

AUGUST 2005 RSAI NEWSLETTER

NEWS AND INFORMATION

RSAI President's Message

The three supra-regional meetings of the RSAI will be held over the next few months, starting with the 19th meeting of PRSCO in Tokyo, 26 – 29 July. That will be followed by the 45th European Congress of RSAI in Amsterdam, 23 – 27 August, and the 52nd North American meeting of RSAI in Las Vegas, 10 – 12 November. These meetings collectively will attract between 1,500 and 2,000 participants, and they will provide the opportunity for our members to present in total many hundreds of scientific papers and to engage in both scholarly discussion and social interaction with their regional science colleagues.

It is easy to overlook the degree to which the organisation and operation of these supra-regional meetings are dependent on the good-will and considerable voluntary effort of many people who form the local organising committees and conference program committees that make these major events both possible and successful. That typically includes the involvement of support staff and of graduate students attached to the school or department at the local university where our RSAI members who volunteer to take on the local organising role hold their appointments.

It is important also to acknowledge the leading organisational roles of the regional or national section of RSAI that is the host RSAI organisation for these supra-regional RSAI events.

On behalf of the RSAI Council and all the members of RSAI, I want to say a big 'thank you' to the many members of the local organising and the program committees and the associated staff and graduate students of the host institution, for their magnificent voluntary effort that makes these supra-regional events possible.

Of course the regional science events calendar extends well beyond the three supra-regional meetings. In addition there are the annual conferences and other events organised by regional and national sections of RSAI. That also involves the voluntary effort of many hundreds people who organise local conferences, edit newsletters, journals and other publications, and who form the councils and boards that administer the local sections of RSAI. And it is the regional groupings of these local sections of RSAI that form the three supra-regional organisations – PRSCO, ERSA and NARSC.

The events those local sections of RSAI organise and hold provide the 'front line' opportunity for several thousand people across the world to be participants in the regional science community. For many of those academic teachers and researchers, practitioners and policy people involved in the activities of local sections of RSAI, it is difficult for them to access the resources to enable travel to participate in the supra-regional meetings of RSAI. That is why it is so important that we have a system that 'rotates' the location of the supra-regional meetings and which involves a sharing of responsibilities of local sections of RSAI to periodically host a supra-regional meeting of the Association. For many in our RSAI community, the hosting of a supra-regional conference by their local section is the only opportunity they have to participate in one of the international events of RSAI.

The RSAI Council and Long Range Planning Committee will both be holding meetings at all three of the up-coming supra-regional conferences in Tokyo, Amsterdam and Las Vegas. At these meetings we will be devoting considerable attention to the strategies and actions that will be needed to enhance the range of membership benefits and services that RSAI needs to put into place over the next few years following the successful implementation of the universal membership arrangements and the implementation of agreement with Blackwell for on-line access to *Papers in Regional Science*, and the *RSAI Newsletter*. Members are invited to forward suggestions to our Executive Secretary, Graham Clarke (G.P.Clarke@leeds.ac.uk).

I am really looking forward to being at the PRSCO, ERSA and NARSC meetings between late July and mid-November this year. I am also taking the opportunity to be involved in the meetings of the British and Irish section, and the French Speaking section of RSAI while in Europe in August – September, and I will be attending the Australian and New Zealand section meeting in Auckland in the last week of September. I appreciate the opportunity I will have at all of those meetings to briefly say something about the international development of RSAI and to learn from the 'grassroots' of the expectations that our members have of the RSAI Council and for RSAI services and functions.

Robert Stimson

RSAI MOURNS CHARLES S. REVELLE

Charles S. ReVelle, an environmental engineer and systems analyst whose creative application of mathematical models helped determine the ideal sites for reservoirs, nature preserves, power stations and other projects, died on Aug. 10 at his home in Baltimore. He was 67. The cause was lymphoma, his family said.

Dr. ReVelle, whose work influenced a variety of environmental policies, was a professor of geography and environmental engineering at Johns Hopkins University for more than three decades. In the 1960's, he began his career as a chemical engineer, but soon became interested in the newly emerging field of location analysis. The field considers an array of variables in finding a site for a given project - a reservoir or hospital, for example - and then tries to plug those variables into a mathematical model called an algorithm. The model yields a solution that suggests the most effective and environmentally sound sites for the facility.

Dr. ReVelle (pronounced ruh-VEL) applied his algorithms to a sweeping set of subjects that grew to include the location and optimal scale of sewage-treatment plants, warehouses, preserves and emergency services. He was also interested in devising efficient routes of transportation and power grids.

In 1967, his doctoral dissertation at Cornell addressed a question of disease prevention, and how best to allocate drugs and resources for fighting tuberculosis within a group of developing countries. In later work, Dr. ReVelle and others applied his models boldly to problems in history, to the location of military legions within the Roman empire and to modern-day problems of nuclear arms control. He was also interested in devising a mathematical model to strike a balance between cost-effective timber harvesting while still protecting delicate forest species. In the 1970's, his models were used to help the City of Baltimore decide which of its surplus fire stations to close.

Charles Seymour ReVelle was born in Rochester. He earned his undergraduate degree at Cornell, where he also taught before joining Johns Hopkins in 1971.

Dr. ReVelle was an associate editor of the journal *Management Science*. In 1996, he received a lifetime achievement award for his studies in location analysis from the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences.

With his wife, Penelope L. ReVelle, a biochemist, he wrote a series of college-level environmental textbooks, including the widely used "Global Environment: Securing a Sustainable Future" (Jones & Bartlett, 1992). Dr. ReVelle is also survived by two daughters, Cynthia ReVelle of Boston, and Elizabeth ReVelle of New Castle, Australia; two brothers, Douglas ReVelle of Los Alamos, N.M., and Jack ReVelle of Orange, Calif.; and one grandchild.

A memorial service and reception is planned in Baltimore at Hopkins, September 11, 3:30 pm, 110 Hodson Hall.

3rd REIMUT JOCHIMSEN PRIZE

In memory of its former president and in honor of the renowned economist, Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Reimut Jochimsen, the Dusseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank will award a prize for the best paper on the topic: European Infrastructure Policy, Advancement of Transport Policy in the European Community.

This announcement is addressed to authors who want to participate in the search for possibilities of creating an economically efficient, social fair and ecologically sound infrastructure for the European economies. The paper may have been published already.

The prize sum is 5.000 euros, which may be split up. Papers should be submitted in a standard electronic form (PDF, PS, Word document; 12 pt./1.5 space) to Professor em Dr. Walter buhr, University of Siegen, 57068 Siegen, Germany, until October 15, 2006 (buhr@vwl.wiwi.uni-siegen.de). Each paper should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae of its author(s). Collaborators of the members of the Reading Committee may not participate in the competition. There will be no possibility of recourse to legal action.

The papers will be judged by a Reading Committee consisting of the President of the Dusseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank and of three scholars formerly related to Professor Jochimsen.

THE 1ST WILLIAM H. MIERNYK RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Beginning 2005, the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University began sponsoring an award for scholarly achievement in honor of Dr. William H. Miernyk, founder and first Director of the Institute. The William H. Miernyk Research Excellence Medal (the Miernyk Medal) is intended to be awarded annually at the Southern Regional Science Meeting for the best solely-authored SRSA conference paper written and presented by a scholar within five years of the award of his or her doctorate. A stipend will accompany the Miernyk Medal.

Perhaps best known for his widely distributed and well-received *The Elements of Input-Output Analysis* (1965), his interests and contributions to knowledge have focused on a much broader set of topics within and beyond regional science. His research interests have included such topics as pollution abatement, energy prices, unemployment, labor force participation, and migration in the Appalachian states. He has served as a consultant for, among many others, US Senate committees, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and The World Bank.

The Miernyk Medal competition is open to any Ph.D. recipient no more than five calendar years beyond the date on which his or her degree was awarded. SRSA membership is strongly encouraged but is not a requirement. Consistent with the definition of research, the winning paper will report the diligent and systematic enquiry and discovery of facts or principles relating to a topic of interest to regional scientists. The winning author must be a consensus choice of the panel.

The first award recipient was Santiago Pinto, Assistant Professor of Economics, West Virginia University. Pinto received the award from Professor Miernyk in a special ceremony held in Morgantown prior to the SRSA conference. Pinto's paper was entitled, "Formula Apportionment, Tax Competition, and the Provision of Local Goods." Runner-up for the award was Qingshu Xie, MacroSys Research & Technology, Washington, DC

2005 BARRY M. MORIARTY AWARD

Lei Ding, George Mason University, sponsored by Kingsley Haynes, is the winner of the 2005 Barry M. Moriarty graduate paper competition held recently at the Southern Regional Science Association meeting in Arlington, VA. Ding presented "The Role of Telecommunications Infrastructure in Regional Economic Growth in China."

THE 19th CHARLES M. TIEBOUT PRIZE

This prize is awarded at the annual meeting of the Western Regional Science Association Meeting, in honor of the outstanding contributions to regional science made by Charles M. Tiebout before his untimely death in 1968. In addition to his scholarly achievements, "Charlie" Tiebout brought wit, irreverence, and goodwill to everything he did and everyone he knew. He was particularly good in advising, counseling, and encouraging graduate students: thus, it is fitting that the WRSA's annual prize bearing his name be awarded to the best graduate student paper in regional science.

Deadline for submission is October 15, 2005. Send hard copies of papers to David Plane: plane@email.arizona.edu

The 2005 winner was Shaoming Cheng, George Mason University.

CONFERENCE NEWS

WORKSHOP

REGIONAL AGGLOMERATION, GROWTH AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE: THE EU IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE, November 24-25, 2005

Ghent University - <http://www.feb.ugent.be/AlgEco/Regio/>

Key note speakers for the plenary sessions are Jacques Thisse (CORE-UCL) and Henry Overman (LSE). Discussants will comment and introduce the discussion on the contributions to the workshop.

REPORT OF THE ISRAELI RSA

The annual conference of the Israeli section of the RSA was held June 21, 2005, hosted by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management at the University of Haifa. Twenty-five papers were presented in parallel sessions with over 50 people attending. The umbrella theme of the meeting was "Urban and Regional Development: Applications and Tools" and individual sessions covered Transportation and Spatial Activity, Spatial Development Policy, Urban Growth Processes, Economic Development, Regional Inequality and Spatial Morphological Models. The opening session was dedicated to the memory of Gabi Lishitz who passed away three months earlier. At this session, Dani Shefer recalled his contribution to regional science in general and the Israeli section in particular. All presentations from the meeting are available on the Israeli website: www.israelrsa.org.il

AG BIOTECH AND MIDWEST RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago will hold a conference on September 8, 2005, that will deal with issues related to agricultural biotechnology and rural development prospects in the Midwest. Some of the topics that will be explored include the following: the future of ag biotechnology, biorefineries, the impacts of specific technologies (biofuels, cloning, pharmaceuticals, etc.), the roles of industry and financing and policies at various levels of government. The invited keynote speaker is Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This conference is being organized to inform and bring together those interested in the issues surrounding agricultural biotechnology and Midwest rural development prospects. The conference will examine the current status and the future prospects of ag biotech in the Midwest, along with the implications for rural development. There will be a discussion about how government policies influence ag biotech and rural development and set the stage for economic growth.

For more information, and registration, see the right hand column, home page, www.frbchi.org

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE LAND USE IN INTENSIVELY USED AGRICULTURAL REGIONS, Leipzig, Germany, September 20-23, 2005.

Second Call for papers--Abstract deadline by June 1, 2005. Send by email to: landscape@ufz.de. For further information please go to web site: <http://landscape.olanis.de> [Click here](#) for pdf flyer printout.

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT, Colombo, Sri Lanka, January 12-14, 2006.

Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development Elsevier Publishing, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Manuscripts for possible publication in the above series are welcome. It can be a textbook, research manuscript, edited book or selected papers from a conference in the subject area. For details, contact:

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EAST SIBERIAN CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

East Siberian State Technological University

"TRENDS AND PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION", Ulan-Ude, September 21 - 25, 2005

Announcement and Call for Papers

You are cordially invited to take part in the discussion of the perspective trends and specific features of regional development. The conference is supposed to provide a wide exchange of ideas, sharing research experiences, informal communication of the participants with their peers from abroad, well-known scholars and regional specialists. A collection of conference materials is supposed to be published by the opening of the conference.

1. CONFERENCE CONTENT AREAS:

- Problems and peculiarities of regional management
- 1.1 Formation of the rational structure of regional economy
- 1.2 Specific character of anti-crisis management
- 1.3 Compatibility management of structural divisions of economy
- 1.4 The concept of territory marketing as the basis for strategic development of the region
- 1.5 Institution of regional resources management
- 1.6 Legal regulation of economic development
 - Financial management. Investments. Accounting and audit
- 2.1 Financial resources management in the region
 - 2.2 Monetary and credit policy of the region
- 2.3 Present state and peculiarities of investment policy in the regional socio-economic development
- 2.4 Accounting systems in Russia and abroad
 - Specific character of environmental management in the region. Forecasting of socio-economic development
- 3.1 Current problems of ecologic and economic development of the region
- 3.2 Evaluation and forecasting of socio-economic development consequences of the territory
- 3.3 Methodological foundations of research into socio-economic processes and phenomena

2. PAPERS:

To participate in the conference you should send to the Organizing committee

- Conference registration form (Appendix 1)
- Proposal for publication (Appendix 2)

3. PLACE AND CONDITIONS

The conference will take place at summer camp of the ESSTU "Rovesnik" at Baikal Lake (Maksimikha).

Upon receipt of registration form, you will be sent an invitation letter.
Registration of participants is on September 21, at address:
Ulan-Ude, str. Klyuchevskaya 40 ?, building 10 of the USSTU.
Accommodation fee - \$ 100 for night.
Publication fee - 160 roubles.

4. DEADLINES FOR

Send your registration forms, proposals and payment warrants

- o e-mail: office@esstu.ru <<mailto:office@esstu.ru>>; stud_nc@esstu.ru <mailto:stud_nc@esstu.ru>
- o regular mail in printed version and diskettes
- o conference committee directly

5. CONTACTS:

670013, Ulan-Ude, Klyuchevskaya, 40 ?, Students' Research Department
Verzuhn Marina Vladimirovna, Head of the Students' Research Department,
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6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Appendix 2. Printing requirements

Your proposal for publication should not exceed 3 pages fully printed. Use Microsoft Word Windows. Borders -2.5 cm. each, paragraph - 1.27. Font - Times New Roman, body-size - 12, interval - single, centered. The title of the article - capitalized, bold typed, without breaking and divisions of words, centered.

The Conference Committee will take only the materials that meet the above mentioned requirements.

XVTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RESER, September 22-24, 2005, Granada

Registration form sent to reser05@ugr.es or by fax (+34) 958244046

20th Annual Competition-The Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science

This prize is awarded annually by the Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) to a full-time graduate student enrolled at an accredited academic institution (currently, or during Academic Year 2004-2005). The winning author will receive \$1,0000 to help defray the cost of attending the meeting. Contact David Plane, Organizer, 45th Annual Meeting of the WRSA, plane@email.arizona.edu. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2005.

"INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL AND URBAN MODELING" Free University of Brussels, June 1-3, 2006

The goal of the conference is to promote and stimulate the exchange of ideas in the field of modeling techniques applied to regional and urban issues.

You can submit your paper on the conference management website:

http://www.ecomod.net/conferences/regional_urban_modeling_june_2006/regional_urban_modeling_2006.htm <<http://www.ecomod.org>>

Deadline for abstract submissions is January 15, 2006.

Deadline for submission of full papers is April 1, 2006.

WORKSHOP "REGIONAL AGGLOMERATION, GROWTH AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE: THE EU IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE", November 24-25, 2005

<http://www.feb.ugent.be/AlgEco/Regio/>

The Ghent University Department of Economics, a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, CORE (Center for Operations Research and Econometrics-Université Catholique de Louvain), the UNU-Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) and the University of Lille I will organize an international workshop on the theme: "Regional agglomeration, growth and multilevel governance: the EU in a comparative perspective."

The field of economic geography has recently known major theoretical breakthroughs and important empirical evidence has been accumulated in the past few years. Increasingly, the consequences of this new view from a policy point of view, becomes the issue. The objective of the workshop is to examine the contribution of the new economic geography in understanding economic dynamics and current policy issues in the EU, and their implications for the structure and the coordination of EU-governance. The workshop seeks to address the subject of regional agglomeration and EU-governance in a comparative perspective, i.e. how policy coordination and governance were addressed in other regions of the world, given the agglomeration forces that were at play.

The workshop aims to be an exercise in governance and economics and welcomes contributions from Economics, International Relations, International Political Economy, Political Science, Geography, and other related disciplines.

Five principal areas of attention have been identified for workshop sessions and papers:

- Regional policy and EU structural funds;
- Industrial location and modeling of agglomeration;
- Policy coordination and multilevel governance;
- Public policy and agglomeration (policy competition);
- Fiscal federalism;

The conference organizers do not consider this list of themes as mutually exclusive nor as exhaustive. They welcome empirical as well as theoretical contributions. A session for researchers, preparing or having recently finished a Ph.D. is scheduled.

Keynote speakers for the plenary sessions are Jacques Thisse (CORE-UCL) and Henry Overman (LSE). Discussants will comment and introduce the discussion on the contributions to the workshop.

Paper and Submission details:

Deadline for submission abstracts: August 1, 2005

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: September 1, 2005

Papers due: November 1, 2005

Guidelines for submitting papers:

- Abstracts should be approximately 300 words
- Abstracts should include author's name, affiliation and full contact details (email, telephone, fax and postal address)
- Abstracts should be submitted electronically to the Ghent University, Department of Economics, martine.veys@ugent.be
- All informal enquiries to the organizers regarding papers and conference organization should also be sent to Martine Veys and will be passed on to the organizers.

For further information, please visit the webpage of the conference: <http://www.feb.ugent.be/AlgEco/Regio/>

45th Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA)
March 30-April 1, 2006, St. Augustine, Florida

The Southern Regional Science Association's 45th annual meeting will be held at the Casa Monica Hotel, in amenity-rich St. Augustine, Florida, USA,. Papers from all areas of regional science will be welcome. If you have an idea for a session or panel, please contact David McGranahan, the 2006 Program Chair.

The deadline for abstracts for papers is December 16, 2005. Presenters are also usually asked to serve as a session chair or discussant. If you do not have time for a paper, consider helping in this way. David can be contacted by email at: dmcg@ers.usda.gov. For additional information, visit the SRSA's website: <http://www.srsa.org>

NEWS

- Professor Jean-Claude Thill reports that Kara Kockelman and Stephan Weiler will join the NARSC Council, January 2006.
- Ann Nagurney, Professor and Director, Virtual Center for Supernetworks, University of Massachusetts, has been selected as a Radcliffe Institute Fellow and will be at Harvard September 2005-June 2006. The Harvard press release can be found at: <http://www.radcliffe.edu> with the story appearing on the right of that page. In addition, UMASS has an article on this award at: <http://www.umass.edu/loop/people/articles/19113.php>