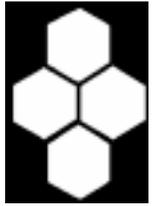


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NEWS AND INFORMATION

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After six years as executive director and a little more than two as editor of the newsletter, I am stepping aside in favor of two younger and fresher regional scientists. The new executive director of the Association is Graham Clarke of the School of Geography at the University of Leeds. The new editor of the newsletter is Yasuhide Okuyama of the Regional Research Institute at the University of West Virginia. Graham will come on the RSAI Council as an at-large member while Yasuhide will join the Council on an ex-officio basis. I am sure I can speak for the entire Association in expressing our deep gratitude to both Graham and Yasuhide for taking on the responsibilities of their respective positions. They assume these positions at a time when the Association is approaching the 50th anniversary of its first meeting and is preparing to undertake significant organizational changes. I am confident that all members of the Association will join me in giving our new executive director and newsletter editor their full support and cooperation.

I should like to take this opportunity to make a few personal statements. I first want to thank my predecessor, Geoffrey Hewings, for the valuable advice and assistance he provided over my tenure as executive director. I also wish to express my gratitude to, and deep admiration for, the Association's Assistant Director, Beth Carbonneau. Beth is the centripetal force that holds together our far-flung organization, manages to keep the headquarters running non-stop under the most adverse conditions, and provides services to RSAI members with unmatched dedication. I would be remiss if I did not note the important contributions of Account Technician Jimmie Duden (now retired but still called upon), Subscriptions Manager Toni Wendler (now moved on to another position), and Account Technician Helena Karam-Shilts, presently our only other staff person. The headquarters offices at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will close at the end of 2004, after which time membership service provision will be out-sourced. 2004 will mark the 25th year of continuous support

for the Association's operations by the University. Past and present office staff, a succession of UIUC-based officers, and the students, faculty, and administrators of the University have all helped the Association become an international scholarly society that has independent not-for-profit legal standing, is financially secure, and is professionally run. RSAI is now well positioned to respond to the rapidly changing environment in which it operates and evolve to reflect a changing vision of what the Association can and should be.

Kieran Donaghy

CAPELLO ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Roberta Capello, Professor of Regional Economics in the Department of Engineering Management at Politecnico di Milano, has been elected to the At-Large seat on the RSAI Council recently vacated by John Dewhurst. The term of appointment is three years. Congratulations to Professor Capello and many thanks to Professor Dewhurst for his service to the Association.



AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

RSAI DISSERTATION AWARD TO ADELHEID HOLL

The RSAI presented its annual Dissertation Competition award at the North American meetings in San Juan, Puerto Rico to Dr. Adelheid Holl for her work entitled "Transport Infrastructure in Lagging European Regions". Dr. Holl received her Doctorate from the University of Sheffield and was supervised by Prof. Max Craglia in the Department of Town and Regional Planning.

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The Association invites the submission of dissertations completed in 2002/03 in the field of Regional Science to the annual competition. Two copies of the dissertation and a letter of nomination from the research supervisor should be sent to Professor K. Bruce Newbold, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton ON L8S 4K1, Canada. For further information, please contact Prof. Newbold at newbold@mcmaster.ca.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO MCRSA 2003 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Mid-Continent Regional Science Association invites submissions to the 2003 M. Jarvin Emerson Memorial Student Paper Competition held in conjunction with the MCRSA's 34th Annual Conference scheduled for May 29-31, 2003 in Cleveland, Ohio. Information can be found at the Association's Web site: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa>. (Please view with Internet Explorer or Netscape 6.0 or above.)

All students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs as of January 1, 2003 are eligible. Student papers dealing with all aspects of regional development, including cultural, physical and economic processes, are welcome. The first place winner will receive \$150 and the M. Jarvin Emerson Award. The winning entry will also be published in the Association's journal, *The Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*. The second place winner will receive \$100.

The MCRSA meetings remain one of the best buys among professional and academic association meetings. Early registrants will enjoy a reduced meeting registration fee of \$100.00. In addition, a special reduced fee for students will once again be in effect. The full student registration fee of \$50.00 includes both the meeting and 2003 membership. However, students who submit their paper for the 2003 M. Jarvin Emerson Memorial Student Paper Competition and have their paper accepted for presentation at the meetings will have their registration and membership fee waived. The meeting will take place at the Wyndham Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland's premier meeting location. We're getting a great rate (\$99 per night) at Cleveland's best hotel. Please contact John Leatherman (jleather@agecon.ksu.edu) if you have questions about participating in the MCRSA's 34th Annual Conference.

ANNA NAGURNEY AWARDED SECOND AT&T FELLOWSHIP

Anna Nagurney has been awarded a second AT&T Industrial Ecology Fellowship to support her research and that of her students in the development of the Virtual Center for Supernetworks: <http://supernet.som.umass.edu> Students from various countries including Ukraine, Japan, the Cape Verde Islands, China, and the USA are working with Anna to model environmental issues regarding decision-making in the Information Age with a special focus on supply chains, financial networks, and reverse logistics as well as e-cycling.

CHANGE IN JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS THROUGH RSAI

From 2003, RSAI will no longer collect subscriptions to International Regional Science Review (IRSR), Journal of Regional Science (JRS), and Regional Science and Urban Economics (RSUE). For obtaining (continuing) subscription to IRSR, JRS, and/or RSUE, please contact directly. Identify yourself as a member of RSAI in order to receive a reduced price. The contact information for the publishers are:

INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL SCIENCE REVIEW (Sage Publishers): 1-800-818-7243; <http://www.sagepub.com>; info@sagepub.com.

JOURNAL OF REGIONAL SCIENCE (Blackwells): 1-800-835-6770; www.blackwellpublishers.com.

REGIONAL SCIENCE AND URBAN ECONOMICS (Elseviers): 1-888-437-4636; usinfo-f@elsevier.com.

NEW WORKING PAPER SERIES IN URBAN AND REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS

A new international working paper series has been created in Urban and Real Estate Economics and is edited by Stephen L. Ross. This series is part of New Papers in Economics (NEP), which provides free email notification of new downloadable working papers listed in Research Papers in Economics (RePEc). Research Papers in Economics is a decentralized database of over 100,000 working papers, over 60,000 published articles, and over 4,500 academic scholars. The NBER, the CEPR, the Federal Reserve System, many major economics departments, and academic presses participate in the series.

In order to receive email notification of new working papers, go to the site <http://repec.org/> and click on NEP. The NEP page lists a series of reports. The report on Urban and Real Estate Economics is at the very bottom. Click on Join Now in order to sign up for electronic notification. After completing a short form, you will then receive an email, which provides a web address. By visiting that site, you will confirm your desire to receive the email notification on new papers. I also encourage you to sign up with RePEc personally or as part of your institution. It seems like a great way to obtain access to new work in Urban and Real Estate Economics, and besides I would like to include your working papers in my series. Please feel free to contact me directly if you should have any questions. I can also sign you up manually if you email me directly. - Stephen L. Ross ross@sp.uconn.edu.

AUGUST LÖSCH: DIE RÄUMLICHE ORDNUNG DER WIRTSCHAFT (Facsimile-Edition 2001)

Since the early eighties, the "Wirtschaft und Finanzen" publishing house at Düsseldorf, Germany, has been editing facsimile volumes of economic classics, always as a unique limited edition, each copy numbered, and accompanied by a vademecum. Currently, almost 100 titles are available, from Marcus Tullius Cicero's "De officiis" (Mayence 1465) and Johann Heinrich von Thünen's "Der isolirte Staat in Beziehung auf Landwirtschaft und

Nationalökonomie" (Hamburg 1826) up to Paul Samuelson's "Foundations of Economic Analysis" (Cambridge, Mass. 1947). In October 2001 the first edition of August Lösch's main contribution to the economics of location, "Die räumliche Ordnung der Wirtschaft" (Jena 1940), has been included in this series*.

The vademecum, edited by Arnold Heertje, includes assessments and evaluations of the "räumliche Ordnung" from differing scientific angles: Herbert Giersch analyses the Löschian message from a world economic perspective. Rolf H. Funck reformulates the main elements of Lösch's work as a neoclassical model and investigates its impact on regional science. Martin J. Beckmann analyses Lösch's contributions to location theory, to the theory of general equilibrium, to international trade and to the theory of hexagonal market networks.

In addition, the book of commentaries shows beautiful and moving photographs, provided by his daughter Gisela Lösch who lives in Ulm, Germany. Also, observations on his personality and his work are included by Wolfgang F. Stolper, Anton Zottmann und Karl Schiller who met with him at the time. There is also a treasure of brief quotations from Lösch's other works, a curriculum vitae and a list of publications.

Finally, Lösch's position in the "genealogy of economics" is determined, as depicted from Anne Robert Turgot and Adam Smith up to Walter Christaller, Tord Palander, Andreas Predöhl und Bertil Ohlin. Here we learn, e. g., that in 1906, the year, when August Lösch was born in Öhringen in Württemberg, two classics of economic literature were published: in Milano Vilfredo Pareto's "Manuale di economia politica", and Irving Fisher's "The Nature of Capital and Income" in New York, N. Y.

Rolf H. Funck

* The 350 page volume, printed, in 300 numbered copies, on age resistant paper, has been bound in morocco half-calf, and engraved in pure gold. The volume of commentaries, covered in hand-made paper, has 104 pages. The set is priced at Euro 266.

RECENT BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF RSAI

Matthew P. Drennan, *The Information Economy and American Cities*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002.

Noboru Hidano, *The Economic Valuation of the Environment and Public Policy: A Hedonic Approach*, Cheltenham and Northampton: Edward Elgar

 **CONFERENCE NEWS**

REPORTS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SECTION

The 26th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International was held during the

period 29 September - 2 October 2002 on Queensland's Gold Coast. A few of the attendees were old enough to remember that the 1981 meeting of PRSCO, the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization, was held just two blocks away from this year's venue!

The Australian delegation was led by Andrew Beer, Tony Sorensen, Brian Roberts, Mark McGovern, Bob Stimson, Kevin O'Connor, Alaric Maude, Guy West, and RSAI Council Member John Madden. Following the conference Bob Stimson organized a three and one-half day field trip which focused on ecotourism and high-impact development options in the mountains to the west of the Gold Coast, in Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, and on Fraser Island, a World Heritage site located north of Noosa. Foreign delegates who participated in both the conference and the field trip included past presidents of the RSAI, Kingsley Haynes and Lay Gibson and long-time RSAI members Brian Holly, Bernard Weinstein, Audrey Clarke, and Terry Clower.

MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, SAN JUAN, NOVEMBER 14, 2002

Present: Bade (ERSA), Bailly (Vice President and At-Large), Batey (Chair, LRPC), Clarke (Incoming Executive Director), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Getis (At-Large), Gibson (LRPC), Haynes (LRPC), Hewings (President and NARSC), Higano (Observer), Horn (Observer), Johansson (ERSA), Kohno (PRSCO), Lahr (Chair of LOC), Okuyama (Editor RSAI News), Poon (PRS North American Editor), Poot (PRS Pacific Editor), Quigley (PRSCO), Waldorf (NARSC). Regrets: Dewhurst (At-Large), Madden (At-Large), Rees (NARSC), Reynolds-Feighan (ERSA), Rossi (At-Large), Serrano-Moreno (PRSCO).

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM by President Hewings.
2. The agenda was approved as distributed. The minutes of the Dortmund meeting were approved as corrected by Bade. Bade indicated that at the Dortmund meeting he had argued for the need for a global representation of all members of any regional science organization, so that, e.g., each member of ERSa would be a member of RSAI.
3. President's Remarks: Hewings observed that the Association has transitional issues to attend to. We want to evolve so as to be more flexible and less location bound in our delivery of membership services but also more inclusive of potential members from diverse disciplinary perspectives, geographical locations, and financial circumstances. We view the development of the South African section of RSAI as a good example of the kind of growth we want to promote. Sections in South America are also making excellent progress. The Association now needs to make the changes that will facilitate the necessary transitions. Hewings thanked departing executive director Donaghy for his service to the Association, Batey for his leadership of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and Clarke for his willingness to assume the executive directorship.
4. Report from the Chair of the LOC: Lahr reported that the conference was better attended than had initially been expected and was 'in the black.'

Comments: Hewings thanked Lahr for his organizational efforts and commended him on the high quality of the program.

5. Report from the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC): Batey observed that the upcoming 50th North American meeting of RSAI/RSaI in Philadelphia in November 2003 gives the Association an opportunity to reflect sideways as well as backward and forward. There is much that is ripe for review in the role of the executive director, membership services provided, the publication of Papers in Regional Science, revision of the RSAI Constitution, and the structure of the Association. If we want to reach out to the rest of the world, we will have to revisit the nature of the Association as a membership organization and its regional configuration. The LRPC suggests several questions for consideration. Should we change the role and composition of the RSAI Council, creating more working groups and fewer Council meetings? How can we mobilize the forces of Regional Scientists in the world? The whole policy of membership needs to be revisited. We need a membership system that makes it easy to join and stay. Beginning with the Philadelphia meeting, a renewal of the Association will occur with events over a year. A transition committee should address these issues from now through January 2005. The LRPC recommends that this committee comprise the incoming president, Antoine Bailly, the incoming and outgoing executive directors Graham Clarke and Kieran Donaghy, the editor-in-chief of Papers in Regional Science, Raymond Florax, and the heads of the three regional conference organizing associations, Andres Rodriguez-Pose, Adrian Esparza, and Yoshiro Higano. Others are welcome to participate.

Discussion: Lahr asked through which of the regional conference organizing associations the Brazilian and South African sections were entering RSAI. Hewings replied that this issue was presently under discussion by NARSC and PRSCO. Getis asked why Batey wasn't a member of the transition team. Hewings replied that Batey has served the Association long and well and that including him on the team would serve to exploit his generosity. Bailly noted that there would be an informal meeting of the transition team later in the afternoon. Poot asked if there would be constitutional convention of some sort. Hewings replied that it would be incumbent upon the transition team, when it makes its recommendations to Council, to recommend the processes by which their recommendations should be adopted and implemented.

Decision: Hewings sought and received the Council's approval of Batey's proposal.

6. Treasurer's Report: Krmeneč distributed the annual treasurer's report (see Appendix). He noted that the Association's total assets were essentially unchanged. In comparison with FY 2000, in FY 2001 current assets were marginally lower (by \$727), investment assets were down by (\$3,077 or 1.4%), and fixed assets had increased marginally (by \$1,615). He added that the fund balance remained strong, and was increased by 1.48% by a \$4,228 excess of revenue over expenses. Examining the income statement for 2001 vis a vis that of 2000, Krmeneč reported that total revenue increased marginally (by 0.4%). Total membership revenues were up in North America but down in other countries. Student memberships were also down. Income from Springer Verlag to supplement editing of Papers in Regional Science increased by \$750. Interest revenue increased, but

miscellaneous revenue dropped. A comparison of expenditure statements revealed that expenditures on the whole decreased. A drop in editorial assistance costs was offset by adding an English language editor. Production costs of the newsletter continued to decrease and cost savings were realized with the publishing of the membership directory on the web site. Office expenses increased with the hiring of consultants to handle computer systems administration.

Discussion: Hewings thanked Krmeneč for his report.

7. Archivist's Report: Boyce's report was distributed in his absence. In the report, Boyce noted that over the last year his principal activity has been to work with Walter Isard on a history of Regional Science and of RSA/RSAI. He will be responsible for treating the period of 1968 to the present. Boyce noted that he had received few if any inquiries concerning the Archives during the past year.

8. Report of the Editor in Chief of Papers in Regional Science: Florax reported that the Editorial Board is welcoming new members, North American editor Jessie Poon is presently managing the review of 29 manuscripts, and that the 4th issue of 2002 is ready to go. There is presently a nine-month backlog of accepted manuscripts. Florax indicated that he would distribute an editorial report shortly. He noted that journal submissions have increased from about 50/year to 85/year since 1998 and that book reviews have increased to 5 per issue. (The editorial board would like to see 100 submissions/year. Submissions presently over-represent North American men and under-represent Pacific and female regional scientists.) Florax remarked that the journal remains multidisciplinary, although the representation of applied economics is getting stronger, that of geography is declining, and that of planning is holding constant. In general, the journal is doing well; the citation index is improving and is now close to that of other leading regional science journals. Moreover, the content of the journal reflects the structure of the Association. There will be a golden anniversary issue published in time for distribution in Philadelphia in November 2003 that will be co-edited with David Plane.

9. Executive Director's Report: Donaghy reported that Roberta Capello had won the election to the At-Large seat on the RSAI Council to be vacated by John Dewhurst. Adelheid Holl of the University of Sheffield won the prize for best dissertation in Regional Science in the last year for a dissertation entitled "Transport Infrastructure in Lagging European Regions." Donaghy also reported that, pursuant to a collective decision taken by Council members responding electronically, the Association would no longer collect subscriptions to International Regional Science Review, the Journal of Regional Science, or Regional Science and Urban Economics for their respective publishers. (Beth Carbonneau has received verbal assurances from the publishers that members of the Association will still be able to receive discounts in purchasing subscriptions directly from the circulation departments of the publishers. Contact information obtained from the publishers has been printed on membership renewal forms distributed at the meeting.) He noted, moreover, that because of anticipated complications, the publications committee had decided that it would be best not to offer to members of RSAI the option of receiving Papers in Regional Science in either electronic or hard-copy format for another two years. Upcoming meetings of

the RSAI Council are scheduled for the early afternoon of July 4th at the PRSCO conference in Acapulco, for August 30th at the ERSA congress in Jyväskylä, and for November 20th at the NARSC conference in Philadelphia.

10. Report on the RSAI Fellows: Donaghy conveyed a report from David Boyce that nominations had been closed and that present fellows (recipients of the Founder's Medal) would now deliberate on whom would be inducted.

11. Extraordinary Appropriations for the 50th Anniversary of RSAI: Donaghy reminded Council that it had agreed in principle to distribute to members attending the 50th Anniversary meeting a copy of the first volume of the history of regional science and RSA/RSAI (written by Walter Isard with assistance from David Boyce), the golden anniversary issue of Papers in Regional Science, and a CD containing the back volumes of Papers in Regional Science (PRS). Springer Verlag has offered to publish the history volume and make it available to RSAI for about \$25/copy if RSAI takes 500 copies. (This is the number previously discussed.) Springer Verlag has also offered to print a longer run of the special 50th Anniversary issue of PRS if the Association pays the cost of printing the additional pages. (The additional copies of the issue would be used to promote membership.) Because of the extraordinary nature of the expenditures entailed, Donaghy asked Council to appropriate resources to cover approximately half of the costs of the history volume and all of the remaining costs. (NARSC was being asked to account for the other half of the costs associated with the history volume through a higher registration fee to be charged at the Philadelphia meeting.)

Discussion: Getis asked if some of the costs could be covered by the Association's investment income. Hewings replied that they could.

Decision: Hewings asked for and received approval of the exceptional appropriation.

12. 2004 World Congress: Horn indicated that he would try to finalize arrangements with Peter Nijkamp for the organization of the program of the 2004 World Congress in Port Elizabeth in the near future. He also reported that Henryk Lloyd was organizing a conference on doing business in Southern Africa, which he would like to expand to include regional science themes.

13. New Business: Batey noted that a committee should be formed to nominate candidates for the Founder's Medal and proposed the following members: Roberto Camagni, Yoshiro Higano, David Plane, Jacques Poot, John Quigley, and Angelo Rossi. Council approved the proposed committee. Hewings asked Batey to serve as the chair of the committee and Batey agreed.

14. Concluding Remarks: Hewings thanked Bailly for accepting the presidency of the Association at such a time of transitions. Getis commended Hewings for his leadership and good stewardship of the Association over the last 2 years.

15. There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 3:10 PM.

REMINDERS

SRSA ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 10-12, 2003

The 42nd annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association will be held at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel, on April 10-12, 2003. The program committee welcomes papers on a wide range of topics including all aspects of regional modeling, international trade, resource utilization, environmental quality, transportation systems, tourism and recreation, economic impact analysis, urban and rural economic development, location of economic activity, land use planning and regulation, regional migration, labor markets, regional development issues and policy, and public finance and investment analysis. The deadline for submitting abstracts for presented papers is December 15, 2002. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract of 100-200 words. Also include address, phone number, fax, and e-mail address for each author that will be attending the meeting. Send abstract to Stephen Smith (smsmith@psu.edu).

In conjunction with the meetings, the SRSA also announces the Barry Moriarty Graduate Student Paper Competition with a deadline of February 1, 2003. Check out the SRSA homepage for information about the SRSA, registration forms, membership forms, and the graduate paper competition: <http://www.srsa.org>.

42ND MEETING OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1, 2003, RIO RICO, ARIZONA

The Western Regional Science Association's 42nd annual meeting will be held at the Rio Rico Resort in the historic Santa Cruz County of Arizona. For the full information about the conference, please visit WRSA's web site at <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

43RD ERSAs CONGRESS, AUGUST 27-30, 2003, JYVASKYLA, FINLAND

The Nordic Section of ERSAs in association with the School of Business and Economics of the University of Jyväskylä will organize the 43rd ERSAs Congress in Jyväskylä, Finland, on August 27-30, 2003. Finland, one of the Nordic welfare countries, offers a safe and reliable location for the Congress. Jyväskylä is a lively university city which is located in the heart of the beautiful lake district and offers all the elements of the Finnish landscape. The scientific programme of the congress will include both interesting plenary and parallel paper sessions. In addition to traditional topics of RSA congresses, the session themes will include among others, topics reflecting new trends in regional science as well as topics concerning local conditions. As a new feature, ERSAs 2003 will introduce sessions based on papers which have been accepted after a review process. In R-sessions each paper will have a discussant of its own and more time allocated than in normal sessions. The abstracts should be submitted before January 15, 2003 and papers for R-sessions before April 30, 2003. Welcome to Finland! It is our aim - in addition to providing a high quality and most stimulating academic

programme - to offer you 'Moments of Magic' during the summer evenings in the Finnish lake district. For further information, please see <http://www.jyu.fi/ersa2003>.

18TH PRSCO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND 8TH AMECIDER NATIONAL MEETING. JULY 1-4, 2003, SEA-RESORT OF ACAPULCO, MEXICO.

The 8th PRSCO Conference and 8th AMECIDER National Meeting will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the city of Acapulco on July 1-4, 2003 (all day Tuesday through Friday). The theme of the Conference will be "The Potential of Regions in the Pacific Rim -economic and social, political and cultural", and for the National Meeting will be "The Potential of Mexican Regions - economic and social, political and cultural". Colleagues interested in presenting a paper at these meetings should submit their Abstracts through January 31. Electronic submissions in MS Word format is strongly preferred (please send it to: prsco18@yahoo.com). Abstracts should not exceed 200 words long. The paper's title should be included along with the postal address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of each author. The author(s) who will be attending the meeting should be identified. By submitting an abstract, one also agrees to serve as a discussant and/or session chair during the meeting. Participants are strongly encouraged to organize a session in their field of interest. Anyone who is interested in organizing a session is encouraged to contact Jorge Serrano (jrsm@servidor.unam.mx) as soon as possible for more information. Attendees are encouraged to register for the meeting and reserve a hotel room as soon as possible. Through April 30th, the conference fee will be \$275 USD, afterwards \$300. For those making room reservation in the venue hotel before the 1st of April, the \$275 fee will be extended till the date of the meeting itself. Very special prices were arranged with the venue hotel (single/double room: 'Mountain' \$65; 'Standard' \$70; 'Luxury' \$75; 'Regency-club' \$125; Tower-suite \$190, -all rates plus 15% and 2% taxes) provided you make your reservation (directly with the hotel) before the 1st of April. For information about the hotel, see www.acapulco.hyatt.com -Contact persons: Dr. Jorge Serrano, Chairman LOC and President of AMECIDER, jrsm@servidor.unam.mx, tels (52-55)5622-7895; (52-777)317-5299; fax: (52-777)317-5981; and Dr. Rosalio Wences, Acapulco Commissions Coordinator, University of Guerrero, wences_reza@hotmail.com, tel/fax (52-744) 487-6694 or 487-6624.

6TH UDDEVALLA SYMPOSIUM

6th Uddevalla Symposium on "Entrepreneurship, Spatial Industrial Clusters and Inter-Firm Networks" will be held at Uddevalla, Sweden during 12 - 14th of June 2003. The organizing committee invites you to participate and present a paper at this international symposium. The purpose of the symposium "Entrepreneurship, Spatial Industrial Clusters and Inter-Firm Networks" is to provide a state-of-the-art overview of current research on spatial industrial clusters. Details and more information about e.g. the keynotes and the organizing committee can be found at the website: www.symposium.htu.se.

Abstract together with registration form should be sent to: Ms Irène Johansson The University of Trollhättan/Uddevalla P.O. Box 795 SE-451 26 Uddevalla, Sweden. Deadline for registration and

for sending Abstract with title is March 1st 2003. The deadline for final papers is May 15th, 2003. For further information please contact either the coordinator, Irène Johansson (irene.Johansson@htu.se).

10TH APDR MEETING, JUNE 26-28, 2003

The Portuguese Section of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) "Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Regional" (APDR) is organising its Xth National Meeting, to be held in Évora, from the 26th to the 28th of June 2003. This Annual Meeting usually results in the discussion of about 100 papers presented by associates and colleagues from other countries. The languages of the Meeting are Portuguese, Spanish, French or English. The chosen theme of this year's congress is Demography and Regional Development. Research on demographic phenomena cause and consequence of territorial development is particularly stimulating by the time census data is published. This is the case by now: most census data is being released all over Europe and APDR decided to grab this opportunity and make it the theme of the 2003 Congress.

The main deadlines are: 24th January 2003 Abstract submission; 14th February 2003 Abstract acceptance; 2nd May 2003 Paper submission; 16th May 2003 Paper acceptance. The fee for participants, which covers the participation in all sessions, two lunches (26th and 27th of June), the Official Dinner and the Saturday Tour (which includes a light meal), is: before May 30th, 2003: 120 EURO; after May 30th, 2003: 180 EURO. For more information please contact us or visit our web-site: <http://www.apdr.pt>

EDITOR'S NOTE

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- Yasuhide Okuyama

APPENDIX

REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL 2001 BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank	\$38,906.00	
Account Receivable	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Current Assets		38,906.00

Investments

Busey Securities	176,689.00	
University of Illinois Foundation	<u>39,430.00</u>	
Total Current Investments		216,119.00

Inventory

6,111.00

Fixed Assets

Furniture and Equipment	25,483.00	
Depreciation Allowance	<u>(22,807.00)</u>	
Total Book Value		2,676.00

Prepaid University of Illinois Accounts

24,615.00

Total Assets

288,427.00

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Prepaid 2002 Memberships	\$0.00	
2001 Expenses Liability	0.00	
Extra Journal Subscriptions	<u>(1,358.00)</u>	
Total Liabilities		(1,358.00)

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance at January 1, 2001

\$263,752.00

Retained Earnings

21,805.00

Net Income 2001

4,228.00

Total Fund Balance

289,785.00

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

288,427.00

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