


NEWS AND INFORMATION

RSAI President's Message

Now that the new universal membership arrangements and the transfer of the Papers in Regional Science to Blackwell are in place, it is now the time for RSAI to start to think about how member services can be improved and possibly expanded. The new universal membership arrangements mean that our constituency is not only much larger but also more diverse in interests. Up until now RSAI has mainly focused on the traditional concerns of a largely academic association, and especially with promoting regional science research. We have a widely recognised world class journal in the papers. Through the three supra-regional bodies - NARSC, ERSA and PRSCO - and the many country and regional sections of RSAI, a large number of conferences are held each year which provide an almost continuous stream of opportunities for regional scientists to meet and present the results of their research.

Part of the 'deal' by which past-President Antoine Bailly 'sold' the universal membership proposal to the many diverse local RSAI sections was that RSAI would be able to provide a greater range of member benefits. We now need to start the strategic planning to turn that into a reality.

Universal membership brings a much more diverse group of interests to our RSAI community. That ranges from scholars with a strongly theoretical and modeling bent to scholars and regional development practitioners who are more concerned with the application of regional science models and analysis tools to the development of policy and the implementation of strategy plans and programs for regional growth and development and to enhance human services provision and the quality of life of people in regions and local communities.

How might we best serve this diversity of these interests is the challenge we now face in

RSAI? Enhancing and expanding the RSAI web-site and its linkages is one possibility. Another might be to develop a new journal in regional development policy and practice. Yet another might be the wider involvement of public policy and practitioner people, as well as business people, in RSAI activities by explicit incorporation of seminars on 'applications' within RSAI conferences and symposia. And yet another might be for RSAI to initiate awards to recognise excellence in leadership in developing and implementing strategy and projects in regional development.

From within the ever-growing membership of RSAI with the transition to universal membership, there will be many good ideas you, the members of our regional science community, will have as to how our organisation can better serve you. Let us have your ideas. Send them to Graham Clarke, our Executive Secretary, at G.P.Clarke@leeds.ac.uk.

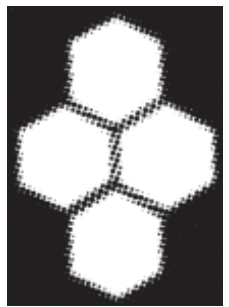
At the coming series of meetings of the RSAI Council and the Long Range Planning Committee that are to be held in association with the Tokyo PRSCO, Amsterdam ERSA, Las Vegas NARSC meetings of RSAI, we will be addressing these issues in order to develop a strategy, to implement from 2006, to improve and extend our services to members.

The number of RSAI members now stands at over 2500. We are continuing to work with sections on universal membership and more details will be given in the next newsletter on progress during 2005.

Robert Stimson

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RSAI MOURNS BRITTON HARRIS

C. Britton Harris, FAICP, Emeritus Professor of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania, died February 8 from complications of pneumonia at the age of 90.

Brit received a BA from Wesleyan University in 1935, and an MA from the Planning Program at the University of Chicago in 1951. Prior to working at the University of Pennsylvania, his planning work included service with the Chicago Housing Authority and the government of Puerto Rico. He became UPS Professor of Planning, Transportation, and Public Policy in 1972, and retired from full-time work in 1984. In 1991 the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning awarded Brit its Distinguished Educator Award. In 2000, in recognition of his work, the American Institute of Certified Planners inducted Brit into its College of Fellows.

Brit participated in the founding meeting of the Regional Science Association in 1954, and served as its President in 1967. He was also a participant at the 50th North American Meeting in Philadelphia in 2003, and many, many North American Meetings during those 50 years. He continued to present papers at meetings during the 1980s and 1990s. In regional science, he made many contributions to land use and transportation modeling. Most recently he related the use of microcomputers and geographic information systems to his other interests.

Brit is survived by his wife Ruth, his three children, Jared (Wendy Martin), Katherine and Ellen Harris (Gianni Benvenuti) and one granddaughter, Laurel Martin-Harris. He is also survived by a sister Margaret Zorach.

RSAI MOURNS GABRIEL LIPSHITZ

It is with great sadness that the Israeli section reports the passing of one of their revered members Professor Gabriel (Gabi) Lipshitz at the age of 55. Gabi sustained a severe stroke six years ago that left him in a coma from which he never recovered. His academic work focused on regional inequalities and the impact of international population movements and his volume on this subject, *Country on the Move; Migration to and Within Israel 1948-1995* (Kluwer 1998) was published shortly before he suffered his stroke. Gabi attended many European regional science congresses and was very instrumental in organizing the Israeli-Netherlands bi-national regional science workshop that took place in Tel Aviv in 1997 on the topic of *The Impact of Structural Change on Regional Growth*. He is survived by his wife Deborah and their four children.



AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

RSAI DISSERTATION COMPETITION

The Association invites the submission of dissertations completed in 2004/05 in the field of Regional Science to the annual competition. Two copies of the dissertation and a letter of nomination from the research supervisor should be sent to Professor Antonio Paez, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton ON L8S 4K1, Canada. For further information, please contact Prof. Paez at paezha@mcmaster.ca.

6TH ANNUAL BENJAMIN H. STEVENS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN REGIONAL SCIENCE TO XIAOKUN WANG, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Xiaokun Wang, a doctoral student in the graduate program in Civil Engineering, in the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, has been selected as the winner of the competition for the sixth annual Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science. The Fellowship will provide a \$24,000, one-year stipend to support Wang in her research on an integrated transportation-land use model for predicting urban futures, targeting investments, crafting public policy, and facilitating air quality modeling efforts. Her research will emphasize spatial econometric modeling methods for analysis of satellite data from the Austin, Texas region. Her research is supervised by Associate Professor Kara M. Kockelman, who writes that Xiaokun's contributions clearly demonstrate her outstanding investigative abilities, productivity, and intellectual flexibility in the area of transportation modeling and regional science.

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

The Stevens Fellowship is administered on behalf of the North American Regional Science Council by a committee chaired by Ronald Miller, Regional Science Program, University of Pennsylvania. The 2004-2005 Stevens Fellowship competition was judged by a committee led by Michael Lahr, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University. Other committee members are: David Boyce, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Northwestern University; Maureen Kilkeny, Economics, Iowa State University; Janice Madden, Regional Science and Sociology, University of Pennsylvania; and Bruce Newbold, Geography, McMaster University.

The Committee thanks all students who entered the competition this year, as well as their thesis supervisors. Faculties at all North American Ph.D. programs are asked to encourage their best students to apply for the Seventh Annual Stevens

Graduate Fellowship, which will support the winning student's thesis research in the field of Regional Science for the 2006-2007 year. The application deadline is February 15, 2006. Full submission guidelines will be posted at <http://www.narsc.org/narsc/bapp.html>



COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

POPULATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REVIEW SPECIAL ISSUE ON SPATIAL DEMOGRAPHY: CALL FOR PAPERS

Aims and Scope of this Special Issue

The goal of this special issue is to introduce demographers to new analytical approaches involving demographic data that are spatially referenced. It is anticipated that most articles will use U.S. census data, although other types of data (e.g., disease incident events or crime events) are solicited, and similar kinds of data and analyses from other countries are quite welcome. Analytical papers that address issues of large-scale spatial heterogeneity and small-scale spatial dependence and include specification and estimation of spatial models (including space-time models and hierarchical models involving a level of spatially aggregated data) will be given preference for manuscript acceptance, although the standard peer-review process, the usual publication standards and formatting requirements of Population Research and Policy Review remain in place. Maps and graphs should be prepared for B&W (grayscale) printing.

Proposals

Please submit a 300 to 500 word proposal for your paper to the guest editor, Paul R. Voss, by July 29, 2005. A plain text abstract in e-mail or an attached document either in MSWord (.doc) or WordPerfect (.wpd) is required. Send queries and proposals to: specprpr@olemiss.edu

Please note that proposals are not an absolute prerequisite for submitting a paper. However, they are strongly preferred as they will help the guest editor to shape the special issue and help you plan your paper. If you miss the proposal submission deadline, please contact the guest editor at specprpr@olemiss.edu to let him know you intend to submit a paper.

Paper Submissions

Authors should submit an electronic copy (in MSWord or WordPerfect format) by e-mail, with full contact details to specprpr@olemiss.edu. Manuscript preparation and style must follow the usual guidelines of Population Research and Policy Review. Please consult "Instructions to Authors" at <http://www.fsu.edu/~sda/sdapr2.html>

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RECENT BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF RSAI

Polèse, M. and R. Shearmur, *Économie Urbaine et Régionale: Introduction à la Géographie Économique* (2nd edition) Economica, Paris, 2005. price: 30 Euros.
ISBN 2-7178-4929-7

ADVANCES IN SPATIAL SCIENCE: 2004 PUBLICATIONS

The following titles were published under the series of Advances in Spatial Science during 2004 from Springer-Verlag.

Roy, J. *Spatial Interaction Modelling: A Regional Science Context*. (ISBN: 3-540-20528-4;
<http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,5-102-22-20766180-0,00.html?changeHeader=true>)

Beuthe, M., V. Himanen, A. Reggiani, and L. Zamparini (Eds.) *Transport Developments and Innovations in an Evolving World*. (ISBN: 3-540-00961-2;
<http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,5-172-22-18192468-0,00.html?changeHeader=true>)

Okuyama, Y. and S.E. Chang (Eds.) *Modeling Spatial and Economic Impacts of Disasters*. (ISBN: 3-540-21449-6;
<http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,5-172-22-29965826-0,00.html?changeHeader=true>)

Anselin, L., R.J.G.M. Florax, and S.J. Rey (Eds.) *Advances in Spatial Econometrics. Methodology, Tools and Applications*. (ISBN: 3-540-43729-0;
<http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,5-172-22-29964114-0,00.html?changeHeader=true>)

Florax, R.J.G.M. and D.A. Plane (Eds.) *Fifty Years of Regional Science*. (ISBN: 3-540-22361-4; <http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,5-172-22-34529253-0,00.html?changeHeader=true>)



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF RSAI,
JANUARY 6-8, 2006, BANGALORE, INDIA

This RSAI international symposium seeks to bring together regional scientists from all over the world with the aim to review the existing body of knowledge on the above mentioned issues, to explore new analytical endeavours and to pave the road to effective policy-making in a hitherto largely unexplored research domain. The main theme of this symposium is: Spatial Dynamics, Technological Innovation and Emerging Economies. Other questions and issues to be covered at this symposium are:

- Regions as poles for international competition and growth
- Cities as geographical centres of sustainable development and entrepreneurial behavior
- Population density in urban areas, including demographic development and migration
- Urban areas as breeding places for technological change and spatial dynamics
- Transport and communication as strategic vehicles for spatial competitiveness
- Environmental conditions and resource availability as facilitating conditions for accelerated economic growth
- Socio-economic equity and regional disparities in an age of rapid economic growth
- Knowledge and research as necessary conditions for innovation and entrepreneurship
- New theory and advanced modelling for reinforcing the position of emerging regions
- Policy-making and institutional frameworks in fast growing high-tech regions.

Participants are invited to express their interest in attending this meeting by sending an abstract to the local organizer: Dr. Rajeev Gowda (email: gowda@IIMB.ERNET.IN).

REMINDERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL GROWTH
AGENDAS, MAY 28-31, 2005, AALBORG, DENMARK

This conference is the tenth in the Regional Studies Association's international series of events, and it comes at a time when great changes are unfolding in Europe, both in terms of regional development and regional policy. The meeting takes place in Aalborg, at the heart of a Danish region that has had to reinvent itself by innovative use of traditional social skills in new areas of economic activity. The conference location is itself very much part of a wider European picture. Enlargement is an ongoing process which affects development prospects in different ways across Europe. Moreover, integration poses a major challenge to the policy certainties of the past: the Structural Funds are set to

change, the options available to national and regional actors are being transformed.

The conference explores the new agendas for regional growth, taking a critical look at options, trends and fashions, in regional development, both in terms of how development is perceived and understood, and the policy measures attempting to promote particular forms of development. In short, the conference will focus on the intersection between economic and socio-cultural trends on the one hand, and public policy and politics on the other.

The conference broadly follows the structure of previous events with a number of plenary presentations interspersed with several parallel gateways, many of which will run throughout the conference.

For further information, please visit the conference webpage at:
<http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/future.asp>

EASY-ECO MANCHESTER CONFERENCE, JUNE 15-17, 2005, MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM

The first conference within EASY-ECO 2005-2007 is being organized by the Impact Assessment Research Centre in the University of Manchester's School of Environment and Development, and the main theme of the conference is Impact Assessment for a New Europe and Beyond.

The conference aims to develop greater understanding of how different forms of strategic impact assessment/ evaluation can work together as an integrated whole, with the specific aim of strengthening European sustainable development - locally, nationally, across the entire 25 member Union, in partnership with other countries, and in the EU's contribution to global governance.

Papers are sought on theory, practice and specific experience in all areas of strategic impact assessment and evaluation, particularly those from which lessons may be learned in the wider context. Please find more information on the conference on the website at:

<http://www.sustainability.at/easy/?k=conferences&s=manchester>

The conference is part of EASY-ECO 2005-2007, a training and conference program on evaluations in the specific context of sustainable development. EASY-ECO 2005-2007 unites seven European top-class research institutions with the common aim to build sustainability evaluation capacity. The program is funded from the European Community's Sixth Framework Program under the Marie-Curie Conferences and Training Courses action. Consequently, participating researchers may receive EU-Grants to cover participation fees, living expenses and travel expenses.

For further information and applications please visit the website at:

www.sustainability.at/easy

2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF WESTERN CHINA DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, JUNE 21-22, 2005, YINCHUAN, CHINA

The Ningxia Academy of Social Sciences will host the conference of the Consortium for Western China Development Studies during June 21-22, 2005 in Yinchuan, Ningxia, China. The topical coverage of this year's conference will focus on rural and sustainable development issues.

The Consortium for Western China Development Studies was established in Chengdu in December 2003 by a number of universities and research institutions located in Western China with the support of the Office for Western China Development in the State Council of China, Sichuan University, Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the University of California at Davis. The Consortium is a non-governmental organization dedicated to fostering research cooperation among universities, research institutions, and government agencies to promote sustainable development in the western provinces. The Consortium will work to raise funds to support research on Western development issues, to facilitate information exchange on development within the western provinces, to boost collaboration on western studies between domestic and foreign institutions, and to improve education in the western region.

Registration Fee for the Conference is:

Registration before May 15, 2004: US\$60.00

Registration after May 15, 2004: US\$80.00

Full-time student: US\$30.00

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15TH INTERNATIONAL INPUT-OUTPUT CONFERENCE, JUNE 27- JULY 1, 2005, BEIJING, CHINA P.R.

The International Input-Output Association and the Chinese Input-Output Society announce that the Fifteenth International Input-Output Conference will be held on June 27- July 1, 2005 at the Renmin University in Beijing, China P.R. The Renmin University will be entrusted with the operation of the conference.

Goal of the Conference

The goal of the conference is to promote and stimulate the exchange of ideas among economists, government officials, engineers and managers with interests in input-output analysis and related methods worldwide. Thus, we invite thematic topics related to any aspect of input-output analysis and computable general equilibrium modeling. This includes economic theory; issues of policy and strategy such as growth and development or energy and the environment; all aspects of models, methods, and analytical frameworks; applications at the global, national, regional and local levels; the use of input-output analysis in new areas including interdisciplinary research and the collection of data and compilation of input-output tables.

Further information is available on the website : <http://www.applstats.org.cn/I&O/i&omain.htm>

2ND ANNUAL FULBRIGHT SEMINAR IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, JULY 8-13, 2005, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

A Fulbright Seminar in Regional Development Research will be held at Vienna, from July 8 to 13, 2005. The overall objective is to provide an opportunity for junior scholars (PhD students and post-docs at all stages of research progress) to present their original research and to discuss that of other junior (or senior) scholars concerning regional development questions of importance to Europe and North America, although regional research need not be strictly limited to these continents.

The seminar will feature active, intense discussions among a maximum of 25 junior scholars. We intend to balance the range and depth of topics, research focus, and background of participants. While possible topics include those usually found in ERSA or Regional Studies conferences, Fulbright seminar presentations and discussions will focus intensively on the theories, research methods or available findings capable of yielding further insights into regional development. The program will consist of 4 full seminar days, 1 social activity/joint dinner day, 1 excursion day.

Core faculty members will be drawn from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, and the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, plus other partner university faculty.

Updated FAQs, information, and key links will be supplied at the following URL:

<http://www.wu-wien.ac.at/inst/iir/>

19TH PACIFIC REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE, JULY 25-28, 2005, TOKYO, JAPAN

The 19th Pacific Regional Science Conference (PRSCO 19) will be held in Japan by the Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International (JSRSI) during July 25-28, 2005, at Nihon University College of Economics (Bldg 7), Tokyo, Japan.

PRSCO is a group consisting of affiliated sections/associations of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI)

in the Pacific Rim Area. PRSCO consists of the following 8 membership sections:

Australian and New Zealand Section of Regional Science Association (ANZRSA)
Canadian Regional Science Association (CRSA)
Chinese Regional Science Association-Taiwan (CRSA-T),
Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA)
Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International (JSRSI)
Korea Section of the Regional Science Association (KRSRA)
Mexican Association of Science for Regional Development (MASRD)
Western Regional Science Association (WRSA in U.S.A)

PRSCO holds the Pacific Regional Science Conference (PRSC) of the RSAI biennially, and holds the Summer Institute of PRSCO biennially alternating with the PRSC.

For further information please visit the conference website at:

<http://region.hse.tut.ac.jp/prsco/index.html>

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35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RSAI BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION, AUGUST 17-19, 2005, WARWICKSHIRE, ENGLAND

The RSAI British & Irish Section will hold the 2005 Annual Conference. Conference themes are listed below; however, quality papers in all areas of regional science are welcome.

For any further information regarding the conference please contact the Secretary Dr Dimitris Ballas, Secretary RSAI: B&IS, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, Winter Street, Sheffield S10 2TN e-mail: d.ballas@sheffield.ac.uk; Phone: +44 (0) 114 2227923; Fax: +44 (0) 114 279 7912

45TH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. AUGUST 23-27, 2005, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

It is our great pleasure to herewith announce the 45th ERSA conference, to be held in Amsterdam from August 23 to 27, 2005. The conference web site can be found at <http://www.feweb.vu.nl/ersa2005>. It gives all relevant conference information insofar as currently available, including an overview of conference themes, and of the dates and

deadlines that apply. You can use the web site now to submit your paper, register for the conference and book a hotel.

We warmly invite RSAI members and non-members to the conference.

8TH UDDEVALLA SYMPOSIUM / 8TH MCGILL INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2005, UDDEVALLA, SWEDEN

The 8th Uddevalla Symposium will be held at Uddevalla, Sweden, during September 15-17, 2005. The main theme of this year's conference is Innovations and Entrepreneurship in Functional Regions. The five sub themes are as follows:

1. International Entrepreneurship
2. Innovation, Entrepreneurship Policy and Regional Development
3. Entrepreneurship in the Public Sector and in the Non-Profit Sector
4. Innovation, Academic Entrepreneurship and High Technology Firms in Functional Regions
5. SMEs, Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Local Economic Development

The 8th Uddevalla Symposium is arranged by the University of Trollhättan/Uddevalla, Sweden in cooperation with the Jönköping International Business School, Sweden, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, the School of Public Policy at the George Mason University, USA and the Nordic Section of Regional Science Association (NS-RSA).

More information is to be found at the website:

www.symposium.htu.se

11TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PORTUGUESE SECTION OF ERSR, SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2005, FARO, PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Section of the European Regional Science Association "Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Regional" (APDR) is organizing its 11th National Congress, to be held in Faro (Algarve), from September 16th to 18th, 2005.

Since 1998, APDR organizes each year a meeting that gathers about 200 Portuguese and foreign researchers. The official languages of the Congress are Portuguese, English, Spanish and French.

The latest issue of the APDR newsletter is now available at (only in Portuguese):

http://www.apdr.pt/boletins/2004/boletim_2-2004.pdf

15TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RESER, SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2005, GRANADA, SPAIN

The RESER conference has become the annual platform and meeting place for European researchers and policy makers working on services. RESER is an interdisciplinary European network of social scientists linked by a common interest in service industries, occupations and geographies. The annual

RESER research conference provides a unique opportunity for the exchange of ideas concerning the cutting edge of service research and open to all researchers interested in this year's topic: Growth, Employment and Location of Services: New Trends in a Global World.

The conference will deal with three main issues:

- Service Competitiveness
- Outsourcing, Offshoring and Delocalization: Implications for Services
- Challenges for Public Services in a Global World

For further information, please contact with the conference secretariat at: reser05@ugr.es

16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ITALIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 17-19, 2005, NAPLES, ITALY

The Italian Regional Science Association invites to the Annual Scientific Congress to be held in Naples, October 17-19, 2005. The main theme of this year's conference is Cities and Regions of South Europe. The official language of the conference will be Italian. A few sessions will be organized in English, according to the number of the papers received in that language. The Congress will take place at the 'Centro Congressi Partenope' of the University 'Federico II' of Naples, which is conveniently located in the centre of the city.

For any further information please turn to AISRe's web site at:

www.aisre.it

CALLS FOR PAPERS

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDONESIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 3-4, 2005, JAKARTA, INDONESIA

The main theme of this year's conference focuses on Natural Disasters' Impacts and Challenges for Recovery: Economic Development Strategy Focusing on Aids, Governance, Infrastructure & Environment. In the reflection of the earthquake and tsunami in Aceh & North Sumatra, Indonesia, the Conference expects to house discussions on different challenges for the recovery and the redevelopment of the area. Lesson learned for other parts of the world may be of remarkable importance to the on-going redevelopment efforts. On a broader context, the Conference seeks papers on development strategy that heavily relies on international aids, needs to rewrite the governance structure, requires massive infrastructure development, and preserves the environment. The conference will be hosted by Faculty of Economics University of Indonesia, Depok Campus, Jakarta.

Fees:

- International US\$ 100.00
- Indonesian Rp. 300.000,00
- Students receive 50% discount (certification required)

Limited scholarships available for Indonesian students & young researchers presenting papers (scholarship application deadline: June 15, 2005)

Full fee for Indonesians will also cover 2005 RSAI membership

Call for Papers:

If you wish to present a paper at the conference, please send the title, name(s) of author(s) and affiliation(s), and abstract no later than June 15, 2005 preferably by e-mail to Dr. Suahasil Nazara: irsa2005@pascafe.ui.ac.id or irsaconference2005@yahoo.com

Hard-copy can be sent / faxed to the secretariat address / number below (please put also your phone/fax number in your abstract).

Abstract must be in English and is no longer than 500 words.

Decision about the papers and scholarship will be made on June 30, 2005. Papers accepted for presentation must be submitted in full by July 20, 2005.

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Website: www.irsa.or.id/event.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE LAND USE IN INTENSIVELY USED AGRICULTURAL REGIONS, SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2005, LEIPZIG, GERMANY

There is an ongoing debate about the two opposing approaches of "Multifunctionality of Agriculture" and "Multifunctional Landscapes". The conference "Sustainable Land Use in Intensively Used Agricultural Regions" will bridge the gap between both concepts by focusing on the integration of conflicting goals for landscapes. Scientific discussion is needed to identify and solve the landscape problems related to intensive land use, biodiversity, abiotic, economic and social functions of sustainability. Spatially explicit GIS-techniques with a focus on agricultural landscapes rapidly developed in applied sciences, such as spatial planning and information science. Independently and without a strong link to these disciplines approaches were developed for integrative landscape planning and the optimization of agricultural enterprises. Spatially explicit compromises for decision making concerning land use are needed. The conference will discuss issues based on evaluation and assessment models. Application projects will be demonstrated. The conference is open for everyone from a scientific, planning or practical perspective dealing with agricultural regions.

The Conference is an activity of the transdisciplinary project cooperation "Lebensraum Börde" supported by the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt with the main goal of nature conservation in intensively used agricultural landscapes. In order to attain the goal to improve living conditions for humans and species five applied projects were designed. The Interdiscipli-

nary Project "Integrative Realization of the Method of Multicriteria Landscape Assessment and Optimization in the Querfurt Region (IUMBO)", coordinated by the Department Conservation Biology at UFZ Centre for Environmental Research in Leipzig, developed tools for assessment, land use decision making, and applications for restructuring open landscapes (<http://iumbo.olanis.de/english>).

Please send abstracts (max 1 page) for oral or poster presentations to landscape@ufz.de by June 1, 2005.

For further information, please visit the conference web page at:

<http://landscape.olanis.de/>

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2005, MANUKAU CITY, NEW ZEALAND

If you haven't been to the land where Peter Jackson's Oscar-winning Lord of the Rings movies were made, beautiful New Zealand, there is a great opportunity this year. The Australian and New Zealand Section of the Regional Science Association International (ANZRSI) and the Economic Development Association of New Zealand (EDANZ) have come together to organize a joint conference on September 27-30, 2005 in Auckland, New Zealand. This is the first time an international regional science conference is being held in New Zealand since the highly successful PRSCO conference in Wellington in December 1997. Keeping in line with the "Lord of the Rings" theme, the conference title is LORD OF THE REGIONS: THE MYTHS, MAGIC AND MIX FOR REGIONAL INNOVATION. The conference will bring together practitioners and academics from both sides of the Tasman Sea, and further away, to focus on regional innovation. Participants can expect an exciting combination of keynote speakers, plenary presentations and contributed paper sessions covering a wide range of topics relevant to regional science and regional development. ANZRSI and EDANZ invite contributed papers for the conference. Papers of broad interest to regional scientists and practitioners are welcome. These might include (but are not restricted to) papers that address the conference's main themes: Regional innovation and innovative models; Community capacity building and innovative solutions; Sustainable economic development; Indigenous issues; Natural resource management and resource economics.

Abstracts are required by Thursday, June 30, 2005. Presenters are encouraged to submit their papers to the conference organizers prior to the conference. All papers received by 26 August will be peer reviewed for publication in the conference proceedings, and will be eligible for the Paper of the Conference Prize. Abstracts should be 150-200 words, and should be sent by email to James Rowe (Senior Planner Economic Development, Manukau City Council) jrowe@manukau.govt.nz.

For further information about the conference check out the conference website at:

www.lordoftheregions.org.nz

52ND ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, NOVEMBER 10-12, 2005, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Join us in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA for the 52nd North American Regional Science Association International (RSAI) Conference sponsored by the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC). The conference will be held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino from Thursday, November 10th to Saturday, November 12th, 2005.

Conference organizers welcome individual papers and organized sessions relating to a wide variety of topics inclusive within the diverse realm of regional science. We are an international scholarly organization that focuses on regional analysis, ranging from urban and spatial theory to applied problems in regional development, sustainability, environmental management, and rural land use. We are an interdisciplinary association, with members representing fields as diverse as economics, agricultural economics, public policy, urban planning, civil engineering, geography, finance, and demography. The annual North American RSAI conference is the premier regional science meeting in North America and attracts scholars and practitioners from around the world. Individual papers and sessions must be submitted online in the abstract submission section of the Website between now and by August 1, 2005. The conference registration section will open June, 1, 2005 and will allow secure electronic financial transactions.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Riviera Hotel & Casino for the nights of the 9th through the 12th of November, at a rate of \$99 per night for a single or double. This is an outstanding rate for weekend lodging in Las Vegas. The Riviera is extending the conference rate for those who wish to spend extra time in Las Vegas, subject to availability. The Riviera recently renovated and expanded the conference center, making it a first-rate professional conference venue, set completely apart from the casino and entertainment facilities. By the time of the meeting, the Riviera will have completed a \$17 million total renovation of all guest rooms, making it a brand new facility with a spacious, comfortable feeling.

You can learn more about the conference and submit an abstract at the NARSC Website at:

<http://www.narsc.org/narsc/index.html>.

If you have questions about the program or submitting a paper or session, or experience any difficulties, contact the 2005 Program Chair, Steven Deller, phone: 608-263-6251; e-mail: deller@aae.wisc.edu. All other questions about the conference can be directed to the 2005 Local Arrangements Chair: John Leatherman, phone: 785-532-4492; e-mail: jleather@ksu.edu.

GULF FIRST URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 12-15, 2005, KUWAIT

The Scientific Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in Gulf First Urban Planning and Development Conference, to be held 12 - 14 December 2005, in Kuwait. It's an

exciting opportunity to share your knowledge with a respected audience of Engineers, Scientists and professionals. The Gulf First Urban Planning and Development Conference & Exhibition offers a unique opportunity for professionals and researchers to meet with industry leaders in Urban Planning and Development. The conference sessions will be led by world class speakers from all over the world, boosted by powerful keynote presentations, panels, and networking meetings that won't be found anywhere else in the region.

Scope of Papers

The following topics for technical papers are strongly encouraged:

- 1- Urban Growth Trends & Development Strategy
- 2- Sustainable Urban Development
- 3- Information Technology in Urban Planning
- 4- Urban Transportation Systems Strategy & Management (TSSM)
- 5- Quantitative Methods in Planning
- 6- Urban Utilities and Infrastructure Planning
- 7- Environmental Impact Assessment & Management
- 8- Mass Transit and Transportation Infrastructure
- 9- Affordable Housing in the GCC Countries
- 10- Sustainable Tourism
- 11- Computer Aided Planning (CAP) & GIS
- 12- E-Government & E- Municipal Services
- 13- GCC Regional Planning Integration
- 14- Public Participation in Urban Planning Decision Making
- 15- Urban Demographics and Public Services
- 16- GCC Cities Strategic Planning
- 17- Coastal Areas Development in the GCC Countries
- 18- Municipalities and Private Investors Partnership
- 19- Real Estate Development and Urban Growth Management
- 20- Urban & Regional Economics
- 21- Urban Resources Management

Important Dates:

Deadline for Abstracts: June 30, 2005

Deadline for Papers: August 4, 2005

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45TH ANNUAL MEETING OF WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 22-25, 2006, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The conference will begin with registration, an opening session, and a reception on Wednesday afternoon, February 22; Paper sessions will be held all-day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 23, 24, and 25. Papers on any topic of broad interest to regional science are welcomed. The program committee screens papers for suitability before invitations are sent. Persons interested in organizing special sessions should get in touch with WRSA

executive secretary Dave Plane immediately.

For consideration by the Program Committee, e-mail your paper before October 15, 2005; Abstracts are not accepted; Papers may be in DRAFT form at the time of submission; Final versions due prior to December 31

Electronic Paper Submission Directions:

Attach your paper as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF File to an e-mail message and send to: plane@email.arizona.edu Please do not use any other word-processing formats. Large graphics files should not be sent (send hardcopy of figures separately from the text, if necessary). On multiple-authored submissions, indicate which author(s) plan to participate at the conference. Please, one paper presentation per registered participant this year. Be sure to include your e-mail address and institutional affiliation with your submission

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2005, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT AND PEACE IN SOUTH ASIA, DECEMBER 28-30, 2005, JAIPUR, INDIA.

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT, JANUARY 12-14, 2006, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

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