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MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING  
MINNEAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 11 FRIDAY, 8:00 10:00

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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 16 of the 19 members of the RSAI Council.

**1. Apologies (Annex 1)**

Council members present: Andres Rodriguez-Pose(President); Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA President); Carlos Azzoni (RSAmericas President); Isabelle Thomas (ERSA Representatives); Peter Stenberg, Neil Reid and Alessandra Faggian (RSAmericas Representatives); Patricio Aroca (PRSCO President); Erendira Serrano and Hiroyuki Shibusawa (representing Yuzuru Miyata) (PRSCO representatives); Emmanouil Tranos, Daniel Griffith Tüzin Baycan, Hans Westlund and Fabio Mazzola (Councillors at large); and Tomaz Dentinho (Executive Director).

Apologies from Council Members: Jacques Poot (Vice President, Andre Torre ERSA representative, Jichung Yang (PRSCO representative) and Yuzuru Miyata (PRSCO representative).

Long Range Planning Committee Members present: Roberta Capello, Jean Claude Thill and Peter Batey.

Ex-officio members present: Roberta Capello (Editor of PIRS), Andrea Caragliu and Graham Clarke (Editors of RSAI Newsletter).

M-I. RSAI Council acknowledged the apologies unanimously.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the Vienna meeting (Annex 2)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, informed the Council that the Minutes were revised and send to all previously. Then asked if there were any amendments to the Minutes of the Vienna Council held on 25 August 2016.

M-II. RSAI Council approved unanimously the Minutes of the Vienna Council (August 2016)

**3. Plan and Budget for 2017 (Annex 3)**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho informed the Council that, taking into account the expected collection of membership fees, the net exchanges with Wiley and the obligations regarding the administrative costs, edition of RSAI journals and Newsletter, the money available for 2017 is 30000 € that is proposed to be allocated to the programs Nurturing Talent, Building Bridges and Support of the Preparation of Research Projects. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho also informed the Council that the expected margin in the end of 2017 will be around zero and the present bank deposits of RSAI are 204.108,10 € plus 77.191,39 £.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose asked if there were any changes and amendments for the Plan and Budget of 2017.

M-III. The RSAI Council approved unanimously Plan and Budget for 2017.

**4. Changes in the by-laws to accommodate for the creation of the Latin America and Caribbean Supraregional Association (Annex 4)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose recalled that the Council in Vienna approved the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association, the implicit resurgence of the North American Regional Science Council and the need to change the by-laws of RSAI. The proposal is to have three representatives for each supra

regional, their respective presidents or executive directors plus two representatives appointed by the respective councils.

Jouke Van Dijk said that, since some sections can belong to two supraregionals, there can be over representation of those sections in the Council. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that this happens mainly in PRSCO and that PRSCO agreed to have a discussion on that issue. Jean Claude Thill said that the Long Range Planning Committee agreed that this situation should be fixed. Patricio Aroca pointed out that there are many advantages in the interaction and what need to be avoided is the over representation of the sections. Jean Claude Thill reinforced that the problem will become more important in the future. Roberta Capello reinforced that not only the representation in the Council but also the rotation in the Presidency is at stake. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that the issue is process of selection of supra regional representatives for the Council and asked for the approval of the proposed changes in the bylaws.

M-IV. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the changes in the by-laws to accommodate for the creation of the Latin America and Caribbean Supraregional Association and to keep three representatives for each supra regional in the RSAI Council, their respective presidents or executive directors plus two representatives appointed by the respective councils.

## **5. Election and Nomination of RSAI Officials (Annex 5)**

### **❁ Councilor at Large 2017-2019 (Annex 5.1)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that the RSAI Council of Vienna decided to expand the call for Councilors at large for September the 15<sup>th</sup>, which resulted in four candidates: Amitrajeet Batabyal, Laurie Schindler, Michael Lahr and Sigal Kaplan. The election on-line began on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September and closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. There were 456 votes, 17 null, which represents only 10% of the members. The winner and the new Councilor-at-large 2017-2019 is Laurie Schintler.

M-Va. The RSAI Council acknowledged the election of Laurie Schintler as Councilor-at-large for 2017-2019.

### **❁ President-Elect 2017, Vice President 2018, President 2019-2020 (Annex 5.2).**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose recalled the Council that, following the arrangement of RSAI presidencies rotation between supraregionals, the RSAI President for 2019-2020 should come from the former area of Regional Science of Americas. He also said that NARSC and LACRSAI agreed that if the elected president for 2019-2020 comes from one of these supraregionals the following one, for the period of 2021-2022, will come from the other one. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that a committee composed of Neil Reid, Carlos Azzoni, Brigitte Walford and himself identified potential candidates for the Americas: 8 in the beginning, then the number was reduced to 6, then 5 and finally only 3: Patricio Aroca, Janet Kohlhase and Mark Partridge; these candidates presented a CV with two pages and Statement with two pages that were sent to the members of the Council. Andrés Rodríguez Pose explained that three of the absent members of the Council send their vote to the RSAI office that will be counted with the others. Finally, Andrés Rodríguez-Pose clarified that bulletin of the vote has the three candidates and the councilor should put (1) in from their first choice and (2) in from of the second choice so that, if necessary, in the second round, the second choice of votes that selected the excluded candidate are counted as a first votes in the second round.

The votes were collected, added to the 3 votes on-line and counted. In the first round Patricio Aroca received 9 votes, Janet Kohlhase 4 votes and Mark Partridge 6 votes. In the second round the Patricio Aroca received 9 votes and Mark Partridge 10 votes.

M-Vb. The RSAI Council acknowledged the election of Mark Partridge and President Elected for 2017, Vice President for 2018 and President for 2019 and 2020.

## 6. World Congresses (Annex 6)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council Jacques Poot, the Presidents of the supraregionals, the Executive Director and himself agreed on a document that defines the rules for the calls on world congresses and asked if there were any comments on the document distributed. Jouke Van Dijk said that the deadline for the Call is very tight. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that the applications can be mainly a manifestation of interest that can be updated. Neil Reid asked what will be the situation if there are no applications. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose clarified that the deadline could be postponed or the committee can decide on what to do if there are no applications.

M-VI. The RSAI Council approved the Request for Proposals for the World Congress of 2018.

## 7. Supra - regional and Sections (Annex 7)

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho informed the Council that, following a meeting at Beijing University, which Minutes are attached, the Regional Science Association of China is interesting in joining Regional Science Association International in the near future if three conditions are met: i) no integration in PRSCO because the interest is to promote the creation of a Supraregional in Asia; ii) registration of the 100 – 200 members that can speak English that will enlarge with the mobilization of young researchers; iii) the change of the RSAI denomination of the section of Taiwan. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that a Chinese section out of PRSCO is already accepted by PRSCO but there is a need to find a way for the denomination of the section of Taiwan. Jean Claude Thill said those were the same limitations put in the past. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that RSAI should move but RSAC should follow the procedures presenting and application and highlighting the constraints; then RSAI can find the way to overcome those constraints. Roberta Capello said that we need to be flexible in the acceptance of new sections because new sections always bring more advantages than costs, but those new sections should also respect the rules defined by RSAI. Patricio Aroca reported that there is no problem if China does not integrate PRSCO. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose reaffirmed that RSAI is a Global organization and therefore China should be involved, but we need to know exactly what they are proposing and then I would be happy to accept.

Jouke Can Dijk said that there is no news on the creation of a new section in Bulgaria. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho reported that Armenian regional scientists are trying to create a section in cooperation with colleagues from Georgia.

M-VII. The RSAI Council acknowledged the progresses made in the talks with the Chinese Regional Science Association and the developments in Armenia and Georgia.

## 8. RSAI Publications (8)

### ✿ Papers in Regional Science - change in the board of editors for PiRS and change in the jury of the Beckmann Award – Annex 8.1

Roberta Capello recalled that the situation of Papers in Regional Science was reported RSAI Council of Vienna. Furthermore, Roberta Capello said that, since Jonathan Corcoran from Queensland left the Academia and can no longer be an associated editor of Papers in Regional Science, António Paez, from the School of Geography and Earth Sciences, at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario is proposed to be part of the editorial board of Papers in Regional Science.

Roberta Capello also said that two members of the jury of the Beckmann Award asked to leave and the proposal is to nominate a new jury composed by Roberta Capello, Carlos Azzoni, Raymond Florax and Erik Verhof.

M-VIIIa. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the selection of António Paez as new associated editor of Papers in Regional Science and the new composition of the jury of the Beckmann Award.

## **Regional Science Policy and Practice**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose reported that Michael Carrol agreed to step down as editor of the journal Regional Science Policy and Practice and reported that RSAI will soon advertise for an open call for a new editorial team. Jean Claude Thill from the Long Range Planning Committee reinforced that RSAI should advertise the call soon.

M-VIIIb. The RSAI Council approved the launching of a call for a new editorial board of Regional Science Policy and Practice

## **RSAI Newsletter**

Andrea Caragliu, co-editor of RSAI Newsletter with Graham Clarke, informed the Council that two issues per year of the RSAI Newsletter have been produced, printed and distributed in Supraregional conferences. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho said that it is important to print the issues with the cooperation of the Local Organizing Committee of the Supraregional Conferences where the Newsletter is distributed at a reasonable cost. Roberta Capello reinforced the need to distribute the RSAI Newsletter in a printed format.

M-VIIIc. The RSAI Council recognized the importance of editing, printing and distributing the RSAI Newsletter in RSAI and Supraregional Conferences with the support of the respective Local Organizing Committees

## **RSAI Webpage**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho reported that the RSAI webpage has a demand of around 300 hits per day and there is the option of putting it more fashionable but more difficult to manage. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that it is better as it is with the possibility of updating frequently; he suggested that have hits reports along the year.

M-VIII d. The RSAI Council approved the maintenance of the existing webpage and the creation of a report on the updating and use of the web.

## **Negotiations with publishers**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the RSAI Council that Wiley has to be notified one year before the end on the contract with RSAI that ends in 2018, a contract that, as it is, it is far from being interesting for RSAI to continue. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose also said that RSAI had spoken with many voices and we should nominate someone to lead the negotiations with the publishers and to present a proposal for the Council decision in Groningen in August 2017. Jean Claude Thill accepted to be appointed as the negotiator with the publishers, with support of the Ex-President, the President, the Elected President, the Editors and the Executive Director.

M-VIII e. The RSAI Council approved unanimously to appoint Jean Claude Thill to negotiate with the publishers and to present a proposal for the RSAI Council in Groningen of the future publisher of the RSAI journals.

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho informed the Council on the request by Wiley to reduce the open access prices and suggested that those prices should be lower for RSAI members. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that we should not change the open access prices until we have a new deal with the publishers.

M-VIII f. The RSAI Council decided unanimously to keep the prices for open access of PIRS and RSPP.

## **Archives (Annex 8.2)**

David Boyce said that he will step down as archivist and that this information was also reported in the Regional Science Academy Meeting. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose proposed that David Boyce will become the archivist emeritus. Jouke Van Dijk asked about the role of the Regional Science Academy in the Archives. Jean Claude Thill said that the relations with the Regional Science Academy regarding the RSAI Archives is a task of the RSAI

Archivist. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose recalled that, as approved in the RSAI Council Meeting of Lisbon, the Regional Science Academy is an independent organization within the scope of RSAI.

M-VIIIg. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the report presented by the archivist and decided to nominate David Boyce archivist emeritus.

## 9. Awards (Annex 9)

### ✿ Peter Nijkamp Award (Annex 9.1)

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that there have been no applications and no awardee for the Peter Nijkamp awards since 2012 and there is a proposal from Peter Nijkamp to change the focus of the award to a mid-career award. Jouke Van Dijk asked if the awards have to have a name of someone. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose responded that many RSAI awards have names. Alexandra Faggian pointed out that the change in the focus of the award is a very good idea but the mid-career should be clarified for example limiting the awardees to 10 years after the PhD. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho said that someone should be responsible to manage the award. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose proposed the Council para the mid-career of the Peter Nijkamp award should be defined as 10 years after the PhD.~

M-IXa. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the proposals submitted by Peter Nijkamp with the clarification that the mid-career term refers to 10 years after the PhD.

### ✿ RSAI dissertation competition 2016 (Annex 9.2)

Andres Rodriguez Pose informed the Council the coordinator of the award Shaoming Chen, helped by Eveline Van Leeuwen, Turafa Maciej and Ji Young Park, reported that the final winner for the 2016 RSAI Best Dissertation Award is to Michiel van Meeteren, advised by Ben Derudder, graduated from Ghent University, Belgium, with a thesis named "From Polycentricity to a Renovated Urban Systems Theory: Explaining Belgian Settlement Geographies"; the two runners-ups were Zhaoya Gong, advised by Jean-Claude Thill, graduated from University of North Carolina, Charlotte with a thesis "Multiscalar Modeling of Polycentric Urban-Regional Systems: Economic Agglomeration, Scale Dependency and Agent Interactions", and Elco Koks, advised by Jeroen Aerts, graduated from VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands, with a thesis "Economic Modelling for Flood Risk Assessment".

M-IXb. The RSAI Council unanimously congratulate the winner Michiel van Meeteren, the runners-ups Zhaoya Gong and Elco Koks, their advisors, and the applicants for the RSAI Dissertation award 2016 and thanked Shaoming Chen, Eveline Van Leeuwen, Turafa Maciej and Ji Young Park for helping in the selection.

### ✿ Fellows Award (9.3)

Jean Claude Thill proposed the Council that the new Fellows Committee will be composed by himself, Diego Puga and Takatoshi Tabuchi.

M-IXc. The RSAI Council unanimously approved the new Fellows Committee to be composed by Jean Claude Thill, Diego Puga and Takotosho Tabuchi.

### ✿ Kohno Award (9.5)

Andres Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that Peter Batey, Manfred M. Fischer, Geoffrey Hewings, Peter Nijkamp and Hans Westlund proposed the nomination of Folke Snickars for the Hirotada Kohno Award 2016.

M-IXd. The RSAI Council unanimously approved the nomination of Folke Snickars for the Hirotada Kohno Award 2016.

## **10. AOB**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said to the Council that the RSAI Council of Minneapolis was the last one that he chaired as President of the Regional Science Association International. Andrés highlighted that he learned a lot, that there were some difficulties to overcome and that he thanked all the help and support given by the Council and by the RSAI office. Andrés Rodríguez – Pose also reinforced that RSAI is in good hands with the next presidents Jacques Poot and Mark Partridge.

M-X. The RSAI Council unanimously acclaimed Andrés Rodríguez-Pose to the work he has done for the association and for regional science during the period he served as Vice-President and President of RSAI.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

Tainan, Taiwan, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Annex 1: RSAI Council Members

### 2016 RSAI Council Members

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19	Tomaz Dentinho	Executive Director Ersa Representative Councilor at large	2011-2018 2010-2012 2013-2015	<a href="mailto:tomazdentinho@uac.pt">tomazdentinho@uac.pt</a>

### 2016 RSAI Ex-Officio Members

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## **Annex 2: Minutes of Vienna Meeting.**

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### MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING VIENNA, AUGUST 25 THURSDAY, 14:00-16:00

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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 13 of the 19 members of the RSAI Council (Annex 1) present.

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

Council members present: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (President); Jacques Poot (Vice President); Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA President); Carlos Azzoni (RSAmericas President); Isabelle Thomas and André Torre (ERSA Representatives); Peter Stenberg, Neil Reid and Alessandra Faggian (RAmericas Representatives); Tüzin Baycan, Hans Westlund and Fabio Mazzola (Councillors at large); and Tomaz Dentinho (Executive Director).

Apologies from Council Members: Patricio Aroca (PRSCO President); Jichung Yang, Erendira Serrano and Yuzuru Miyata (PRSCO representatives); Emmanouil Tranos and Daniel Griffith (Councillor at large).

Long Range Planning Committee Members present: Roberta Capello, Roger Stough and Robert Stimson.

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

Invited Members present: Chitta Ranjan Pathak and Sumona Bandyopadhyay from the Indian Regional Science Association; Rachel Franklin to participate in the discussion of the point "Women in Regional Science".

M-I. RSAI Council acknowledged the apologies unanimously.

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the Lisbon meeting (Annex 2).**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of Portland Council held on 13 November 2015.

M-II. RSAI Council approved unanimously the Minutes of the Portland Council (November 2015)

#### **3. Report and Accounts of 2015 (Annex 3).**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho reported that the accounts were produced by a certified accountant, audited by an official auditor and analysed in a report done by the RSAI Treasurer Francisco Carballo-Cruz. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho also informed that in 2015 RSAI achieved a net surplus of 15,017.86 € largely due to the increase in value of the pound relative to the euro during that year. However, a number of problems were highlighted. These included that number of sections reported no members; and the presence of sections with relatively low numbers of members in relation to the population of the respective areas of influence. The net margin of the association evolved from 14,461.02 € in 2012, to 10,530.74 € in 2013, to 29,918.89 € in 2014 and to 15,017.86 € in 2015. The Association's balance in the bank was 200,598.68 € in December 2011; 209,634.10 € in December 2012; 142,445.48 € in December 2013; 170,656.89 € in December 2014; and 188,998.94 € in December 2015 assuming an exchange rate of 1,28 €/1,0 £. The account on investments had 89,856.69 € on December 2015; therefore, the total funds available on December 2015 were 278,855.63 €. There was a small growth in Investment Funds in Euros of 188,31 €. The Costs of the new initiatives Nurturing New Talent and Building Bridges was respectively, 8.001,04 € and 290,52 €.

Tuzin Baycan asked about the negative balance of the Armenian project. Tomaz Dentinho answered that the Armenian project is financed by Gulbenkian Foundation without extra costs from RSAI; he also informed that the project is negative in 2015 because most of the funds were versed by the Foundation in 2014, with some of the expenditures taking part in 2015. Roger Stough said that RSAI is a non-profit organization and therefore should not have profit. Tomaz Dentinho thanked and informed that, RSAI is registered in Portugal as a non-profit organization, nevertheless some of the activities – such as publishing – pay VAT and, eventually, there can be an income tax related with those activities and therefore the official accounts refer profit. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that the programme Nurturing Talent has been a success in Europe but not so much in PRSCO and RSAmericas; he also said that the program Building Bridges was still developing and in 2015 had a limited number applications; finally, he reinforced the importance of those programs and urged the sections and the supra-nationals to present proposals for 2017 until the end of the deadline, to be analysed and eventually integrated in the Plan for 2017. Jacques Poot pointed out that RSAI should in principle have no margin.

M-IV. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the Report and Accounts of 2015.

#### **4. Membership fees for countries with lower income (Annex 4)**

Tomaz Dentinho argued that one of the restrictions that limits the mobilization of members from sections in lower income countries is the level of RSAI membership fees. He argued that there was some margin of manoeuvre, as the RSAI journals subscription fee dropped to 1 pound per year per member after 4000 members (number exceeded since 2013). Since RSAI aims to be a scientific association with members in every country, he proposed that membership fee be established according to the United Nation GDP country classification: 2 € per member for countries with less than 4125 US\$ per capita; 5 € per person for countries with an income per capita between 4125 US\$ and 12735 US\$ and €10 for the rest. Tomaz Dentinho also informed that it is expected that the sections of middle income countries that already pay their fees (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Romania) will double the number of members and that countries whose sections have difficulties in paying membership fee (Indonesia and Morocco) will register their members. The new fee structure should also act as an incentive to lure countries that are currently not part of RSAI community (e.g. India, China, Nigeria, Egypt, Bangladesh and others) into it.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose indicates that such measure represents an important effort to develop the presence of the RSAI in less developed countries. He indicated that the new measure could be piloted for five years, as a way to expand and consolidate the organization. Tuzin Baycan asked when the new fees will be applicable. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho responded that the new fees will be implemented from 2017.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose asked for approval of the new membership fees.

M-IV. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the reduction of membership fees for sections based in low and lower income economies (2 € per member per year), upper middle income economies (5 € per member per year) and other economies (10 € per member per year)

#### **5. Election of RSAI Officials (Annex 5).**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that the RSAI President for 2019-2021 should come from the area of RSAmericas. He also informed that the Searching Committee proposed had to be changed, as one of the members of the committee, Janet Kohlase, is no longer available. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose proposed that Brigitte Waldorf substitutes Janet Kohlase in the Search Committee.

M-Va. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the changed committee composed by Carlos Azzoni, Neil Reed, Brigitte Waldorf and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose.

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho informed the Council there was just one nomination for Councillors at large. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose proposed that the period for nomination should be extended and announced so that online elections can take place from September 2016 until October 2016 for new councillors at large. M-Vb. The RSAI Council approved unanimously to extend the period for nomination so that online elections can take place from September 2016 until October 2016.

## **6. Women in Regional Science (Annex 6).**

Alessandra Faggian reported that a group of 28 women in regional science wrote and signed a document that aims to raise the awareness of women in regional science associations. She said that although there are more men than women as members in regional science, the representation of women in committees, councils, panels and plenary sessions is even lower. This has an impact in their careers and on the profile of regional science activities. Furthermore, that bias is more relevant in some associations than others. Rachel Franklin reinforced the argument saying that the issue was raised at several meetings in the past and little progress had taken place. They both stressed that although the proposal does not contain an explicit proposition of measures aiming to reduce the bias, it is important that the regional science community becomes aware of the situation and the existence of a level of discrimination against women. Tüzün Baycan recalled that there are many issues focusing on gender and development and that there are no doubts on the effectiveness of women's work in regional science. Jouke Van Dijk agreed with the document but said that no solutions were presented to solve the problems identified. Rachel Franklin commented that there is a problem of emotional energy and that, after thorough discussion, it was considered that at this stage it was best to raise awareness without proposing any concrete measures. Alessandra Faggian reinforced this point by saying that it is not a question of tools but of awareness. Jacques Poot remarked that within the usual framework of bonding and bridging more emphasis should be given to bridging. Rachel Franklin commented that the role of women is highly diminished in regional science associations. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that the trigger of the request was the presence of only two women in a scientific committee of 25 members in a regional science conference. He highlighted that, although the number of women attending conferences had risen in recent years, it was still true that there was some sort of glass ceiling that still prevented women from reaching positions of responsibility in regional science. He strongly supported the document presented and the need to raise awareness, particularly among men scientists, about the condition of women in regional science. Robert Stimson suggested that a communication should be sent to all supra-nationals and sections; and commented that RSAI cannot tell sections and supra-nationals what to do but it is important to inform them about the awareness to the issue. Hans Westland agreed and remarked that it is time to respond to the issue every day.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose asked for a strong support to the document and requested that it be posted on the RSAI webpage and the RSAI Newsletter; he also said that such note is a recommendation to all and if the situation does not improve, the RSAI may want to implement specific measures.

M-VI. The RSAI Council approved unanimously to diffuse the document "Women in Regional Science" as a recommendation to the association, to the supra-nationals, to the sections and to the members.

## **7. World Congress: Turkey (Annex 7)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose reported that the RSAI Council decided in 2013 to organize the World Congress in Istanbul and that the organization was running on schedule. However, the increasing threat of terrorism in Turkey led the Local Organizing Committee to request a postponement on the basis that,

due to the security situation in Turkey, it had become impossible to guarantee the personal security of delegates. He thanked Tüzin Baycan and the LOC for the efforts conducted in preparation of the congress and informed the Council that a survey on potential attendance was sent to all those that registered for the congress and that on a scale of 1 to 5 (with one being highly unlikely and 5 being highly likely to attend a rescheduled congress) the average result was 3.5.

Tüzin Baycan informed the Council that a postponement of the Congress, from May 2016 to October 2016, was proposed because of the large number of cancellations and for the fact that it had become impossible to guarantee the security of participants when civilians had become targets of the bomb attacks. Tüzin Baycan informed that RSAI Presidency was cautious on fixing a new date. She indicated that the Local Organizing Committee was willing to propose four alternative locations for a postponed congress: Istanbul, Izmir, Antalya, or Northern Cyprus. Tüzin Baycan stressed that if US scholars, to name a group, were wary to go places with increasing security problems, Cyprus was a safe place for the RSAI World Congress. She finished saying that she had already talked with the Greek colleagues regarding that possibility.

Jacques Poot indicated that many people require a visa to enter Northern Cyprus. Tüzin Baycan informed that this is common in many countries and that it is possible to establish connections with the Greek part of the island. Alessandra Faggian asked if the possibility to get a visa would be effective for all. Robert Stimson informed that the Universities in the USA, Australia and New Zealand would have to agree on the voyages to Northern Cyprus. For Andrés Rodríguez Pose the fact that Northern Cyprus is not officially recognized by any country but Turkey represented a serious challenge. Jouke Van Dijk said that it is very sad that the Congress had to be postponed but the new date and place should consider the competition with the Congresses of the Supra-nationals. Isabelle Thomas enquired about the possibility of organising the World Congress jointly with a Supranational Congress. Tüzin Baycan said that she did not understand the issue of competition since she promoted the congress in cooperation and not in competition; in fact, she continued, the participants registered in the Congress of Istanbul were from different countries and continents and the existence of RSAI world congress is to create a platform to attract people from all nations and continents.

Roberta Capello reinforced what was said the day before in the Long Range Planning Committee: 1) the world congress is a very important event with specific aims that are different from the congresses promoted by the supra-nationals; 2) The organization of a World Congress in Bangkok was a risk and the Istanbul choice also involved risks; 3) Tüzin Baycan was very enthusiastic promoter congresses, but that the security of delegates was of paramount importance. Hence, the main aim should be to find a safe location and keep Istanbul in mind as a very good place when the security circumstances in the country improved. Roger Stough thanked the intervention of Roberta Capello.

Andrés Rodríguez Pose proposed to Council two alternative solutions for the World Congress in Turkey: A) The RSAI Council supports the organization of the World Conference in Turkey in the near future; B) The RSAI Council acknowledges and thanks the effort done by the Local Organizing Committee of the World Congress in Istanbul and keeps Turkey in mind as a candidate for a World Congress when the situation become safer.

M-VII. The RSAI Council voted in favour to acknowledge and thank the effort done by the Local Organizing Committee of the World Congress in Istanbul 2016 and to keep Turkey in mind as a future candidate for a World Congress when the situation becomes safer.

## 8. Future of World Congresses (Annex 8)

Jacques Poot pointed out the document distributed on the matter. He highlighted that World Congresses have two main objectives: 1) To establish a bridge between the various supra-regional associations; and 2) To be a vehicle to enlarge regional science. Jacques Poot remarked that the document finishes with a set of recommendations and highlighted that the RSAI World Congress should target 1000 delegates since that could open perspectives for external support and to invite well known keynote speakers. Also world congresses should take place in accessible places and be organized by a professional organization that packages the whole event. Jacques Poot also said that to avoid competition with the events of the supra-regional associations, the organisation of joint should be considered events. He then argued that the RSAI could also promote other events such as workshops, summer schools, summer institutes to get visibility and reach other areas of the world. For the next world congress Jacques Poot indicated that everything must be transparent with Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and a Scientific Meeting's Committee responsible for drawing up RFPs and bringing recommendations to Council for all future scientific events that are instigated by RSAI.

Roger Stough said that there are advantages and disadvantages to doing joint congresses and it might be interesting to do it jointly with ERSA; one reason to do it is that we are a small organization and there are not enough members to fill up many large conferences per year; but the reality would be different if we have India and China with us. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that the Long Range Planning Committee Meeting reinforced the idea that this is an important issue and that the next meeting must be an absolute success. Neil informed that 2021 is next possible date to have a RSAI world meeting jointly with NARSC in Washington DC.

Andrés Rodríguez- Pose proposed that the Council acknowledge the document presented by Jacques Poot and the setting up an advisory committee on future World Congresses and other events that would report at the RSAI Council meeting in Minneapolis. This committee would include a representative from each superregional.

M-VIII. The RSAI Council acknowledged the document presented by Jacques Poot and agreed to set up an advisory committee on future World Congresses and other events that would report at the RSAI Council meeting in Minneapolis. This committee would include a representative from each superregional.

## 9. RSAI Programs 2017 (Annex 9).

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that the RSAI programs – Building Bridges and Nurturing Talent - created in November 2016 have experienced a considerable uptake, especially in the ERSA zone with the support of meetings in Romania, Morocco, and Italy and with the support for the participation in international events of regional scientists from India. The new programme named Thinking Big has been launched and NARSC and ERSA already said that these associations can reinforce the support provided by RSAI. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose also said that around 25000 € are available to allocate for these programs for 2017.

Regarding the program Nurturing Talent the organizers of workshops and summer schools fulfilling the aims of the programme are invited to submit a two-page case for support by the deadline (December 2<sup>nd</sup>) to Elisabete Martins ([elisabete.martins@apdr.pt](mailto:elisabete.martins@apdr.pt)). Concerning the programme

Thinking Big proposals should be submitted to the RSAI by the same deadline. In regards to the program Building Bridges applications should be made by young scientists registered in one of the four largest Regional Science Conferences in 2017: World Congress, PRSCO, ERSA, and NARSC.

M-IX. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the RSAI Programs for 2017.

## **10. Supra regionals and Sections**

### **Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association (LACRSAI) (Annex 10a)**

Carlos Azzoni informed the Council that the Constitution of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association was based on the Constitution of the Regional Science of Americas. Carlos Azzoni highlighted that the area is responsible for 10% of the RSAI members and that there is the idea of having a Congress every two years.

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose said that there is a general agreement regarding the creation of a Supra Regional Association in Latin America and Caribbean. He stressed that this step, however, has implications for the RSAI, with respect to issues such as the number of RSAI Councilors, the By-Laws, rotating the Presidencies. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose also said that if the next RSAI president is from NARSC the following should be from LACRSA and, vice-versa, if the next RSAI president is from LACRSAI the following should come from NARSC. He requested the decision of the Council on the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association so that the changes in the by-laws could be prepared and submitted to the Council in Minneapolis.

M-Xa. The RSAI Council approved unanimously creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association

Roberta Capello commented that when she was RSAI President, in 2009-2010, the perspective of a Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association was already perceived and that all of us should be very happy that it has now become a reality. The Council applauded unanimously.

### **Regional Science Association of India (IRSA) (Annex 10b)**

Sumana Bandyopadhyay, vice-president of the Regional Science Association of India, informed the Council that the Indian Regional Science Association has its origins in 1967, launched the Journal of Indian Regional Science in 1968, organized an International Conference of PRSCO in Bangalore in 2005, and has had a regular activity for fifty years. It boasts 340 life members, 134 annual members, and 171 subscribers to the journal. Sumana Bandyopadhyay informed that last January an international congress on Urbanization and Regional Sustainability was hosted by the University of Calcutta, with the participation of the Executive Director of RSAI, Tomaz Dentinho. He proposed a RSA International Membership at 2 € per person that will allow the payment of the subscription of RSAI journals at 1 £ per year since there are more than 4000 members. Sumana Bandyopadhyay elaborated on a number of areas for collaboration: grants for young researchers, summer and winter institutes on Methods in Regional Studies (spatial econometrics, GCE modelling, geo-informatics, environmental CBA, natural resource accounting, and participatory rural appraisal techniques). Finally, Sumana Bandyopadhyay informed the Council that IRSA will welcome all members from ERSA, PRSCO, and RSAmericas to the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Tripura on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 and suggests a joint meeting on regional cooperation with PRSCO and RSAI in Goa in January 2018.

Andrés Rodríguez Pose requested the decision of the Council on the acceptance of the Regional Science Association of India as one of the RSAI Sections.

M-Xb. The RSAI Council approved unanimously and by acclamation the acceptance of the Regional Science Association of India.

### **Other Sections**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that two Bulgarian groups were gathered together and that an association within the scope of ERSA is going to be created. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose also clarified that the Bulgarian colleagues want to have an organization legally established before submitting it to ERSA and RSAI and that is very much advisable because without legal autonomous statute sections could not develop in the long term.

Tomaz Dentinho clarified that, regarding Armenia, the support from the Gulbenkian Foundation from 2014 till 2016 allowed the organization of scientific meetings in Armenia and the support of the participation of young Armenian regional scientists in ERSA conferences and summer courses. He also said that the development of an Armenian regional science section will depend on the mobilization of recognised Armenian academics within the group of around forty regional scientists that have been involved in meetings.

Robert Stimson from the Long Range Planning Committee reinforced the idea that sections should be part of super-regional associations and that super-regional associations should be duly involved.

## **11. RSAI Publications**

### **Papers in Regional Science**

Roberta Capello informed the Council that the report of Papers in Regional Science was sent to the Council and can be seen in the annexes of the minutes.

### **Regional Science Policy and Practice.**

Michael Carroll reported that the journal was accepted for indexing in Scopus, that submissions to Regional Science Policy and Practice, after a short period of decrease following the change in the focus of the journal, had been increasing and with improving quality. Michael Carroll also said that, after the decision of the Council in Portland last November, they are waiting for the nomination of a new editorial team. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose clarified that the Publishing Committee is responsible to identify the new editorial committee.

### **Other publication issues.**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed that 2017 is the last year to find alternative publishers for the journals, as the current Wiley contract finishes at the end of 2018 and there is a 12 month notice for the contract to be terminated. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose also said that there are scientific societies similar to RSAI that get up to ten times more revenues from their journals and that makes a major difference in the financial capabilities of the organizations. He proposed that negotiations with

publishers should be centralised in one individual that would come back with a proposal at the time of the ERSA meeting in Groningen in August 2017. This individual should be able to use RSAI funds for appropriate legal consultancy.

M-XI. The RSAI Council approved unanimously the idea of nominating a member of the RSAI as a negotiator with publishers with a view to establishing the new post-2019 contract for the association's journals.

## **12. Awards**

### **Founders award 2016**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose informed the Council that, with the coordination of Emmanouil Tranos, the the Selection Committee has recommended Professor Manfred Fischer, from the University of Vienna, as the recipient of the 2016 Founders Award. The award ceremony took place during the Ooening plenary of the Congress. Andrés Rodríguez Pose also indicated that, following the report of Emmanouil Tranos, this recommendation is the outcome of a process which included the following steps: "(i) Submission of nominations and self-nominations to the Committee; the call for the submissions was openly advertised using the RSAI website and mailing list. (ii) Selection of two nominees by the Committee. In order to do so, the Committee examined in depth the various submission by combining bibliographic metrics with qualitative knowledge of the individual contributions. (iii) The two nominees were presented to the past recipients of the award, who were asked to indicate their preferences by assigning 2 points to their first preference and 1 to the second. Five past recipients participated to the voting process (Bailly, Boyce, Getis, Nijkamp, and Paelinck) by emailing their preferences to the secretary of the Committee. (iv) The secretary of the Committee announced the results to the Selection Committee and shared the detailed votes with the Executive Director for confirmation purposes. (v) The President of the RSAI informed Professor Manfred Fischer of his success in being the next recipient of the Founders Award."

### **RSAI Fellows (Annex 8)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose reported that the process of selection of the RSAI Fellows for 2016 went according to the Nomination and Selection Protocol of RSAI Fellows ([www.regionalscience.org](http://www.regionalscience.org) – Awards - Fellows). Of the three new fellows, Phillip McCann will receive the award in the ERSA Conference in Vienna, and Mark Partridge and Sergio Rey will receive the award in Minneapolis.

## **13. 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 (Minneapolis)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose fixed the date of the next Council Meeting for Minneapolis, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, 16H00-18H00, Grand Portage Ballroom.

The meeting closed at 16H00.

### Annex 3: RSAI Budget for 2017

Description	Revenues	Costs	Margin
<b>General</b>	<b>0,00 €</b>	<b>10 100,00 €</b>	<b>-10 100,00 €</b>
ACCOUNTING	0,00 €	3 700,00 €	-3 700,00 €
WEBSERVER	0,00 €	200,00 €	-200,00 €
RSAI SECRETARIAT	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
OTHERS	0,00 €	1 200,00 €	-1 200,00 €
<b>Wiley</b>	<b>58 700,00 €</b>	<b>34 700,00 €</b>	<b>24 000,00 €</b>
PIRS AND RSPP 2016 PROFIT SHARE	24 000,00 €	0,00 €	24 000,00 €
PIRS ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES 2015	32 000,00 €	0,00 €	32 000,00 €
FUNDING OF RSPP	2 700,00 €	2 700,00 €	0,00 €
PAYMENT JOHN WILEY & SONS, LTD - YEAR 2015 - RSAI SUBSCRIPTIONS	0,00 €	32 000,00 €	-32 000,00 €
<b>Editorial</b>	<b>0,00 €</b>	<b>22 500,00 €</b>	<b>-22 500,00 €</b>
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER Printing and Distribution	0,00 €	1 500,00 €	-1 500,00 €
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 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES PAYMENT FOR EDITOR	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
<b>RSAI Awards</b>	<b>0,00 €</b>	<b>2 250,00 €</b>	<b>-2 250,00 €</b>
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 €
<b>RSAI Supports</b>	<b>0,00 €</b>	<b>30 000,00 €</b>	<b>-30 000,00 €</b>
Nurturing New Talent	0,00 €	15 000,00 €	-15 000,00 €
Bulding Bridges	0,00 €	10 000,00 €	-10 000,00 €
Support for the Preparation of Research Projects	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>41 891,00 €</b>	<b>0,00 €</b>	<b>41 891,00 €</b>
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	2 000,00 €	0,00 €	2 000,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 517,00 €	0,00 €	1 517,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	630,00 €	0,00 €	630,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	220,00 €	0,00 €	220,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	675,00 €	0,00 €	675,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	175,00 €	0,00 €	175,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	310,00 €	0,00 €	310,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	130,00 €	0,00 €	130,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	493,00 €	0,00 €	493,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 234,00 €	0,00 €	1 234,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	190,00 €	0,00 €	190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	3 004,00 €	0,00 €	3 004,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 610,00 €	0,00 €	2 610,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	510,00 €	0,00 €	510,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	414,00 €	0,00 €	414,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	10,00 €	0,00 €	10,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	266,00 €	0,00 €	266,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	2 034,00 €	0,00 €	2 034,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	5 000,00 €	0,00 €	5 000,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	170,00 €	0,00 €	170,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCO SECTION	100,00 €	0,00 €	100,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	590,00 €	0,00 €	590,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	10 531,00 €	0,00 €	10 531,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	280,00 €	0,00 €	280,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION (1)	530,00 €	0,00 €	530,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION (1)	1 230,00 €	0,00 €	1 230,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	390,00 €	0,00 €	390,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	683,00 €	0,00 €	683,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 870,00 €	0,00 €	3 870,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	670,00 €	0,00 €	670,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TAIWAN SECTION	698,00 €	0,00 €	698,00 €
MEMBERSHIP UK & IRELAND SECTION	727,00 €	0,00 €	727,00 €
<b>NET CURRENT MARGIN FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>100 591,00 €</b>	<b>99 550,00 €</b>	<b>1 041,00 €</b>

## **Annex 4: Changes in the by-laws to accommodate for the creation of the Latin America and Caribbean Superregional Association**

### **BY-LAWS**

The below specified by-laws follow from Article VII of the Constitution of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) which were agreed at the RSAI Council meeting in São Paulo March 2008.

In May 2012, at the RSAI Council meeting in Timisoara, the Council approved unanimously to change the text of by-law 5.

In November 2014, at the RSAI Council meeting in Washington, the Council approved unanimously to add the the by-law 7.

In August 2015, at the RSAI Council meeting in Lisbon, and in November 2015, at the RSAI Council meeting in Portland, the Council approved unanimously to change the text of by-law 3.

In November 2016, at the RSAI Council meeting in Minneapolis, the Council approved unanimously to change the text of by-laws 1 and 3.

### **By-law 1: Superregional Associations**

The superregional organizations recognized by RSAI are:

- The European Regional Science Association (ERSA), comprising sections in the European realm;
- The North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), comprising sections from North America;
- The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO), comprising sections in Asia (East, South East and South), Australasia and the Pacific Rim facing parts of the Americas.
- The Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association (LACRSA), comprising sections from Latin America and the Caribbean.

### **By-law 2: Branding of the RSAI**

*a. Name and logo of RSAI.* All conferences and workshop announcements and other activity related marketing communication of superregional organizations and their constituent sections should carry, together with their own logos and names, those of the RSAI. All web sites and other promotional material of member sections and superregional organizations should carry the RSAI name and logo and link to the RSAI site. Logos of the RSAI should also be included in all journals sponsored by or edited by national and/or language sections.

*b. RSAI presence at superregional meetings.* Time will be made available at all superregional and section meetings for a report from the President of RSAI or his/her representative on RSAI activities and developments. Such reporting should be scheduled as part of the formalities of the meeting. Incorporated into the formalities of the superregional conferences will be a time slot for the presentation of RSAI awards - e.g., announcement of new Fellows of the RSAI and presentation of plaques. Sections and the superregional organizations are encouraged to utilize RSAI Fellows as organizers of special sessions and presenters of keynote addresses in order to fully engage the RSAI Fellows in a scholarly leadership role.

### **By-law 3: RSAI Council Member Elections**

a. General rules. Officers of RSAI – the President, Vice-President, and the Executive Director – become members of the Council when elected to office and for the duration of their terms. 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. Presidents of the superregional organizations recognized by the RSAI also automatically become members of the RSAI Council for the period of their respective mandates.

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);
- 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 two (2) members;
  - The President or Executive Director of the North American Regional Science Council plus two (2) members;
  - The President of the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization plus two (2) members;
  - The President or Executive Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association (LACRSA) plus two (2) 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 nineteen (19), 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.

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.

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 later than December 1. Members of the Association shall be informed of results as soon as possible.

#### **By-law 5: RSAI President Elections**

a. President election procedure. The RSAI President shall be elected by the Council for a two-year term and confirmed by a vote of the entire active membership of the Association. To canvass suitable candidates for nomination, the Council establishes a "Nomination Committee" comprising the RSAI President, the RSAI Immediate Past-President, three members RSAI Council (one each from among the council members who are appointees of the three superregional organizations), and two members of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) recommended by the LRPC itself.

b. Criteria of the nominees. The nominees should satisfy the following criteria: a) financial resources sufficient to cover travel costs to perform RSAI duties; b) support from candidate's institution including relaxation of duties to enable President to travel as needed to execute RSAI business; c) RSAI Council experience (Council member experience) and/or other service to the regional science community (e.g., super regional and/or other sections, editor or one of the regional science journals, etc.).

c. Schedule of the nomination and election. The President Elect nomination committee shall be formed no later than the first year of the two-year term of the President and make a recommendation to Council at the second Council meeting of this same year. Upon receiving this recommendation, Council will select a nominee, who shall be confirmed by a vote of RSAI members no later than the end of the calendar year. The President-Elect and Vice-President shall start his/her appointment at the start of the next calendar year (i.e. the second year of the current President's term).

#### **By-law 6: Executive Director Elections**

a. Executive Director election procedure. The Executive Director of the Regional Science Association International shall be elected by the Council for a three-year term, that can be renewed twice according to the Council's needs, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. During the term of office, the Executive Director is a regular, voting member of the Council, eligible to vote on all matters coming before it with the exception of those concerning the election and conduct in office of the Executive Director. Normally the council would appoint a nomination committee to canvass the names of suitable potential candidates make a recommendation to the Council for consideration.

b. Criteria of the nominee. The nominee should satisfy the following criteria: a) financial resources sufficient to cover travel costs to perform RSAI duties; b) support from candidate's institution; appropriate experience in the management of a superregional or local section of the Association, and/or officer level involvement in another association, and a considerable commitment to the objectives and affairs of the Association.

#### **By-law 7: Treasurer and Financial Officer**

The Treasurer will be jointly responsible with the Executive Director for the finances of the RSAI. The tasks of the Treasurer include periodically overseeing the finances of the RSAI and reporting to Council and to the Council's standing Finance Committee about the financial situation of the Association.

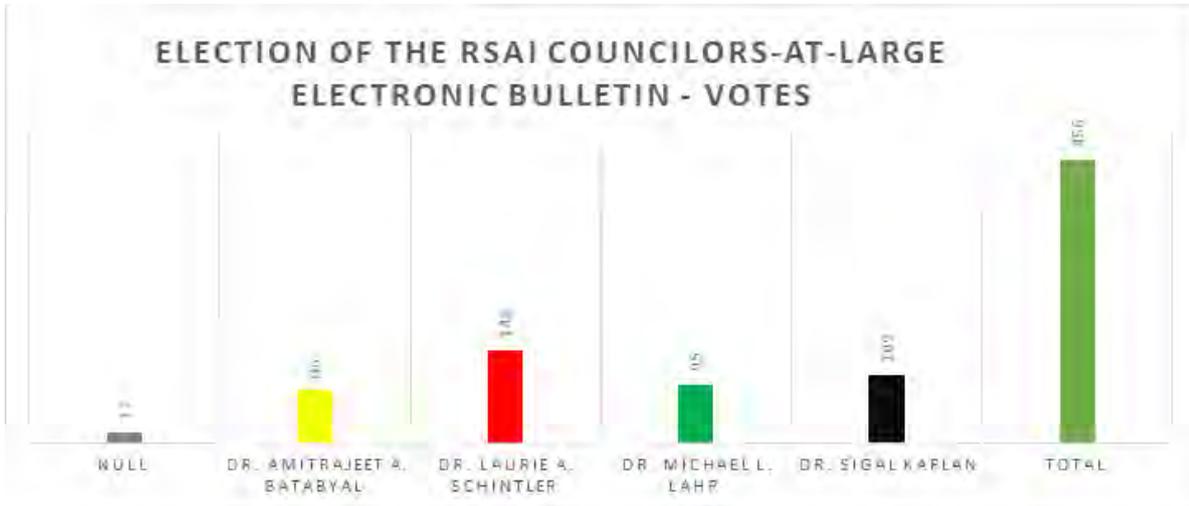
The Treasurer should be independent from the President and the Executive Director and will have access to all accounts of the Association, its budgets, and financial documents. S/he will participate in the steering of the Association's financial policies and will serve as a non-voting member of the Financial Committee.

The Executive Director may be assisted by a Financial Officer with capacity to run daily bank account operations and book-keeping. The Financial Officer and the Executive Director will provide the Treasurer with access to the Association's accounts, as well as all the necessary financial information in order to allow him or her to report to Council.

**Annex 5: Election of RSAI Officials**

**Annex 5a: Election of RSAI Officials – Councilors at Large**

The election to the RSAI Councilors-at-large closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 after a call on the 16-09-2016, a reminder on 03-10-2016, only for the member that do not vote until the date, and a last recall on 17-10-2016. Results are presented in the Graph below.



The winner and the new Councilor-at-large 2017-2019 is Dr. Laurie Schintler.

## **CANDIDATES FOR RSAI PRESIDENCY**

### **1. Patricio Aroca**



#### **Statement**

One of the main aims of the RSAI is to promote the growing in knowledge and influence of regional science in the academic, political and social realms. This job has been done extensively in the developed world, and it is easy to find its associates participating in publications, discussion and design of regional policies of all kind in governments, international association and recently in ONGs.

However, in developing countries that pace has been slower due to several reasons: the scientific community is smaller, the countries are highly centralized so that regional issues are still not as important as in developed countries, the institutions are weak, the existing scientific associations have been recently founded in some countries and in many others they simply do not exist, among others.

In contrast, it seems that where regional science and policies are needed the most are in the developing countries. Paradoxically, there are several characteristics or constraints that make regional science theories and models not to have the same explanatory power that they do have in developed countries.

In this context, my idea is that RSAI should increase their influence in developing countries, especially in Latin America, Middle East, Africa and the East European countries, expanding the current programs that promote workshops and seminars on those areas, to a more formal deal with the science-promoting agencies of those countries, as a way not only to foster regional science but also to bring knowledge and influence to the policy design focusing on promoting a more balance regional development.

It means, in addition to keep promoting the realization of the yearly meetings that currently are taking place around the world, encouraging publication in high quality journals and helping to create new country associations; the association should work towards making regional science a real worldwide field.

There are several ways to do this, but some that I will be willing to work in are the building of networks among the national agencies, international institutions and the most well-known scientists in our

associations that are willing to participate in this kind of initiative. The first group of countries that I will try will be the Latin American ones, where I expect to have a model for increasingly doing this in other continents. Recently, the Chilean agency for promoting science (CONICYT) has built an agreement with several developed countries for promoting specific sciences. However, regional science has not been part of that, and I think this is an area that may help bringing resources to the research in our field and, at the same time, it could foster collaboration between teams from developed and developing countries, as a joint grant that I just got with a German team to research about mining impact in Chile using CGE models.

Several years ago, I brought the issue to the RSAI council that the fact the regional science is not a formal science in many countries prevents its development, because it is not in the list of sciences for which countries are giving support. The Chilean case, where I have been participating closely has done some advance towards it. They give the accreditation to a master in Regional Science, and then scholarship for students get the degree. Now we have an association that every year brings more and better quality papers and also the formal structure is giving growingly support to the association. I think, I can help to replicate this path in other Latin American and developing countries.

In addition, each year more Chilean regional scientists attend to the supranational meeting of NARSC (RSAmericas), ERSA or PRSCO, most of them supported by the Chilean science agency.

What the association have to offer to the countries, that show interest in start a “business” relation with the RSAI, is a large group of senior researchers willing to participate in a program that might bring knowledge and valuable experience to improve the quality of the local regional science research, the capacity building due to the research team composed by local and RSAI researchers, valuable information for policy design and also policy assessments, related to regional issues.

Finally, I commit to attend to the main conference of the RSAI each year, taking care of the proper use of the budget that is approved by the council and promote the association and the regional science in developing countries, bringing new countries associations like Peru and Cuba in Latin America, and also some countries agreements focus on formal support of the research in regional science by the nationals and international agencies.

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### **PATRICIO AROCA**

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Patricio Aroca, Professor and Director of the Center for Regional Economics and Policy at Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar, Chile, and Associate Researcher of the Center for Conflict and Cohesion Studies of the Chilean National Fund for Science (CONICYT). He holds a bachelor degree in business from Universidad Austral de Chile (1983), a master in economics from Universidad de Chile (1987), a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1995).

He has been principal investigator of several projects: among which are the nucleus “Regional Science & Public Policy” of the Chilean Millennium Scientific Initiative (2008-2014), the research project of the Chilean FONDEF-CONICYT “Measuring the Impact and Spillover of Chilean Regional Investment” (2013-2015) and recently the joint grant CONICYT Chile - BMBF Germany, “Development of Sustainable Mining Strategies in Chile with a Regionalized National Model”. In addition, he has published in international journals like the World Bank Economic Review, Resources Policy, Journal of Regional Science, Papers in Regional Science, Annals of Regional Science, International Regional Science Review and his most recent edited book jointly with Juan Cuadrado-Roura “Regional Problems and Policies in Latin America” (2014) from Springer had more than 15.500 downloads. In addition, he has consulted for the World Bank, UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), IADB (Inter American Developing Bank) and CELADE-ECLAC (Latin American Center for Demography – Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean).

As part of several boards of the different RSAI associations, he has helped to found the Chilean, Argentinian, Colombian, Ecuadorian regional science association. He also participated actively in the foundation of the RSAmericas and the current approved proposal for the creation of the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Science Association, where his main role was to coordinate the Mexican and Brazilian association to get an agreement where both were willing to be part of the new association.

Currently, he is President of the Pacific Regional Science Council (2016-2017) and member of the board of Chilean Copper Commission (2014-2018). In addition, he has participated in the following boards:

2011 – 2013 President of the RSAmericas

2009 – 2011 Member of the Board, Chilean Economists Society (SECHI: Sociedad de Economistas de Chile)

2009 – 2013 Member of the Board, Regional Science Association International (RSAI)

2016 - 2017

2009 – 2013 Member of the Board, Chilean Society of Regional Science (SOCHER)

2008 – 2010 Member of the Board, Regional Science Association of the Americas (RSAmericas)

2008 – 2012 Member of the Board, Pacific Regional Science Council (PRSCO)

2006 – 2008 President of the Chilean Society of Regional Science (SOCHER).

### 3. Mark Partridge



#### Statement

##### To RSAI Council and RSAI President Search Committee:

I am greatly honored to be considered for RSAI President. I have been part of the regional science community for my entire career, and I owe much of my professional success to the regional science networks and mentorship that have supported me. I very much want to give something back and I believe I can provide effective leadership. Below I outline my qualifications and describe my leadership vision.

##### Qualifications and Experience.

Recognizing my strong overall commitment to regional science, the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) awarded me the 2013 David Boyce Award for service to regional science. Reflecting this service, I have substantial experience working with RSAI's four superregions and I have met or collaborated with virtually all of the major regional science players. One example is the Southern Regional Science Association, for which I served as a Council member and as President. I have also been on the NARSC Council and have been the NARSC/Regional Science Association of America's (RSA) representative on the RSAI Council for six years (I also served as *ex officio* member of RSA Council). In 2015, I served as NARSC Chair. I have been a member of the scientific committees for various European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congresses and RSAI World Congresses. Also, I have contributed to regional science conferences around the world including Western Regional Science, Pacific Regional Science, RSA, British and Irish section, etc. My international experience includes a stint as *Canada Research Chair for the New Rural Economy*, as well as being an adjunct professor/scholar in Canada, China, France, and Italy. In sum, I have intimate knowledge of our field's strengths and opportunities.

Another area of experience is my strong ties and personal relationships in China. I am an adjunct professor at Jinan University and I am one of the founding co-organizers of the highly successful International Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics Conference in China. It has been hosted by the top Chinese universities including Peking University, Tsinghua University, and Fudan University (it is at Xiamen University in 2017). I have strong personal and professional ties with the key Chinese regional science leaders. This network would prove invaluable in RSAI's efforts to create a section of RSAI in China, where personal relationships play an elevated role.

The Presidency of RSAI is, of course, not a research position. However, if the President is highly respected as an international scholar, this favorably reflects on his or her ability to provide academic leadership, as well as on the organization's global prestige. I believe that I am well positioned to provide that type of leadership. For instance, I was recently elected a Fellow of RSAI and I am a Fellow of Southern Regional Science Association. A paper in *Growth and Change* ranked my productivity #1 in terms of regional scientists worldwide between 2010-2014 (<https://ideas.repec.org/p/prs/mprapa/65593.html>). On IDEAS/REPEC, my 10-year ranking is roughly

in the top 1% in the world (<https://ideas.repec.org/top/>), and I am also listed as being in the top 10% of economists in Economic Geography; Urban & Real Estate Economics; Economics of Strategic Management; and Migration. I have published over 130 peer-reviewed journal articles and scores of other scholarly papers, book chapters, and policy briefs. They include papers in top journals such as the *American Economic Review* and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Other areas that have enhanced my international recognition include being a coeditor of the *Journal of Regional Science* since 2006 (Managing Editor since 2010), as well as Co-Editor of *Springer Briefs in Regional Science*. I serve on 11 journal/book editorial boards including *Papers in Regional Science*, *Growth and Change*, and the newly formed *Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science*. In sum, my experience is highly visible, is valued across the discipline, and has provided me extensive experience.

### **Leadership Style and Vision for RSAI.**

RSAI's key mission is to promote the growth and development of regional science around the world and to support the superregions and regional sections in achieving these goals. Closely related is RSAI's charge to raise the visibility and international status of regional science. In observing RSAI over the years, successful Presidents have been collaborative, humble, and transparent, and these qualities will also define my leadership style. The international umbrella role played by RSAI requires its President and leadership to consult and cooperate with one another; it also requires RSAI leadership to collaborate with the superregions and their associated sections in an open and supportive way. I have seen leaders of other academic associations face difficulties when they do not consult their broader leadership, with the President getting too far out in front. I want information to flow both ways—from the leadership of RSAI to the members/sections and from the sections and membership to RSAI's leadership. Critically, I would consult frequently with past RSAI Presidents and leaders of the superregions for advice in conducting the association's affairs, building collaborations, and offering support. To be sure, successful cooperation requires the association to have leadership that is diverse in terms of fields, geography, and gender.

I see several challenges and opportunities for RSAI in the coming years. As indicated before, creating a strong Chinese RSAI section is a high priority and an area with tremendous growth potential. I believe my personal contacts and relationships in China would accelerate this process to make a Chinese section a reality. Another opportunity/challenge is to strengthen existing sections globally, and to establish new ones throughout the world. There are many opportunities, with Asia and Latin America providing the most immediate prospects. With RSA being established as a Latin American superregions, this is a great chance to expand and strengthen Latin American sections. Now seems the time to reinvigorate the Mexican section to be an active RSA member (or within PRSCO or NARSC, but RSA seems more likely). I would work closely with RSA's leadership to provide whatever support and resources they need to take advantage of this opportunity and others. Likewise, Asia's is the fastest-growing regional science market in terms of absolute numbers and RSAI needs to provide similar support and resources to PRSCO to facilitate their development. Since RSA and PRSCO roles overlap in the Americas, this process needs to be thoughtful and collaborative to be successful.

There are many other opportunities for the association and among those that I would raise with Council are the following. First, RSAI could be more aggressive in organizing joint policy/research workshops and events to highlight the strengths and diversity of our membership, and regional science in general. This would somewhat mimic the Regional Studies Association's successful strategy in Europe. Working with our membership and superregions, we could arrange joint workshops at the World Bank, European Commission, OECD, etc. Regional science also suffers from an identity problem in that other academics and policymakers do not understand what we do. By planning joint events with other scientific organizations including those in transportation, environment, development, or planning, RSAI can provide another venue for our members' research dissemination while improving the prominence of regional science. A second promising area for the association is to develop formal sections in Africa and the Middle East. While there have been small "green shoots" in places such as Morocco and South Africa, formal sections have been slow to develop. Since these regions fall outside of our existing territory, RSAI should lead with the support of interested sections in organizing workshops, training, and scholarships.

Another opportunity/challenge is the reconsideration of World Congresses to make them more successful in promoting regional science on a global level and in attracting new members. RSAI has adopted a strategy of having World Congresses on a biannual basis in global cities that would be conducive to attracting top scholars to a regional science venue. Unfortunately, the two past World Congresses were thwarted due to safety concerns. We all agree that they remain a great opportunity to promote regional science and give our members another exciting conference venue. Yet, to make this work, RSAI needs to develop criteria for picking appropriate future locations and ensuring that all superregions feel they are benefitting from these opportunities. Likewise, RSAI Council in general should explore whether holding World Congresses every two years is optimal in pursuing our goals, without cannibalizing our other conferences. Another consideration is whether these conferences should be held in global cities or should be used to emphasize 'section-building' in less-developed regions.

I am greatly honored to be considered for RSAI President. If given the privilege to serve, I would mark my leadership by being collaborative and open to input from the leadership in our superregions and local sections. I am committed to diversifying and expanding regional science to new regions including Asia, Latin American and Africa. Using our extensive network, I would enhance the visibility and prestige of regional science and RSAI. Finally, I would prioritize increasing the opportunities for our members to participate in high-profile events with key policy institutions and other academic fields.

## CV

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#### EDUCATION:

Ph.D., 1991, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Economics.

M.A., 1987, University of Wyoming, Economics.

B.A., 1985, University of Montana, Economics.

#### ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS (Selected):

##### *Current*

2006- C. William Swank Chair in Rural-Urban Policy, Professor AEDE, The Ohio State University.

2016-: Dept. of Social Sciences, Urban Studies and Regional Science. Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy.

2015-: Adjunct Professor, Jinan University, Guangzhou China.

2010-: Affiliate for the Martin Prosperity Institute, University of Toronto.

2009-: Consultant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Economic Research Department.

##### *Previous*

2004-2006: Canada Research Chair in the New Rural Economy & Prof. of Agric. Econ., Univ. of Saskatchewan.

1995-2005: Professor of Economics, St. Cloud State University.

1993-1995: Assistant Professor of Economics, Georgia Southern University.

1991-1993: Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Montana.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

2004-2006: Director, Canada Rural Economy Research Lab (C-RERL), <[www.crerl.usask.ca](http://www.crerl.usask.ca)>.

1999-2001: Interim Director of the St. Cloud State Center for Economic Education.

#### Service, professional (selected)

2015: Chair, North American Regional Science Council.

2014-16: Elected Council Member, North American Regional Science Council.  
 Co-Editor *Journal of Regional Science*, 2007- Managing Editor since 2010; Editorial Board since 2005.  
 Co-Editor *Springer Briefs in Regional Science*. 2011-  
 2007-2012: Regional Science Assoc. Americas Representative to the Regional Science Assoc. International Council.  
 2007-2008: Chair Amer. Agric. Econ. Assoc. CENET Section (Community Economics Network).  
 2003-2004: President, Southern Regional Science Association, 2004-2005.  
 Editorial/Advisory Boards: *Papers in Reg. Sci.* 2016-18; *Annals of Reg. Sci.* 2010-; *Rev. of Reg. Studies*, 1999-; *Growth and Change*, 2007-; *Region et Developpement*; *J. of Reg. Analysis and Policy* 2009-; *Letters in Spatial and Res. Sci.* 2011-. *Handbook in Regional Science* 2011-; *Regional Studies, Regional Science* 2013-; *Frontiers in Reg. Sci.: Asian Persp.* 2013-.

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Title	Sponsor	Years	Budget
Spatial mismatches of jobs and workers	World Bank	2016-2018	\$300,000
Maximizing the Gains of Energy Develop.	USDA, AFRI.	2014-2017	\$499,976
<i>Places, Poverty and State Capacity</i>	<i>National Science Found.</i>	2013-2015	\$133,061
Mining and Appalachian Poverty	ARIES	2011-	\$257,558
Inter. Poverty Solutions Collab (Co-PI)	Ohio State	2010-2014	\$3,750,000
Leveraging amenities in Great Lakes region	NOAA/Sea Grant	2010-2013	\$180,000
Identifying Candidates for Place-Policy	SSHRC-Canada	2010-2011	\$75,000
Developing Distress Indicators	Appalach. Reg Comm	2008-2009	\$74,783
Measuring Distress in Appalachia	Appalach. Reg Comm	2007-2008	\$51,450
Mapping the Rural-Urban Interface	Infrastructure Canada	2006-2008	\$250,000+ \$160,000in-kind
Growth in the New Rural Economy	Saskatchewan Industry	2004-2006	\$250,000
Regional Database of Tech. Adoption	Canada Fund for Innov.	2004-2006	\$320,819
Research Chair in the New Rural Econ.	Canada, SSHRC	2004-2006	\$1,400,000

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## *Request for Proposals*

### **Synopsis**

The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) aims to hold a world congress at least once every four years. Unfortunately, the last two planned congresses – in Bangkok in 2014 and in Istanbul in 2016 – had to be cancelled due to security concerns in the host cities at the time. RSAI considers world congresses an important instrument for furthering its mission of global advancement of regional analysis and related spatial and areal studies for the benefit of society. RSAI therefore calls for proposals to host a world congress in 2018. Potential hosts are RSAI Supra-Regionals, Sections or Members that have a proven track record of hosting conferences and related events. A world congress may be held concurrently with another event or as a standalone event. Proposals must be submitted by Friday December 16, 2016, 23:59 GMT. Proposals are evaluated by a Committee of RSAI Council. Based the Committee's recommendation, Council will make a decision by Friday January 20, 2017, 23:59 GMT. This document outlines the application process, organisation and expected outcomes regarding the 2018 world congress.

28 October 2016

### **Preamble**

The World Congress of the RSAI was initiated in 1980, at a time when the organization had already established a tradition of annual supra-regional conferences in North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim through the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) and the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) respectively.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the world congress is twofold: firstly, to create an opportunity for bridging the networks

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<sup>1</sup> PRSCO conferences are biennially in every odd calendar year, with smaller Summer Institutes held in the in-between even calendar years.

established by the supra-regional organisations (which since 2016 also includes the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association, LACRSA), and, secondly, to provide a scientifically and socially attractive event for first entry into the RSAI networks for postgraduate students and scholars from parts of the world where the supra-regionals and their constituent sections have little or no representation.

RSAI congresses until 2012 have been held four-yearly since 1980 (with the exception of the one held in Israel in 1989 rather than 1988). The years and venues have been:

1980 1st – Cambridge Mass. (Harvard University), USA

1984 2nd – Rotterdam (Erasmus University), Netherlands

1989 3rd – Jerusalem (Kibbutz Ramat Rachel), Israel

1992 4th – Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1996 5th – Tokyo (Rissho University), Japan

2000 6th – Lugano, Ticino, Switzerland

2004 7th – Port Elizabeth, South Africa

2008 8th – Sao Paulo, Brazil

2012 9th – Timisoara, Romania

In 2012 Council appointed a working party, chaired by the then RSAI President Jean-Claude Thill, to review the world congress policy. The working party made a number of recommendations, including holding the world congress every two years.

Consequently, a 2014 world congress was organised to be held May 26-30 in Bangkok, Thailand. However, this congress had to be cancelled due to a military coup taking place just before the congress dates. Similarly, a 2016 world congress was organised to be held April 25-28 in Istanbul, but had to be postponed initially – and subsequently cancelled – due to safety concerns linked to terrorist activity in Turkey. It is clear that this very unfortunate sequence of events was impossible to foresee during planning of the last two congresses, given that both host cities had a longstanding reputation of being safe destinations for global events.

To meet its objectives and to ensure that its membership receives the services it expects from the organization, RSAI is now committed to running a successful world congress in 2018.

## Criteria for a successful 2018 world congress

1. Most importantly, the world congress should aim to have significant participation from members of Sections of all four supra-regional organisations – ERSA, LACRSA, NARSC and PRSCO.
2. The conference should also endeavour to attract regional scientists resident in countries in which no RSAI Section has yet been established. Subsidies may be available to selected applicants for participation through RSAI's "Building Bridges" programme.
3. RSAI's long-run objective is to organise a world congress with 1000 participants or more at least once every four years. However, given the limited planning time available of 12-20 months before the 2018 congress, there is no expectation of such a large congress in 2018 (although proposals with that goal will be considered). Instead, the event is expected to attract 300-500 participants.
4. The 2018 World Congress may be held as a standalone event. Alternatively, proposals may suggest to organise it jointly or "back-to-back" with another event. Such a joint or back-to-back event could be an RSAI Section meeting, a supra-regional congress, or an event held jointly with other organisations with similar objectives or networks.
5. The proposed dates of the congress must be such that they do not clash with other events that aim to attract the same regional science community, unless a joint conference is envisaged.
6. The conference should be held at an easily accessible location in a globally accessible city.
7. Accommodation should be available at the conference venue (when the conference is held at a hotel or convention centre). Alternatively, a range of affordable accommodation should be available within 15 minutes walking from the venue.
8. The congress should include plenary sessions of interest to the global scientific community. The overall conference theme and the selection of keynote speakers should reflect this. Of course, local perspectives and concerns may be interwoven with global perspectives and concerns.
9. Proposals should include initiatives to encourage participation from developing countries and from other countries in which no RSAI Sections have yet been established. RSAI can assist financially in meeting this objective through its

“Building Bridges” programme but other funding initiatives (e.g. subsidies for participating postgraduate students) are also encouraged.

10. The programme should include one or more workshops for professional development of emerging scholars and postgraduate students, who may not be in a position to contribute a full paper to the formal scientific programme.
11. The working language of the congress is English but proposals may include arrangements for simultaneous translation of plenary sessions where this is deemed to be desirable.
12. Proposals should include a risk assessment regarding contingencies that could impact on the viability and success of the congress. Ways in which potential risks can be managed should be outlined.

### **Conference Organisation**

1. RSAI establishes a 2018 World Congress Executive Committee (WCEC18) which will have oversight over all aspects of the world congress. In accordance with Article 5, Section 3 of the RSAI Constitution, this committee is chaired by the RSAI Executive Director. Other members of WCEC18 are the chair of the Local Organising Committee (see below), the President of RSAI, who chairs of the Scientific Programme Committee (see below), and two other Council members. WCEC18 co-ordinates the various tasks and has overall responsibility for the scientific and financial success of the congress.
2. WCEC18 will establish a Scientific Programme Committee (SPC), which will be chaired by the President of RSAI. Besides the chair, the five-person SPC will consist of one senior scholar from each of the four supra-regionals. SPC will select offered papers and ensure the scientific quality of the programme. This committee may call upon a much larger number of RSAI scholars to assist in selecting papers for presentation.
3. The RSAI Supra-Regional, Section or Member submitting the world congress proposal will appoint a Local Organising Committee (LOC) and appoint its chair. The LOC is responsible for all logistical aspects of the congress and arrangements with local suppliers. The RSAI Office and the LOC will draw up a full budget for the congress and recommend a schedule of registration fees to WCEC18.
4. RSAI Office will provide the website on which all congress information can be found and downloaded, and the portal through which abstracts, papers, registrations and the programme can be managed.

5. For the services it provides, RSAI Office charges a commission equal to 20% of all registration fees received. The remaining registration revenue is transferred to the legal entity representing the LOC. Any anticipated sponsorship monies will be included in the budget.
6. The RSAI supra-regional, section or member institution which makes the world congress proposal underwrites the financial viability of the congress. The disbursement of any funds held by the LOC after the congress has been held is a matter of negotiation between the parties concerned, with negotiations being co-ordinated by WCEC18.
7. All arrangements for the organising of the World Congress will be formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU will be signed by the President of RSAI, the Executive Director, the Chair of the LOC and the person representing the legal entity through which the LOC operates.

## **Application Process**

1. Proposals should address each of the 12 criteria for hosting the 2018 world congress outlined above. However, it is understood that some of the information provided by the congress proposers (such as names of suggested keynote speakers, sponsorship, etc.) will be tentative at the time the proposal is submitted.
2. Proposals should include a list of the key people involved in organising the congress, a draft congress plan (including dates, location and schedule), a detailed draft budget (including a schedule of registration fees) and a suggested range of accommodations and charges.
3. The acceptance of a proposal by RSAI Council does not constitute a binding agreement between the two parties. The subsequently drawn up MOU, which is guided by the proposal, will constitute a binding agreement.
4. Proposals should be submitted by email to [rsai@apdr.pt](mailto:rsai@apdr.pt) by Friday December 16, 2016, 23:59 GMT.
5. A decision regarding the 2018 World Congress will be made by Council on or before Friday January 20, 2017, 23:59 GMT.

**Annex 7: Supra regional and sections**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING BETWEEN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RSAI AND PRESIDENT OF RSAC**

**Date:** Nov. 8, 2016 (4:00-6:00pm)

**Place:** Room 501, School of Government,  
Peking University, Beijing, China

**Attended:** Tomaz Ponce Dentinbo (Executive Director of RSAI)

Yang Kaizhong (President of RSAC),

Sun Jiuwen , Shi Minjun, Cai Mantang, Wen Yuyuan,

Feng Tingting

**Subject:** Organizational Structure and Membership of RSAC  
in RSAI

Prof. Yang Kiazhong, the President of the Regional Science Association of China (RSAC) introduced to Prof. Tomaz Ponce Dentinbo, Executive Director of Regional Science Association International (RSAI) the history and current state of RSAC. Prof. Dentinho also introduced the current membership status and operation of RSAI before the meeting moved to a critical discussion on how China could join RSAI, including both the organizational and membership arrangement, as well as the relationship with Taiwan's presence in RSAI.

On the organizational arrangement of RSAC, there are two options: RSAC as a section of RSAI directly, or building up a super region of Asia through a joint efforts of China, India, Japan, Central Asian countries, and other South and Southeast Asian countries. In fact, RSAC has set up an informal mechanism for academic exchange in Asia. In the last 6 years, annual conferences of regional science in Asia were organized with participation from China, Japan, Republic of Korea.

RSAC has around 1000 members. However, as for the language issue, there are only part of the members interested in joining RSAI at this stage. The estimated number

of RSAC member who are interested in joining RSAI is around 100-200 at initial stage. However, there will be more members joining later, particularly the young scholars.

Another issue concerning the subject is the current presence of Taiwan scholars in RSAI. It is not acceptable for the Chinese government to have both China and Taiwan in any international organizations. Therefore, we need to set down "Taiwan" issue as well. It is recommended that we can learn the experience from IGO regarding this issue.

After a detailed discussion, both sides agreed the following:

- 1) Membership of RSAC in RSAI: As the first step, part of members of RSAC will become registered members of RSAI, and the estimated number of members who will join RSAI is 100-200. The actual number of members will be available after a survey among all the members. RSAC will encourage more RSAC members to join RSAI.
- 2) RSAC will become part of RSAI directly, not through PRSCO. RSAC prefer to work with other Asian countries, and set up a super region of Asia for RSAI.
- 3) The condition of RSAC join RSAI is that "Taiwan" or "Republic of China" must not be a section in RSAI. We could learn from IGO the way they set down this issue.

## **Annex 8: RSAI Publications**

### **Annex 8.1: PIRS Editorial Board**

#### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **ANTONIO PÁEZ**

Accurate as of October, 2016

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**Ph.D.** (September 2000) Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University, Japan.

Thesis: Applied Statistical Analysis of Geographically Detailed Data with Emphasis on Spatial Effects.

**Master of Information Science** (September 1997) Graduate School of Information Science, Tohoku University, Japan.

Thesis: Evaluation of Environmental Changes Caused by Urbanization.

**B.Eng.** Civil Engineering (December 1993) Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico, with honors.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

##### **Academic:**

*Professor* (July 2014 – present) School of Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University, Canada.

*Associate Professor* (July 2007 – present) School of Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University, Canada.

*Assistant Professor* (July 2002 – June 2007) School of Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University, Canada.

*Research Fellow – Lecturer* (October 2000 – March 2002) Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Tohoku University, Japan.

*Instructor* (January 1993 – December 1993) Topographical Survey Laboratory, Dept. of Civil Engineering. Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico.

##### **Current Status at McMaster:**

Professor, School of Geography and Earth Sciences (July, 2014 – present)

## **Annex 8.3: RSAI Publications**

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## Seventeenth and Final Report to the RSAI Council

I accepted an invitation to be the Archivist of the RSAI in December 1998. My last full report to the RSAI Council was in November 2014. In January 2015, I suffered a stroke. Although there were no physical or apparent mental effects, my life has changed since then. I now consider myself 'fully retired.' I have also given up my plan to write a sequel to Walter Isard's *History of Regional Science*. My paper, 'A short history of the field of Regional Science' will likely suffice (*Papers in Regional Science*, 83 (1), 31-57, 2004).

In 2015 at the Portland Meetings, I did not make a report. This report will be my last one to the Council. In Atlanta in 2013, Peter Batey and I discussed a succession plan for him to take over the Archivist duties. There has been no correspondence since, and my recent email to him has not been answered so far.

### Archival of RSAI Websites

About 40 websites of the RSAI and its various subdivisions were archived five or more times during the past years by the RSAI Archives at Cornell University Library at no cost to RSAI. These website data will be saved indefinitely. The efforts of webmasters of RSAI sections, supranational organizations and the RSAI itself are gratefully acknowledged. The websites may be accessed at the following URL.

<http://www.archive-it.org/collections/3134?fc=websiteGroup%3AArchitecture+%26+Planning>

### Other Matters

Members of Council should keep in mind that donations of notes and records of participation in RSAI organizational matters are always welcome. Materials may be sent to Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library, 2B Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5301. Questions concerning what materials are appropriate for archiving should be addressed to the Archivist. In general, all original materials (letters, papers, notes, etc.) pertaining to RSAI business should be archived.

Since my last report, the following members and associates of RSAI have died:

William L. Garrison died on Feb. 1, 2015 at the age of 90.

[Horváth Gyula \(1951-2015\) at the age of 63.](#)

Dorel Ailenei died on June 3, 2015 at the age of 56.

Rolf Funck died on August 24, 2015 at the age of 85.

Pavlos Kanaroglou died on May 13, 2016 at the age of 68.

Beth Carbonneau, formerly Assistant to the RSAI Director, died on Feb. 3, 2016; she was 76.

## **Annex 9: RSAI Awards**

### **9.1 – Peter Nijkamp Award**

#### Assessment

- . The RSAI has 4 awards/prizes, viz. Founder's Medal, Fellows appointment, Beckmann Award and PNREA.
- . The current composition of the RSAI award system is rather unbalanced and not very transparent.
- . The Founder's Medal and Fellows appointment are clear signs of recognition and do not need a change, though they cover a limited target group.
- . The Beckmann Award seems to be ok, though it is rather limited, as it only relates to PiRS articles.
- . The PNREA is not properly functioning at all. Not only is the scope very limited, but - more importantly - it has no appeal and outreach at all for the (rather restricted) target group (early career researchers from developing countries, full-time employed by an academic institution in a developing country, member of an existing RSAI section in that country, and an outstanding potential). These conditions are very restrictive and mean in reality that hardly anyone is nominated. Several early career researchers from the developing world appear to work in OECD countries and hence do not qualify. In addition, the image of this award is low, as the connotation 'developing country' is negative. The prestige attached to this prize is so low that in reality this Award has only been given twice in 10 years, even though the prize could have been awarded many times! It is indicative that in many years even 0 candidates were proposed. Clearly, the PNREA has no outreach and carries no prestige. In the light of these observations on the low exposure of this Award, I feel that a continuation of the PNREA is not justified anymore.

#### Proposal

- . Discontinue the present PNREA and seek for a more prestigious prize.
- . Introduce a new, more attractive and more visible Award that inspires and encourages the Regional Science field.
- . Focus on the next generation of regional scientist who will shape the future of Regional Science.
- . Create a RISING STAR Award for an early or mid-career scientist (up to the level of Associate Professor), based on strict quality criteria, irrespective of the country of origin. This target group is not served in the current RSAI prize systems.
- . The main aim of this Award is to identify, recognize and encourage a young researcher who has made an original and significant contribution to the theory or methodology of Regional Science or to the development of novel or effective regional development policy concepts.
- . The future of Regional Science is best served by supporting and encouraging the development of new scholarly perspectives from the next gen that will create fresh ideas, irrespective of any national or disciplinary background. This RISING STAR Award will not only contribute to quality enhancement in Regional Science research, but will also stimulate and attract young researchers.
- . The advantage of this amended and more ambitious PNREA prize is also that it does not create a competition with existing RSAI or supraregional awards.
- . After approval by the Council, the Terms of Reference of this new RISING STAR Award would have to be formulated by a small committee.

## 9.2 – RSAI Dissertation Award

Dear Tomaz, I am pleased to report that the final winner and two runner-ups for the 2016 RSAI Best Dissertation Award have been selected unanimously. I would also like to officially thank all our three reviewers, Eveline, Maciej and JP for their time, efforts, and dedication to the field of regional science. I will be in contact with the winners and invite/encourage them to attend the ceremony during the NARSC meeting.  
Best, Shaoming

### Review panel

Professor Eveline Van Leeuwen from VU University Amsterdam Professor Turała Maciej from University of Lodz, Poland Professor JiYoung Park from University at Buffalo

### Winner:

Michiel van Meeteren

Graduated from Ghent University, Belgium

Title: From Polycentricity to a Renovated Urban Systems Theory: Explaining Belgian Settlement Geographies

Advisor: Ben Derudder

### Runner-ups:

Zhaoya Gong

Graduated from University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Title: Multiscalar Modeling of Polycentric Urban-Regional Systems: Economic Agglomeration, Scale Dependency and Agent Interactions

Advisor: Jean-Claude Thill

### Elco Koks

Graduated from VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands

Title: Economic Modelling for Flood Risk Assessment

Advisor: Jeroen Aerts

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## 9.4 – Proposal for the Fellows' Award Committee

### Diego Puga

(PhD London School of Economics) is Professor of Economics at CEMFI. His research interests include urban economics, economic geography and international trade. His work has been published in top general journals in Economics (including American Economic Review, Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and Review of Economic Studies) as well as in top field journals. These articles have been cited over 3,000 times (in articles included in Scopus, more than 11,000 times in Google Scholar). His h-index is 19 and he has 10 publications with more than 100 citations each (in Scopus). He has been awarded two Grants by the European Research Council (an Advanced Co-investigator Grant with Andrés Rodríguez-Pose in 2010, and an Advanced Grant in 2015). In 2008 he received the Fundación Banco Herrero Prize (awarded annually to a Spanish researcher under the age of 40 for outstanding contributions to economics or social sciences). He is a Fellow of

the Regional Science Association International and a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), where he was co-director of the International Trade and Regional Economics Programme between 2007 and 2016. He previously held academic positions at the London School of Economics, the University of Toronto, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and IMDEA Social Sciences.

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1973-1977 B.A. Urban Planning, University of Tokyo

1977-1979 M.A. Urban Planning, University of Tokyo

1980-1983 Ph.D. Urban Planning, Harvard University

#### Experience

1979-1980 Research Associate, University of Tsukuba

1983-1988 Assistant Professor, University of Tsukuba

1988-1991 Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba

1991-1996 Associate Professor, Kyoto University

1996-1998 Associate Professor, University of Tokyo

1998- Professor, University of Tokyo

#### Honor

Fellow, Regional Science Association International since 2008

Honorary Professor, Nanjing Audit University, 2016

#### Editorial and other board memberships

Associate Editor: Journal of Regional Science

Editorial Board: Papers in Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics

#### Publications

Articles in Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Urban Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Economic Geography, International Journal of Economic Theory, Economic Theory, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, International Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Annals of Regional Science, Japanese Economic Review, Land Economics, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Regional Studies, Environment and Planning A, Geographical Analysis.

## **9.5 Nomination for the Kohno Award**

Professor Andrés Rodríguez-Pose  
President of the RSAI

Dear Andrés,

this letter is to nominate Folke Snickars as a strong candidate for the Hirotada Kohno Award. Information required by the nomination form follows on separate pages.

With best wishes,

Peter Batey

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Geoffrey Hewings

Emeritus Professor of Geography and  
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Peter Nijkamp

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## **Nomination of Dr. Folke Snickars for the Hirotada Kohno Award**

**Nominated by Peter Batey, Manfred M. Fischer, Geoffrey Hewings, Peter Nijkamp and Hans Westlund**

We would like to nominate Dr. Folke Snickars for the Hirotada Kohno Award for Outstanding Service to the RSAI

### **Brief BIO**

Folke Snickars is Emeritus Professor of Regional Planning at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. He obtained his Ph.D. in Optimisation from the same institution in 1978. Folke Snickars worked as a Deputy Leader of the Regional Development Group, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria, during 1980-1982. He became the first Director of the Centre for Regional Science Research, University of Umea in 1983 and was Adjunct Professor of Applied Regional Systems Analysis at that university 1983-1985. Since 1985 he is Professor of Regional Planning at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology.

During 1993-2003, Folke Snickars was first Chairman for the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, and then Dean of the School of Industrial Management and the Built Government of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology. He worked as the elected Faculty Dean of the KTH Royal Institute of Technology 2003-2011. In this capacity he was responsible for academic matters across the institutes and for recruitment and promotion of academic faculty. He is currently the Chairman of the Stockholm Region Academic Forum.

Folke Snickars is a long-standing member of the Regional Science Association International and several of its constituent organizations. He has been a member of RSAI since 1973, and has participated in numerous regional science conferences and workshops around the world.

### **Service to RSAI**

Folke Snickars has served in leading organizational and scientific positions of the Regional Science community for over 40 years.

In the mid-80s Folke Snickars activated the Nordic section of the regional science association. He became a member of ERSA's Organisation Committee (EOC) in 1985, and he organised the European regional science congress in Stockholm 1988. During the period 1989-1995 Folke Snickars served as President of the European Regional Science Association. A major achievement by Folke Snickars as President of ERSA was the extension of ERSA to new countries outside the earlier European core. He also had the strategy of broadening the disciplinary participation in the yearly conferences as well as supporting initiatives to organise special congresses in individual sections throughout the years. During his term as President he was instrumental, together with other ERSA members, in establishing several new sections of ERSA: Portugal 1990, Russia 1991 (activating a "sleeping section"), Slovakia 1994, and Croatia 1995. The number of participants in the congresses increased steadily during the early 1990s partly as a result of strategically choosing venues in cities where sections had large memberships and showed high activity.

It was under his leadership that ERSA started its expansion of sections and activities in Eastern Europe. One example of Snickars' active leadership is that the international economic transactions for the ERSA congress in Moscow 1993 were handled by his Department at KTH.

Folke Snickars, moreover, was European editor of the Papers in Regional Science 1993-1994 and then went to become Editor-in-Chief 1995-1997. He also has been one of the founding editors of the Springer book series "Advances in Spatial Science", the flagship Regional Science book series.

### **Reasons for Nomination**

Folke Snickars has been a tireless supporter and active contributor to regional science in many different roles. He is very well known for his outstanding service contributions and accomplishments, and it seems timely and appropriate to honour his many service contributions to regional science.