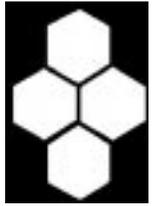


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NEWS AND INFORMATION

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Beginning with this issue, and for the indefinite future, the *RSAI News* will be edited at RSAI Headquarters in Urbana. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank Randall Jackson for his three years of service as the editor of the newsletter and for his continued service as editor of the web page. I would also like to offer my apology to all members of the Association for the lateness of this issue. My learning curve with the desk-top publishing software was steeper than I anticipated. The newsletter will return to its regular production schedule with the January 2001 issue.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS AT LARGE

The RSAI Council has nominated Arthur Getis and Angelo Rossi, whose terms expire at the end of the year, to run for second three-year terms as councillors at large. Brief biographies of the candidates follow.

Arthur Getis holds the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation Chair of Geographical Studies at San Diego State University and is a co-editor of the *Journal of Geographical Systems*. His major fields of interest have been spatial analytic methods, time-space and cluster modelling, and spatial statistics. Representative recent publications include: "Spatial Modelling of Disease Dispersion Using a Local Statistic: The Case of AIDS," (with JK Ord) Chapter 12 in Griffith, Amrhein, and Huriot (eds.), *Econometric Advances in Spatial Modelling and Methodology: Essays in Honour of Jean Paelinck*, Kluwer: 1998, and "Some Thoughts on the Impact of Large Data Sets on Regional Science," *The Annals of Regional Science*, 33, 2, 145-150, 1999. Professor Getis serves on the boards of *Geographical Analysis*, *Papers in Regional Science*, and UCGIS and he is the Past President of WRSA.

Angelo Rossi, Dr. rer. pol., MA (Econ) has spent most of his scientific career at the Federal Institute

of Technology in Zurich where he was in charge, from 1991 to 1998, of the postgraduate program for physical planners. Since then he has helped, as General Director, to build up the new "University of Applied Sciences of South Switzerland". He teaches economic subjects in urban and regional development programs.

Enclosed are ballots for election of two councillors at large, which also allow for write-in candidates. Please return them to RSAI Headquarters by November 1st. Members receiving their newsletter electronically should cast their ballot by sending an e-mail message to rsainews@uiuc.edu.

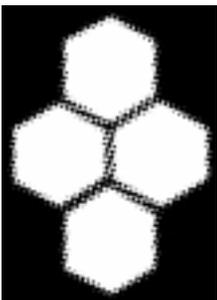
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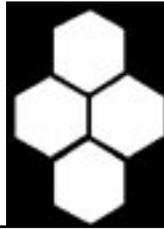
FOUNDER'S MEDAL AWARDED TO DAVID BOYCE

David Boyce, Professor of Transportation and Regional Science at the University of Illinois, Chicago, became the fifth member of RSAI to be awarded the Founder's Medal. The award was made at the opening ceremonies of the World Congress in Lugano in recognition of Boyce's many years of important contributions to the development of the field of regional science and service to RSAI. In accepting the award Boyce remarked: "Regional Science as a global community of scholars has indeed flourished and made an immense contribution, perhaps even beyond Walter Isard's greatest expectations, although that is going quite far! The interest in regional science conferences, as we can see from this World Congress, has never been greater, and it continues to expand. This Association provides extensive opportunities for scholars with similar interests, but diverse backgrounds, from around the world to

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meet and interact over their research. It seems that this function is increasingly the mission of not only our Association, but of our interdisciplinary field itself. And naturally, this function is supported by our regional science journals and book series. Collectively, these scholars, meetings and publications are Regional Science, a living, vibrant field of inquiry. As long as we take care that the field is nourished and supported by our research activities, and that it is institutionally strong, we need not fear for its continuing excellent health." (Remarks made by Past President Peter Batey in awarding the medal and by Boyce in accepting it will be published in their entirety in a forthcoming issue of *Papers in Regional Science*. Photographs of Boyce receiving the distinctive hexagonal medal may be found at the Lugano World Congress web site address: http://www.lu.unisi.ch/wc2000_RSAI/foto11.htm.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Works in Regional Science was established by the Council of RSAI on November 11, 1999.

The Regional Science Association International is pleased to announce the above Prize in honor of William Alonso. The objective of the Prize is to stimulate scholars in the field to undertake innovative works in the spirit of Dr. William Alonso. The Prize will be awarded annually to one or more scholars who have published innovative academic work (in English language) in recent past in a refereed journal or a comparable publication. The Prize will be awarded at the occasion of the North American meetings of RSAI. The first award will be made in November, 2001.

Call for contributions to the endowment An endowment in support of this Prize has been established by RSAI, an organization recognized by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization for tax-deduction purposes. The endowment will be managed by the First Busey Trust and Investment Co. All are invited to contribute to the endowment. Checks should be drawn to RSAI - Alonso, Account # 4582-1, and sent to the First Busey Trust and Investment Co., P.O. Box 3309, Champaign, IL 61826-3309, U.S.A. The Alonso families have already contributed to the endowment matching the contributions made by all others.

Eligibility - Any scholarly work which has been published in a refereed journal or book on English language in recent past, regardless of the country of residence of the author or the location of the publisher, is eligible for consideration of the Prize. Publication through the Internet will be considered if there is a refereeing process. A Ph. D. dissertation, before its publication in its entirety or in part in refereed medium, is not eligible. The recent past will be interpreted as "last year" when the Prize is regularized, but for the first three years, it will be interpreted as "last several years."

Nomination - Any member of RSAI may nominate an eligible work during the nomination period. Nomination will accompany a short statement for the reasons of nomination as well as the nominated academic work itself. Nomination for the November 2001 Prize should be made on or before March 15, 2001 to any of the members of the Prize Committee.

Selection Criteria -

1. Innovativeness - The work introduces an innovative concept or an approach for understanding of human or organizational activity or behavior in space.
2. Expected Impact on Future Academic Development - The extent of the impact the work will likely have on the development of the academic studies in the respective field.
3. Completeness - The work should be completed as an academic work in the sense that meaningful conclusions are derived.

Selection Committee - The selection will be made by the Prize Committee comprising: Dr. Michael Teitz, Chair, Public Policy Institute of California, teitz@ppic.org; Professor Andrew Isserman, Vice Chair, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, isserman@uiuc.edu; Professor Ann Markusen, University of Minnesota, amarkusen@hhh.umn.edu; Sir Peter Hall, Bartlett School, University of London, p.hall@ucl.ac.uk; Professor Niles Hansen, University of Texas, nmhansen@mail.utexas.edu; Professor Koichi Mera, Secretary, University of Southern California, mera@marshall.usc.edu; and Professor Chang-i Hua, Treasurer, National Taiwan University, hua@ccms.ntu.edu.tw.

RSAI Council and the Alonso Prize Committee are looking forward to your participation in contributions to the endowment and nominations for the Prize.

CHARLES M. TIEBOUT PRIZE WINNER

Arno van der Vlist has been awarded the 14th Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science for his paper "Patterns of New Household formation and Residential Career." The prize is awarded annually to the best paper submitted for presentation at the WRSA conference by a graduate student, as judged by a reading committee of four WRSA past presidents. The prize winner is a graduate student in the Department of Economics at the Free University Amsterdam. His Ph.D. thesis is supervised by Professors Piet Rietveld, Peter Nijkamp, and Cees Gorter.

15TH ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR THE CHARLES M. TIEBOUT PRIZE

The WRSA invites graduate students to submit papers for consideration in this year's Tiebout Prize competition. The winning author will receive a prize of \$1,000 to help defray

the costs of attending the WRSA's February 25-28, 2001 annual meeting in Palm Springs, California, where the paper will be presented in a regular invited paper session. The paper will also be published in the *Annals of Regional Science* following regular review procedures. For full competition rules please consult the WRSA's web page at <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa> or contact WRSA Executive Secretary Professor David Plane at plane@u.arizona.edu. The deadline for papers to reach the WRSA office is October 15, 2000.

RSAI DISSERTATION CONTEST

The Association invites submission of dissertations completed in the field of Regional Science in 2000 to the annual dissertation competition. Two copies of the dissertation and a letter of nomination from the research supervisor should be sent to Professor Kenneth B. Newbold, School of Geography and Geology, MacMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario 4K1, CANADA.



COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

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JOURNAL

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CONFERENCE NEWS

REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, LUGANO, TICINO, SWITZERLAND, MAY 16, 2000

Present: Batey (Immediate Past President and ERSA), Dewhurst (At-Large), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), Fischer (At-Large), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Hewings (Vice-President and NARSC), Higano (Observer), Getis (At-Large), Gibson (Observer), Kilkenny (At-Large), Kohno (President and PRSCO), Maggi (World Congress LOC), Rossi (At-Large), Stough (NARSC). Regrets: Bade (ERSA), Johansson (ERSA), Quigley (PRSCO), Rees (NARSC), Serrano Moreno (PRSCO).

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by President Kohno.

2. The minutes of the Montreal meeting were accepted as published in the January 2000 RSAI News.

3. President's Remarks: President Kohno commended the LOC for their excellent work in organizing the congress and thanked them on behalf of the Association. He also welcomed Dewhurst to the Council and indicated that he would be making a major policy address in the opening ceremonies of the Congress and so would demur from presenting the same points at this meeting.

4. Report from the World Congress LOC: LOC Chairperson Maggi reported that the congress program included 236 papers by delegates from 33 countries. Subsidies were granted to ten delegates from Brazil, India, Iran, Mexico, the Philippines, Romania, and Russia.

Discussion: Stough inquired why so few young scholars had requested subsidies. Maggi speculated that perhaps information on the availability of subsidies was not well enough disseminated. Fischer asked how the distribution of subsidies compared with previous world congresses. Gibson responded that every meeting is different. Maggi added that some young scholars may have been intimidated.

5. Report from the Long-Range Planning Committee: Immediate Past President Batey informed the Council that after the South African symposium in January, he had formed a committee to consider candidates for the Association's Founder's Medal that is usually awarded at world congresses. The candidates must be senior academics who are outstanding scholars and current members of RSAI. Four candidates were considered and David Boyce was selected by the committee. Batey also brought forward from the committee a proposal to form a financial oversight committee that would comprise ideally three sitting council members, a former treasurer, and one member of the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) who is not a sitting member of Council. The executive director and current treasurer would be ex-officio members of the committee. The oversight committee would be expected to meet sometime prior to November Council meeting at which the annual financial report is usually presented. The committee would focus on cash flow issues, the Association's long-term financial position, and review the contractual arrangement with Springer-Verlag.

Discussion: Fischer asked why the committee should be structured this way. Batey replied that the intent was to broaden the base of information and responsibility for making changes in dues schedules and other fees necessitated by changes in the operations of the Association, as well as to ensure continuity in oversight. Stough inquired if this step was really necessary. Donaghy observed that the constitution called for such a committee and that, in the opinion of the LRPC, such a committee might help to avoid rancorous relations between councillors from different super-regions to which financial matters could give rise. Getis asked if the representation by committee members who were sitting members of Council should be geographically distributed. Hewings replied that such representation would promote inclusiveness but that it is Council's prerogative to determine the composition of any of its committees as it sees fit.

Kilkenny asked who should be appointed and for how long. After some discussion, it was agreed that initially volunteers would be sought and that staggered terms would be best.

Decision: Batey asked for and received approval of the proposal to form a financial oversight committee. Rossi and Stough agreed to serve and Donaghy agreed to approach Peter Schaeffer, past treasurer, about serving. A third sitting councillor and LRPC member remain to be appointed.

6. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science (PRS): Florax reported that with the approval of Council (obtained by e-mail prior to the meeting) the number of pages per volume of PRS would be increased in two steps to allow a gradual increase in the institutional subscription price. The increased costs of production and mailing associated with the expansion of the journal will be shared equally by RSAI and Springer-Verlag. Florax suggested that the committee of himself, Batey, and Donaghy, which had been involved in negotiations with Springer-Verlag, continue in that capacity. He noted that papers for two years of journal issues had been laid out, that the number of manuscript submissions from North America had declined, but that those from elsewhere had increased. Florax also observed that with increased submissions by non-native English speakers, support was needed to have language editing done in a professional way.

Discussion: Stough remarked that expanding the journal was important since a backlog of papers may discourage good submissions. He also noted that the Annals of Regional Science was doing copy editing increasingly. Fischer remarked that extensive rewriting of papers may lead to reauthoring. Getis suggested that if copy-editors' services were required authors should be charged for them. Batey observed that PRS has always tried to incorporate papers from around the world. Fischer rejoined that the editors must be careful not to over-represent a particular region. Florax responded that the editors can only publish from what is submitted. Rossi remarked that he favored issues with papers on a variety of subjects by authors from different regions. Stough suggested that a small amount of funds might be allocated for copy editing.

Decision: Kohno charged the working committee of Batey, Donaghy, and Florax to negotiate terms of a contract renewal with Springer-Verlag.

7. Executive Director's Report: Donaghy reported that membership renewals for the year 2000 were running behind those for 1999 by about 100 members but that an increase was expected from attendance at the World Congress. He then distributed information showing that the Association had run a cash flow deficit of about \$2,500 in 1999 and reminded Council that, as had been discussed at the Montreal Council meeting, part-time office staff at RSAI headquarters needed to be rehired. To cover operating expenses Donaghy suggested that membership dues in all categories be increased by \$5 and that the per capita fees collected at super-regional meetings be increased by \$10 in 2001. He reasoned that this approach to revenue raising would likely affect membership the least.

Discussion: Stough asked if the proposed increases in dues and fees would be sufficient to cover anticipated shortfalls in revenues projected over the next few years. Donaghy stated that he thought they would be sufficient. Kilkenny observed that the Association's headquarters were understaffed by comparison to other scholarly societies. Getis asked if any cost saving measures were being taken by the Association. Donaghy indicated that some cost savings were anticipated from reductions in costs of printing and mailing the newsletter, as conference programs are no longer included and members elect to receive the newsletter electronically. Savings could also be realized by publishing the membership directory electronically. Getis proposed that future membership directories be published electronically.

Decision: Kohno asked for and received approval of the proposal to increase dues by \$5 and per capitation fees collected at super-regional meetings by \$10 in 2001.

Donaghy reminded the council that future meetings were scheduled for August 29th at 9:00 AM in Barcelona and for November 9th at 9:00 AM in Chicago.

8. Report on Awards in Regional Science: Responding to Council's request at the Montreal meeting to provide information on awards given in regional science, Donaghy distributed a list of awards with information on conferring bodies and eligible recipients. The list included the Founders' Medal, the William Alonso Prize, the Walter Isard Lifetime Achievement Award, the David Boyce Service Award, the Palander Prize, the Losch Ring, the Boudeville Award, the Geoffrey Hewings Young Scholar Award, the Epainos Prize, the Barclay Jones Dissertation Prize, the Tiebout Prize, and the Benjamin Stevens Fellowship.

Discussion: Hewings remarked that to his mind RSAI doesn't do enough to recognize the accomplishments of its members. He suggested that it confer the distinction of 'fellow' upon important contributors to regional science. Kilkenny stated that fellows should be highly visible scholars.

Decision: Kohno asked Hewings to head a committee that would make a formal proposal to Council in November on how fellows would be selected.

9. Nominations for At-Large Council Seats: Gibson reported that the LRPC recommended that Getis and Rossi, whose terms expire at the end of the year, be nominated with their consent to run for second three-year terms. He reasoned that their regular attendance at meetings and familiarity with the workings of Association and Council were important assets.

Discussion: Getis and Rossi agreed to stand for election again. Kilkenny lamented the dearth of women on the Council and in the Association in general. She urged council to make a concerted effort to increase participation by women in RSAI and its governance.

Decision: The nominations of Getis and Rossi were approved.

10. New Business: Batey reported that an international symposium similar in nature to the recent South African symposium

was to be organized in Brazil. The organizing committee would include Juan Cuadrado-Roura, Vice-President Hewings, and President Kohno. Batey asked Council to recognize Kohno, Peter Nijkamp and the South African members of the LOC for the outstanding work they did in putting on the South African symposium on regional development.

Discussion: Fischer observed that Higano should also be commended for organizing the excellent post-symposium field trip in and around Cape Town.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

MEXICAN ASSOCIATION HOSTS PRSCO

The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization's Institute was held in conjunction with the Mexican Association's domestic meeting during the period June 12-16, 2000 in Mexico City, Mexico. The meetings were lively and well attended. There were five PRSCO paper sessions and 32 paper sessions associated with the Mexican association specifically. In all, there were 180 papers including 14 by non-Mexican scholars. There were also several excellent plenary type sessions including the PRSCO Institute's opening session and PRSCO sessions on globalization and on the future roles of Latin America in the Pacific Rim. During the Mexican association's program there were three more plenary sessions including one on trade liberalization organized by Buddy Weinstein, University of North Texas, another on urban development, and a joint PRSCO-AMECIDAR closing session.

The PRSCO Council Meeting was held on June 13th. Council members attending included J. Poot (Australia and New Zealand Section), H. Kohno, RSAI President (representing council member Fukuchi), Professors Miyata and Shibusawa and Y. Higano, PRSCO Executive Secretary (Japan Section), S. Park, PRSCO President (Korean Regional Science Association), A. Corona and J. Serrano (AMECIDAR), and L. Gibson (Western Regional Science Association).

AMECIDAR, PRSCO's newest member organization did a terrific job of managing a large and excellent joint meeting. Credit goes to the AMECIDAR leadership and to the leadership of UNAM, the National University which served as the host institution. AMECIDAR's leadership includes Jose Luis Cecena, Honorary President, Salvador Rodriguez, President, and Vice Presidents Alfonso Corona and Jorge Serrano. Rodriguez with the help of Julio Rodriguez and Maria Sara Gonzalez managed the association's domestic affairs whereas Serrano coordinates international relations. The UNAM effort was accomplished through the leadership of Dean Olga Hansberg, Alicia Girón, Directora del Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas, Hector Hernandez, Director of the Multidisciplinary Studies Center, and local organizing committee chair Jorge Serrano.

Mexican colleagues have built a strong domestic section which is now emerging as a strong international player in the Pacific Region and in North America too. As noted above, the program was large and it was strong. The concurrent paper sessions were complimented by stimulating plenary sessions and by a special session convened to award Dr. Jorge Serrano the International Prize of Environmental Creation. Following the award ceremony

which was conducted by Hokkaido university's Etsuo Yamamura, the 150 attendees were treated to a special program of Mexican folk music.

Additional information about Mexican Regional Science can be obtained from Jorge Serrano. (Executive Secretary Yoshiro Higano can provide information on PRSCO and its activities.)

REMINDERS

22ND NERSA CONFERENCE, BUFFALO, SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2000

The 22nd Northeastern Regional Science Association annual conference will be held in Buffalo, New York on September 29th and 30th at the SUNY Buffalo Campus. For more information, please contact Prof. Yasuhide Okuyama at yokuyama@ap.buffalo.edu.

47TH NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF RSAI, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 9-12, 2000

The 47th North American Meetings of RSAI will be held November 9-12 in Chicago, Illinois at the the Midland Hotel. For more information, please check the conference web site at http://www.niu.edu/depts/ext_prog/RSAI/site.html.

32ND MEETING OF RSA, INDIA, CALCUTTA, NOVEMBER 17-18, 2000

The 32nd annual meeting and conference of the Regional Science Association, India will be held November 17th and 18th in Calcutta. The main theme of the conference will be "Urban and Regional Information Systems for Planning." For more information, please contact the Organizing Secretary Dr. C.R. Pathak at 91-33-3583927.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2000 OF THE REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION, LONDON, NOVEMBER 24, 2000

The Regional Studies Association will hold its annual conference on November 24th at the London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, Holloway Road London, UK. The theme of the conference is *'Two Speed Cities?' Cities and Urban Development in the New Millenium*. For further information, please contact the Regional Studies Association at Tel: 01323 899698, Fax: 01323899798, e-mail: rsa@mailbox.ulcc.ac.uk.

14TH ARSC MEETING, TSUKUBA, DECEMBER 2-3, 2000

The Applied Regional Science Conference will be holding its 14th annual meeting on December 2nd and 3rd at Tsukuba International Congress Center, Tsukuba City, Japan. For more information, please contact Professor Masayuki Doi at doi@sk.tsukuba.ac.jp, or visit the web site <http://ecopolis.sk.tsukuba.ac.jp/~arsc>.

24TH ANZRSA MEETING, HOBART, TASMANIA, DECEMBER 3-6, 2000

The 24th annual Australia and New Zealand meeting of the RSAI will be held in Hobart, Tasmania from the 3rd through the 6th of December. For more information, please contact Dr. John Madden by e-mail at j.r.madden@utas.edu.au or by Fax at +61 3 6223 8053.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

40TH MEETING OF WRSA, PALM SPRINGS, FEBRUARY 25-28, 2001

The Western Regional Science Association was formed in 1961. To mark the anniversary a number of special features are being planned for its 40th Annual Meeting. The conference will be held in the lovely conference center of the Palm Springs Riviera Resort and Racquet Club (which was also the site of WRSA's 14th Annual Meeting in 1975). It will begin with registration and an opening plenary session on Sunday afternoon, February 25. Paper sessions will be held all day Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 26, 27 and 28.

The deadline for paper submissions is October 15. Papers on any regional science topic are welcome. Possible papers subjects include resource utilization, impact analysis, regional and urban planning, local public finance, migration and demographic analysis, and transportation. As per longstanding WRSA custom, all offers will be screened by the Program Committee prior to invitations being issued for presentation. Abstracts are not accepted, but at the time of the October 15 submittal deadline papers may be in draft form. Those wishing to organize a special session are encouraged to contact David Plane as soon as possible. Visit the Association's website at <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa> for full conference information and details on how papers may be submitted.

4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT (UPE4): INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO LOCAL/REGIONAL DECISION MAKING, HAIFA, ISRAEL, MARCH 19-22, 2001

The challenge to be addressed in UPE4 is how to integrate environmental considerations into local/regional decision making. The symposium will be conducted along several tracks, including: local agendas 21, managing environmental conflicts in the urban milieu, local environmental indicators, innovative tools for local management of the urban environment, environmental equity at the local level, and implications of institutional structures for local environmental decision making.

Abstracts for all track sessions are requested and should be received by the organizing committee no later than October 15, 2000. The venue of the symposium is the Mount Carmel Hotel in Haifa, Israel. The fee for early registration (until December 1st) is \$300; late and on-site registration is \$350. The registration fee includes the opening reception and a professional tour, lunches and coffee for all four days of the conference. A two-day post conference tour will be available at extra cost (to be determined later). The tour will end in Jerusalem on the opening day of the IFHP conference.

Please send abstracts to Dr. Eran Feitelson, Department of Geography, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem 91905, Israel. Fax: 972-2-5883347, e-mail: msfeitel@mscc.huji.ac.il.

8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT
ADVANCES IN RETAILING AND SERVICES SCIENCE
VANCOUVER, JUNE 16-19, 2001

EIRASS is pleased to announce the call for papers for its 8th international conference, which will be held at the Vancouver Renaissance Hotel in Vancouver, Canada. The conference aims to bring together scholars from various disciplines and countries interested in retailing and consumer services and will be open to papers about completed work and about work in progress. The conference will focus on issues pertinent to the development of scientific research in the retailing and services industries.

Papers on any topic relevant to progress in retailing and consumer services (tourism, recreation, banking, aspects of transportation, etc.) are welcome. Topics of special interest include: consumer choice behaviour, e-commerce, business strategy, distribution channels, policy aspects, logistics, patronage, merchandising, pricing, advertising, human resource management, service quality, globalization, geographical information systems, logistics, decision support systems, inventory control, franchising, segmentation, and new research methods. Those interested in presenting a paper on one of these or related issues are invited to send an abstract to: Professor Harry Timmermans, Director of EIRASS, Eindhoven University of Technology, P.O. Box 513, H.G. 5.25 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands, Phone: 31 40 2472594; Fax: 31 40 2475882, E-mail: eirass@bwk.tue.nl. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2000.

The abstract should contain the title, author(s), affiliation(s), and the author(s) address, phone, fax and e-mail address. The abstract should also clearly indicate if co-authors, if any, will participate. Abstracts of one page and pre-registration should be sent via Internet to <http://www.tue.nl/bwk/urb/CallForPapers.html> or in printed form and on diskette, or by e-mail.

Participants interested in organising special sessions are invited to send their proposal to the above address. Proposals should include: (a) a detailed description of the proposed session; (b) a list of the proposed speakers; (c) whether or not each speaker has agreed to serve if the proposal is accepted; and (d) the names and addresses of the chairperson and discussants, if any. Sessions are typically organised in blocks of 3-4 presentations. Depending on the quality of the papers, a special issue of *JRCS* can be arranged.

For information on the conference venue and package (including registration, documents and accommodations) please visit the web site address given above.

17TH PACIFIC CONFERENCE RSAI, PORTLAND, OREGON,
JUNE 30 - JULY 4, 2001

The 17th Pacific Conference of the Regional Science Association International will be held from June 30th to July 4th in Portland, Oregon USA at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland. Papers on any regional science topic are welcome. Special themes for the PRSCO17 conference include: sustainable cities, urban growth management, downtown revitalization, trade in the

Pacific Rim: ports and intermodalism, urban transportation: alternative futures, evolution of high technology districts, regional impacts of immigration, aging, and changing household composition, the geography of the internet, substitution and complementarity of telecommunications and transportation, transformation of resource-based economies, evolution of settlement systems on the Pacific Rim, emerging challenges to agriculture in urban societies, sustainable tourism, and international investment and financial markets.

The deadline for abstract submittal is February 28, 2001. Please e-mail or send abstracts to David A. Plane, Chair, Organizing Committee PRSCO17, Department of Geography & Regional Development, University of Arizona, Harvill Building, Box 2, Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA, plane@u.arizona.edu, fax: 520-621-2889, phone: 520-621-1738. The conference is hosted by the Western Regional Science Association. For full conference information please visit the web site at <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>.

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