Director of RSAI for the period 2016-2018

9. World Congress: Istanbul

Tuzin Baycan informed the Council that the bureaucratic issues related to the World Conference are being solved and reported that Turkish Airlines will support the conference with the offer of three tickets for the flights of the Key Speakers. Tuzin Baycan also said that the Congress Venue is fixed, the Webpage open and abstracts had already submitted in the last days. Neil Reid asked if there is a target in terms of number of participants. Tuzin Baycan said that 500 participants are expected and that Istanbul is a very central and connected place. Carlos Azzoni asked about the expected number of local participants and suggested that PhD students should be attracted to participate. Tuzin Baycan said that she did not think that potential security risks would affect the congress. Neil Reid confirmed that Turkey is a safe and secure place. Andrés Rodríguez Pose thanked the Turkish Section and specially Tuzin Baycan for the great effort that the organization of a World Congress

requires particularly in those difficult times and invited the members of the Council to present papers in Istanbul.

M-IX. The RSAI Council unanimously thanked the efforts of the Turkish Section and Tuzin Baycan to organize the XI World Congress of RSAI

10. RSAI Publications

Papers in Regional Science (Annex 6)

Roberta Capello informed the Council that the report of Papers in Regional Science was presented at the Lisbon RSAI Council and that, after three years as editor, there is the need for the Council to nominate the editorial team for another term. Roberta Capello informed that Alessandra Faggian and Michaela Trippl and she were ready to remain as editors, while Paul Elhorst – who will be the next editor of Spatial Economic Analysis – and Takatoshi Tabuchi were stepping down. There was therefore a need to cover a gap in spatial econometrics. Dr Capello proposed Drs. Jonathan Corcoran and Donald Lacombe – CVs in annex 6 of the Meeting Agenda – as new editors. Andrés Rodríguez Pose thanked the presentation of Roberta Capello and pointed out the good choice of the proposed new co-editors. Jouke Van Dijk said that it is very good that most of the editorial team can continue but he regretted that there will be no one from Japan or China since there are very good research produced in these countries. Andrés Rodríguez Pose asked Jouke Van Dijk if there is a need of someone specifically from those countries and if so suggested that Roberta Capello will include someone from there. Roberta Capello accepted the suggestion. Andrés Rodríguez Pose proposed the Council to approve the extra suggestion for the editorial board of Papers in Regional Science by mail.

M-X. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the selection of Jonathan Corcoran, Donald Lacombe as coeditors of Papers in Regional Science, and awaits the proposal of an editor from Asia.

Regional Science Policy and Practice.

Michael Carroll said that Regional Science Policy and Practice was accepted for indexing in Scopus, that submissions had been stable, although with some increase in the number of desk rejections. Dr Carroll also stated that he had overseen the development of the journal since its inception and that it was time for him to step down and pass the reins to someone else. He agreed to serve until a new editor is appointed. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose thanked Michael Carroll for his work in leading the journal in the ten years since the idea of the journal was formed and in overseeing the publication of seven successful volumes. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose recommended that an open call be made for a new editorial team. This open call should be launched by the Publishing Committee. Neild Reid asked Roberta Capello if some of the 90% of rejections of Papers in Regional Science would not be suitable for Regional Science Policy and Practice. Roberta Capello said that the papers are rejected because they did not have enough quality. Jean Claude Thill also thanked Michael Carroll and remarked that launching a new journal is not an easy task.

M-XI. The RSAI Council congratulated the work done by the editorial team of RSPP and approved unanimously an open call for a new editorial team of RSPP.

Publishing Committee.

Raymond Florax informed that the Publishing Committee has been talking with Wiley on the backlog of Papers in Regional Science and Wiley suggested the creation of a new issue per year. The risks was that this would imply a reduction in the impact factor because of the increase in the number of pages without an immediate follow up of the number of citations. Raymond Florax also informed that the contract with Wiley lasts until the end of 2018 and RSAI should have a clear strategy by the end of 2016. Michael Carroll suggested to go back to the Oxford Meetings with Wiley since those meetings were very helpful. Neil Reid recalled that RSAI had face-to-face meetings in Palermo (2014) and Lisbon (2015). Andrés Rodríguez-Pose closed the point on RSAI publications requesting that suggestions for the publication strategy along 2016 are welcomed by the Publication Committee.

M-XII. The RSAI Council acknowledged the report of the Publication Committee.

RSAI Archives

David Boyce, RSAI Archivist, informed the Council that Peter Batey was recently nominated by the Council as Co-Archivist. David Boyce also said that he will be stepping down as archivist, and because the archives are based on Cornell University, probably it would be better to find a new archivist based in Cornell University that can follow the work that has being done along the past two decades on the RSAI Archives. Andrés Rodríguez Pose expressed that the RSAI Council is extremely grateful for the work conducted by David Boyce with the RSAI Archives. Neil Reid said that David Boyce attended 57 consecutive North American Meetings and asked David Boyce to propose a new archivist based in North America so that s/he can be close to Cornell RSAI Archives.

M-XIII. The RSAI Council congratulated and thanked the work done by David Boyce and approved unanimously the search of a new archivist that could be closer to the Archives at Cornell University.

11. Awards

• Founders award 2016 (Annex 7)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that, following the recommendation of the RSAI board meeting in Lisbon, a Selection Committee was formed including Antoine Baily, Arthur Getis, Jean-Claude Thill and Emmanouil Tranos (secretary), and himself. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that the Call for Nominations was done using the RSAI mailing list and the RSAI web page. The deadline for nominations is 30th November 2015 and the aim is to have a minimum of two or three nominations selected before the end of 2015; then, past recipients of the Founder's Medal will be invited to recommend the recipient from the list of three nominees compiled by the Committee. The announcement of the recipient will take place during the next World RSAI Congress in Istanbul (25-28th April, 2016).

RSAI Fellows (Annex 8)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that the process of selection of the RSAI Fellows for 2015 went according to the Nomination and Selection Protocol of RSAI Fellows (www.regionalscience.org – Awards - Fellows). Of the three new fellow, Jacques Poot received the award in the ERSA Conference in Lisbon and Raymond Florax and Kieran Donaghy received the award in Portland.

RSAI dissertation competition (Annex 9)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that, according to the report of the Shaoming Cheng, chair of the RSAI dissertation competition Tate Twinam from University of Pittsburgh won the RSAI Dissertation Competition with a PhD Dissertation untitled The Economics of Zoning supervised by : Arie Beresteanu and Randall P. Walsh.

Stan Czamanski award (Annex 10)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that, according to the report of the Stan Czamanski Committee the proposal of Steven Gehrke entitled "Active Travel Behavior and Spatial-temporal Land Use Mixing" best represented the approach of Professor Czamanski and that the letter by Professor Kelly Clifton was helpful in reaching this conclusion.

RSAI Young Researcher Prize (Annex 11)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that a RSAI Young Researchers Prize will be created for the RSAI World Congresses to showcase the research of young scholars in Regional Science through paper presentation and in-depth discussion organized at the Regional Science Association World Congress.

M-XIV. The RSAI Council acknowledged the report of the awards.

12. AOB

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose asked the Councilors if there was any other issue to be discussed in the RSAI Council of Portland and no one presented any other issue to be discussed.

1. Date of next meeting (Istanbul)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose fixed the date of the next Council Meeting for Istanbul, on the 27th of April 2016.

The meeting closed ate 12H30.

Annex 1: RSAI Council Members

2015 RSAI Council Members Present

	Name	Member	Period	Email	Presences
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		Representative			
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		Representative			
6	Carlos Azzoni	RSA Representative	2015-2017	cazzoni@usp.br	1
9	Neil Reid	RSA Representative	2012-2014	neil.reid@utoledo.edu	1
			2015-2017		
10	Richard Shearmur	RSA Representative	2013-2015	Richard.shearmur@mcgill.ca	0
11	Daniel A. Griffith	Councilor at large	2015-2017	dagriffith@utdallas.edu	1
12	Tüzin Baycan	Councilor at large	2015-2017	tbaycan@itu.edu.tr	1
13	Emmanouil Tranos	Councilor at large	2015-2017	e.tranos@bham.ac.uk	0
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15	Tomaz Dentinho	Ersa Representative	2010-2012	tomazdentinho@uac.pt	1
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		Executive Director	2011-2013		
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Annex 2: Thinking Big

2016 seed funding for young researchers

Young researchers are often disadvantaged when trying to develop innovative and/or unconventional research projects because of a lack of adequate seed funding. In order to help address this problem, the RSAI will support young researchers in the planning and early development of cutting-edge and/or high-risk research bids with a view to facilitating later applications to funding from research councils or equivalent research funding bodies.

The seed funding will only be available to members of the association under the age of 35.

The researcher will be required to provide evidence of having submitted a fully-fledged bid to research councils or equivalent research funding bodies

Individual awards will be granted to a maximum value of €3,000.

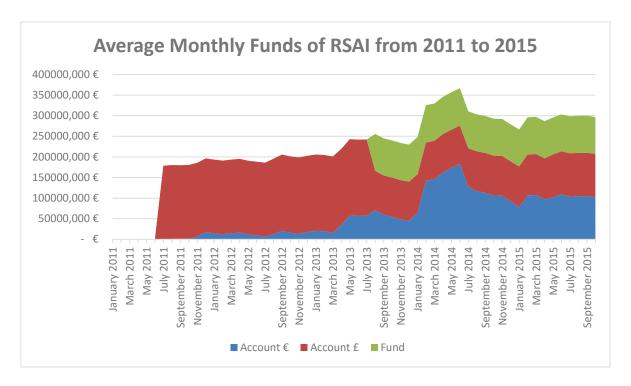
Eligible costs will only include project planning and development through research assistance, purchase of datasets, proof-reading of bids or related documents. No other costs will be allowed.

Applications – up to a maximum of three pages, including name and affiliation of the candidate, title of the proposed project, main research question(s), justification of the project's novelty, and prospective methods – should be submitted to the RSAI before June 1st 2016, using the following link (include a link).

All applications will be reviewed by a special committee made of three senior members of the association, who will make a decision on the candidates to fund. The decision of the committee will be final.

Annex 3: Plan and Budget for 2016.

Description	Revenues	Costs	Margin
General			-9.880,00 €
ACCOUNTING	0,00 €	9.880,00 € 3.600,00 €	-3.600,00 €
WEBSERVER	0,00 €	80,00 €	-80,00 €
RSAI SECRETARIAT	0,00 €	5.000,00€	-5.000.00 €
OTHERS	0,00 €	1.200,00 €	-1.200,00 €
Wiley	44.420,00 €	28.640,00 €	15.780,00 €
PIRS AND RSPP 2014 PROFIT SHARE	15.410,00 €	0,00 €	15.410,00 €
PIRS ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES 2015	26.370,00 €	0,00 €	26.370,00 €
FUNDING OF RSPP	2.640,00 €	2.640,00 €	0,00 €
PAYMENT JOHN WILEY & SONS, LTD - YEAR 2015 - RSAI SUBSCRIPTIONS	0,00 €	26.000,00€	-26.000,00€
Editorial	0,00€	24.000,00€	-24.000,00€
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	0,00€	1.000,00€	-1.000,00€
RSAI NEWLETTER Printing	0,00€	500,00€	-500,00€
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00€	10.000,00€	-10.000,00€
PIRS EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAYMENT FOR EDITOR	0,00 €	5.000,00€	-5.000,00€
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	2.500,00 €	-2.500,00€
RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAYMENT FOR EDITOR	0,00 €	5.000,00€	-5.000,00€
RSAI Awards	0,00€	2.250,00€	-2.250,00 €
Martin Beckmann Award	0,00 €	750,00€	-750,00€
Dissertation Award	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
Peter Nijkamp Award	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
RSAI Supports	0,00€	16.500,00€	-16.500,00€
Nurturing New Talent	0,00 €	10.000,00€	-10.000,00€
Bulding Bridges	0,00 €	1.500,00 €	-1.500,00 €
Support for the Preparation of Research Projects	0,00€	5.000,00 €	-5.000,00 €
Memberships INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	44.457,00 €	0,00€	44.457,00 €
	2.400,00 €	0,00€	2.400,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1.425,00 €	0,00€	1.425,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	713,00 €	0,00€	713,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	240,00€	0,00€	240,00€
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	1.364,00 €	0,00€	1.364,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	340,00 €	0,00€	340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	289,00€	0,00€	289,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	130,00 €	0,00€	130,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	592,00 €	0,00 € 0,00 €	592,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	1.332,00 € 380,00 €	0,00€	1.332,00 € 380,00 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	2.474,00 €	0,00€	2.474,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2.530,00 €	0,00€	2.530,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	510,00 €	0,00 €	510,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	386,00 €	0,00 €	386,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €	50,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	257,00 €	0,00€	257,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	1.985,00 €	0,00€	1.985,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	5.489,00 €	0,00€	5.489,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	170,00€	0,00€	170,00€
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	1.250,00 €	0,00€	1.250,00€
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	10.531,00 €	0,00€	10.531,00€
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	330,00€	0,00€	330,00€
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION (1)	480,00€	0,00€	480,00€
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION (1)	1.340,00 €	0,00€	1.340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	780,00 €	0,00€	780,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	713,00 €	0,00€	713,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	4.200,00 €	0,00€	4.200,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	1.140,00 €	0,00€	1.140,00 €
MEMBERSHIP UK & IRELAND SECTION	637,00€	0,00€	637,00 €
NET CURRENT MARGIN FOR THE PERIOD	88.877,00 €	81.270,00 €	7.607,00 €
Events PRALIMORED CONCRESS 2017	157.200,00 €	130.760,00 €	26.440,00 €
RSAI WORLD CONGRESS 2016	132.200,00 €	105.760,00 €	26.440,00 €
ARMENIAN Conference	25.000,00 €	25.000,00 €	0,00€
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	246.077,00€	212.030,00€	34.047,00 €



For 2016 RSAI will continue the two programs that were launched at the beginning of 2015: 'building bridges' and 'nurturing new talent'.

In 2016 RSAI will make seed funds available for the preparation of high-risk research projects by young researchers. RSAI will also promote the World Congress in Istanbul.

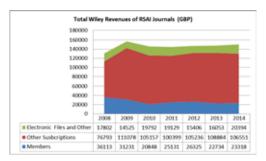
Papers in Regional Science will publish five issues to recover the backlog. Regional Science Policy and Practice will reinforce the efforts to have an impact factor.

With improved collaboration with sections and supra-nationals and the program nurturing new talent new sections from developing countries will register more members.

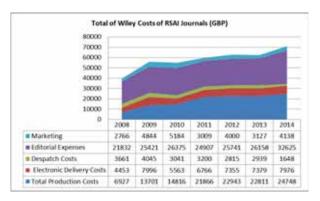
New sections are expected to be created in Asia, South America, Europe and Africa.

Evolution of Wiley Accounts on RSAI Journals

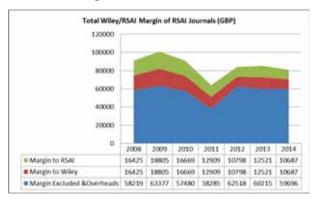
Wiley Revenues associated with RSAI journals stabilized on 150000 GBP since 2010. Subscription from RSAI members represents recently 15% of total Wiley Revenues on RSAI journals. Subscription from RSAI members decrease sharply from 2008 to 2010.



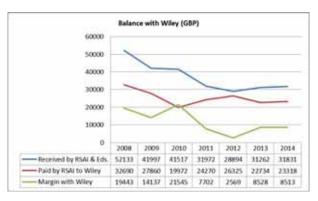
Total Wiley Costs on RSAI Journals grew 80% along the period mainly due to strong increases in Production Costs and, more recently, editorial expenses not attributable to RSAI.



Wiley Margin on RSAI Journals was decreasing strongly from 2009 to 2011. That margin increased to 2012 but most of this increase is taken by Wiley on Excluded Margin and Overheads.

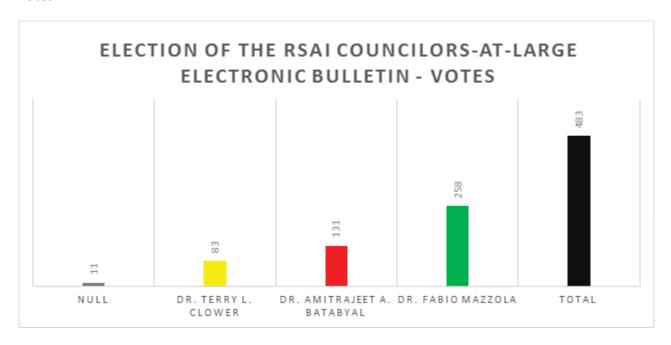


Net Values received by RSAI from Wiley decreased since RSAI began to collect membership fees directly from the sections in 2012.



Annex 4: New Councilors at Large

Based on the candidates accepted by the Council in Lisbon on-line elections took place from the 15th of September 2015 till the 15th of October 2015. With 483 total voters, 258 noted for Dr. Fabio Mazzola, 131 for Dr. Amitrajeet A. Batabyal and 83 for Dr. Terry L. Clower; there were also 11 null votes.



Annex 5: Changes in By-law 5

ENLARGEMENT OF THE RSAI COUNCIL TO 19 MEMBERS

Changes in By-law 3

The RSAI Council that took place in Lisbon in August 2015 adopted the following resolution:

M-VI. The RSAI Council approved unanimously that the Presidents of the Supra Nationals and the Executive Director should be full members of the RSAI Council for the period of their respective mandates.

It was also agreed that the by-laws that will translate those principles would be submitted for approval at the Council in Portland.

Article 5 of RSAI Constitution states:

Article V. Administration

Section 1. Council

RSAI shall be administered by a Council consisting of fifteen (15) voting members; this number shall include voting officers. The voting members of the Council and the election rules of the RSAI Council members and officers are specified in Bylaw 3 of the Constitution.

The required changes in By Law 3 are presented in red in column 2

By-law 3: RSAI Council Member Elections

- a. General rules. Whenever possible, officers of RSAI should be members of the Council when nominated. Experience as a Council member before assuming office is highly desirable to ensure officers are well-acquainted with RSAI operations before assuming a leadership role. If an officer is not on the Council when assuming office, or if the officer is in the third year of a regular Council term, the officer shall automatically occupy one of the six (6) at-large Council positions. If no at-large position is immediately available, the officer shall serve as an additional (e.g., 16th) voting member of the Council until the first such position shall become available. If an officer upon assuming office is in the first or second year as a regular member of Council, the 2 officer shall be permitted to occupy the position as voting Councillor throughout the entire term as officer. If such a person was elected to the Council by a superregional organization, that organization shall not be permitted to fill the Council position until the officer has completed the term as officer. If such a person was elected to the Council by the membership at large, the Council position shall not be refilled until the term as officer has been completed. Given the fact that no term or sequence for an officer holding voting powers on the Council exceeds three years, these provisions assure that no Council position shall need to be encumbered for more than two years.
- b. Voting members. The voting members of the Council shall be comprised of:
- The President (an officer with duties defined in Article V, Section 3a of the Constitution)
- The Vice-President who is the President-Elect (an officer with duties defined in Article V, Section 3b of the Constitution)

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- The Executive Director (an officer with duties defined in Article V, Section 3d of the Constitution)
- Additional Councilors. The voting places on the Council shall be occupied by Council members appointed by **the** superregional organizations, specifically:
- The **President of the** European Regional Science Association **plus** three (3) members;
- The **President or Executive Director of the** Regional Science Association of the Americas shall appoint **plus** three (3) members;
- The **President of the** Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization **plus** three (3) members;

- The Executive Director (an officer with duties defined in Article V, Section 3d of the Constitution)
- Additional Councilors needed to bring voting membership to fifteen.
 The fifteen voting places on the Council shall be occupied by a total of nine (9) Council members appointed by three superregional organizations, specifically:
- The European Regional Science Association shall appoint three (3) members:
- The Regional Science Association of the Americas shall appoint three (3) members,;
- The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization shall appoint three (3) members;
- The active membership of the Association shall elect six (6) members. A section which is present in two superregional associations can elect a member for the Council as an appointee of only one superregional association at the time.
- c. Normal limitation on number of voting members of the Council. The total number of voting members of the Council, including officers, shall normally be limited to fifteen (15), so as to maintain the effectiveness of the Council as an administrative body. This limitation may, at times, result in the invocation of special conditions regarding appointments and elections, as specified in the paragraphs below. Whereas the Council shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that membership does not exceed fifteen, it is recognized that for short periods, and in exceptional circumstances, the voting membership may slightly exceed this number.
- d. Appointment of councilors by superregional organizations. The superregional organizations specified in By-law 1, shall appoint members of Council by procedures of their own choosing. To the extent possible, these terms should be staggered to assure continuity and a smooth, annual transition of Council duties. During the year of initial implementation of this Constitution, each superregional organization shall designate one of its three appointees to serve a regular three-year term, one a special two-year term, and one special one-year term.
- e. Election of councilors-at-large. Nominations for Councilors to be elected at-large shall be made by the Council after solicitation of suggestions from the members of the Association. Every effort should be made to ensure the number of nominees each year shall be greater than the number of positions necessary to be filled. At-large positions shall not be considered available if, as noted below, they are encumbered by officers completing their terms of office.

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. 3

f. Election procedures. Members of the Association in good standing on August 1 shall be entitled to vote in RSAI elections. Elections shall be conducted by e-mail ballot. The Executive Director shall mail ballots to eligible members by September 15 of the year preceding the year in which new Councilors shall assume office. Only ballots received prior to November 15 shall be included in official counts. The Executive Director shall notify the Council and candidates of election results no

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- c. Normal limitation on number of voting members of the Council. The total number of voting members of the Council, including officers, shall normally be limited to **twenty (20)**, so as to maintain the effectiveness of the Council as an administrative body. This limitation may, at times, result in the invocation of special conditions regarding appointments and elections, as specified in the paragraphs below. Whereas the Council shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that membership does not exceed **twenty**, it is recognized that for short periods, and in exceptional circumstances, the voting membership may slightly exceed this number.
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Annex 6: New Members of the Editorial Board of Papers in Regional Science

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2005-2008: Research Fellow, University of Queensland Social Research Centre (UQSRC) in ISSR at the University of Queensland.

2003-2005: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, School of Computing, University of Glamorgan.

1999-2003: PhD Research and Part-Time Lecturer, School of Computing, University of Glamorgan.

1998-1999 System Developer, Ordnance Survey, Southampton

Research

Published a total of 86 publications of which 55 are in refereed journals Citations ISI (Web of Knowledge): Citations 262; H-index 9 (July 2015)

Scopus: Citations 303; H-index 10 (July 2015)

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Assistant Professor of Economics, Ohio University, Fall 2001 (Fall 2007.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX, Fall 2000{Spring 2001.

Areas of Concentration

Spatial Econometrics, Public Finance and Public Choice, Industrial Organization Education Research

Published a total of 31 referred publications.

Annex 7: Founders Award

In regards to the RSAI Founder's Medal, following the recommendation of the RSAI board meeting in Lisbon, we have formed a Selection Committee, which consists of Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, Antoine Baily, Arthur Getis, Jean-Claude Thill and Emmanouil Tranos (secretary). We have advertised the Call for Nominations using the RSAI mailing list and the RSAI web page. The deadline for nominations is 30th November 2015 and we are aiming to have the three nominations selected before the end of 2015. Then, past recipients of the Founder's Medal will be invited to recommend the recipient from the list of three nominees compiled by the Committee. The announcement of the recipient will take place during the next World RSAI Congress in Istanbul (25-28th April, 2016).

Emmanouil Tranos

Calls for Nominations for the RSAI Founder's Medal – Deadline: 30th November 2015

The Founder's Medal was established to recognize lifetime contributions to the field of Regional Science and to the Association. It is still the only honour conveyed by the Association as a whole. Previous recipients include Walter Isard, Martin J. Beckmann, William Alonso, Jean H. P. Paelinck, David E. Boyce, Peter Nijkamp, Antoine Bailly and Arthur Getis.

Individuals are invited to submit nominations/self-nominations for the RSAI Founder's Medal. The nominations should be sent to the RSAI Selection Committee (e.tranos@bham.ac.uk), which consists of Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, Antoine Baily, Arthur Getis, Jean-Claude Thill and Emmanouil Tranos. The Committee will select three (3) nominees recommended as potential recipients of the Founder's Medal based on the below criteria. Then, past recipients of the Founder's Medal will be invited to recommend the recipient from the list of three nominees compiled by the Committee. The announcement of the recipient will take place in early 2016 and during the next World RSAI Congress in Istanbul (25-28th April, 2016).

A written nomination/self-nomination of a candidate for consideration for the RSAI Founder's Medal should articulate the merit of the nominee for receiving the Founder's Medal. It must include a detailed statement of the nature of the lifetime contribution a candidate has made to RSAI. The nomination/self-nomination must explain how and why that contribution of the nominee meets the criteria of the RSAI Founder's Medal outlined below:

- The recipient should be a senior scholar who has contributed in an important way to the field of Regional Science in a scholarly sense;
- The recipient should have been active in the RSAI for a sustained period, but not necessarily active at the time of the award; also, the award is not given posthumously;
- The recipient should be a person with whom many members can identify; his/her contributions could be a major work in one area or many works in several areas;
- The contribution need not be limited to one type of contribution; it might be theory, method or policy, for example;
- It is recognized that the native country and language of scholars affect the extent to which they are known by the membership, and an effort should be made to take this into account.

More information about the Founder's Medal can be found on the RSAI web page.

Annex 8: Fellows Award 2015





Raymond J.G.M. Florax Purdue University, USA



<u>Jacques Poot</u> University of Waikato, NZ

Annex 9: Dissertation Award

Dear all,

It is my greatest pleasure to report to you the final winners of the 2016 RSAI dissertation competition. But I would like to first express my deepest gratitude to the three reviewers, specifically, Laura Resmini, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, Paul Dalziel, Lincoln University, New Zealand, and Michel Dimou, University of Toulon, France. They have been extraordinary for taking time out of their busy schedules reviewing all 15 submissions and for reaching an unanimous decision timely.

We have a total of 15 submissions for this year's competition, in which eight from U.S. universities, two from Turkey, and one each from Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, India, and Israel. The final winners are presented as follows.

Tate Twinam

University of Pittsburgh

Title: The Economics of Zoning

Co-Advisors: Arie Beresteanu and Randall P. Walsh

Jianjun Tang

University of Groningen (Netherlands)

Title: Demand-oriented irrigation water management in northwestern China

Advisor: Henk Folmer

Mona Kashiha

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Title: Spatial competition based on customers' choice histories: A study of trade flows

Advisor: Jean-Claude Thill

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Annex 10: Stan Czamanski Award

Award of Stan Czamanski Prize in 2015

by David Boyce, Kieran Donaghy and Rachel Franklin

In mid-October, 2015, our committee met by telephone to recommend the winner of the 2015 award of the Stan Czamanski Prize for the best Ph.D. dissertation proposal approved during the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The six candidates for this award were the following:

Steven R. Gehrke, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, USA

Sarah Howe, RMIT University, Victoria, Australia

Victor Iturra Rivera, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA

Dávid Krisztián Nagy, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

Natalya Rybnikova, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel

Samuel Stehle, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA

One other candidate by Xize Wang, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, USA, was submitted early for the 2016 competition. He was asked to resubmit his documents in June 2016. Finally, one additional candidate, Hyun Kim, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, USA, was submitted on September 30, 2015. This submission was not judged in the 2015 competition.

In reviewing the six submissions, the following statement was carefully considered:

"Professor Czamanski's research exemplified the analysis of social problems with regional and spatial dimensions. In doing so, he chose judiciously the right combination of analytical and empirical research methods from his tool box to address the specific issue at hand. Many of his papers illustrated how particular combinations of methods could be used most aptly to study particular problems."

In our review, we agreed unanimously that the proposal of Steven Gehrke best represented the approach of Professor Czamanski. Gehrke's proposal was entitled "Active Travel Behavior and Spatial-temporal Land Use Mixing." The letter by Professor Kelly Clifton was helpful in reaching this conclusion.

Annex 11: RSAI Young Researchers Prize

RSAI Young Researchers Prize

Objective

The RSAI Young Researchers Prize aims to showcase the research of young scholars in regional science through paper presentation and in-depth discussion organized at the Regional Science Association World Congress. Upon acceptance, competing papers will be presented in the RSAI Young Researchers Sessions, where the young scientists will be provided with extra time to present and receive feedback. Every paper will be assigned to a discussant, and the sessions will be chaired by senior researchers.

Rules

- All submissions have to be written and presented in English.
- Applicants should be less than 35 years old on 31 December of the year of the conference and should not yet hold a senior faculty position. In the case of multiple authors this rule applies to all of the authors.
- The papers should not have been submitted to a journal for publication.
- A cover page should include the paper's title and abstract and full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of all authors. Affiliation to academic institutions should be stated clearly.
- The papers should be submitted through the World Congress page. The authors should select "RSAI Young Researchers Session" while submitting, in order to be considered for the prize. Papers that are not accepted for RSAI Young Researchers Sessions (when not satisfying all criteria above) will be assigned to ordinary sessions.

Prize

The first prize winner will receive € 600. A second prize of € 300 will also be awarded. All accepted papers will have a reduced registration fee in the Regional Science World Congress. The funding for the prizes is covered by RSAI.

Jury

The RSAI Young Researchers Prize Jury consists of 5 members appointed by the Local Organizing Committee in consultation with the RSAI Executive:

John I. Carruthers, George Washington University, USA (Chair of the Jury)

Tüzin Baycan, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey (Chair of the LOC)

Patricio Aroca, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile

Yasusada Murata, Nihon University, Japan

Özge Öner, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden (Secretary of the Jury)