


NEWS AND INFORMATION

PRESIDENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Progress with RSAI transition

As you will be well aware by now we are in the process of making radical changes to the way RSAI is organized and managed. From 2005 Blackwells will be the new publishers of our 'Papers in Regional Science' as well as managers of our membership lists. This is part of a major restructuring operation that sees its principal aim as getting as many regional scientists as possible enrolled into the wider international community of scholars. To facilitate this we realized that membership rates for the international section must be as low as possible. Thus, in the last newsletter, we outlined the various new membership categories for RSAI that will be effective from 2005 onwards. The category of 'section membership' was priced as low as possible (at only 10 Euros) in order to encourage as many persons as possible to be international members. News is now filtering back on worldwide reaction to these proposals- and it is exciting news at that! The number of sections that have said a provisional yes to section membership is now large and growing by each month. In the next newsletter we hope to be able to produce a definitive list of such sections. For now, we can report that the three supra-regions (North America, Europe and Pacific) have been working hard on our behalf to encourage individual sections to sign up. We are confident that most sections within these supra-regions will be RSAI members from next year. That alone would be a fantastic achievement, although we are very aware that some countries do not belong to the Supra-regions and urgent thought needs to be given as to how that situation can be altered. Indeed, there is now a committee charged with producing new Supra-region affiliations. Over the next few months Graham Clarke will be contacting all section heads/secretaries

(especially those that are still undecided!) to discuss aspects of change in more detail and to explain how the new system will work from 2005.

As noted above, we have also recently signed a new contract with Blackwells for handling the membership lists and for publishing our journal 'Papers in Regional Science'. This is also an exciting move and we are now working with Blackwells to ensure that we are all prepared for the transition from the old headquarters in Illinois to the new headquarters in Leeds.

It is now clear that RSAI in 2005 will be bigger and better. As we increase the number of members it is important we constantly monitor the services we can provide. Even though section membership will be very inexpensive we still want to provide a good set of central services (in addition to journal, newsletter and web site). We would both be pleased to receive your thoughts on what we can and should be doing centrally to make us an even better organization in the future.

Graham Clarke and Antoine Bailly

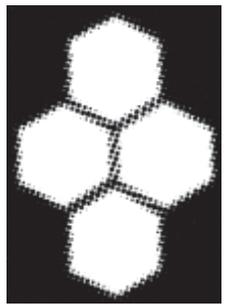
**MINUTES OF RSAI COUNCIL MEETING:
PORT ELIZABETH, APRIL 2004**

Present: Antoine Bailly (chair), Carlos Azzoni, Franz-Josef Bade, Peter Batey, Roberto Camagni, Roberta Capello, Graham Clarke, Kieran Donaghy, Lay Gibson, Kingsley Haynes, Yoshiro Higano, Gideon Horn, John Madden, Phil McCann, John Quigley, Jacques Poot, Jorge Serrano, Robert Stimson.

1. Apologies: David Boyce, Manas Chatterji, Aisling Reynolds-Feighen, Raymond Florax,

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Andrew Krmeneč, Geoff Hewings, Yasuhide Okuyama, Jessie Poon, Jean-Claude Thill, Brigitte Waldorf.

2. Minutes of last meeting: accepted

3. Matters arising: none

4. President's remarks: Antoine Bailly reviewed the composition of the RSAI Council and reminded the meeting who needed to be re-elected to serve in the future.

5. Transition Committee: Antoine Bailly reported that the contract with Blackwells had now been signed and he thanked the members of the transition committee for their input and comments on earlier drafts of the contract. Graham Clarke reported on the sections that had already said a provisional yes to universal membership and thanked all the Council representatives on the committees of the three supra-regions for their support at the various meetings of these groups. A fuller and more definitive list of sections joining RSAI would be presented at the Council meeting in Porto. Graham agreed to write to all sections to encourage them further and to explain the next steps in the transition procedure (at the same time undertaking a new survey of the Association). This information would also be posted on the web-site. There followed a discussion on the language of the RSAI given the possibility of universal membership. Jose Serrano explained the difficulty of all sections understanding English and he felt that Papers in Regional Science may not appeal to all in their present state. It was agreed to ask Raymond Florax/Blackwells to review the possibility of at least producing abstracts for the journal papers in English, French and Spanish, and/or the possibility of encouraging authors to produce a 1 page summary of their papers in a non-technical, easy to understand vocabulary.

6. Report of Executive Director(s):

Graham Clarke reported that the transition of all but the special Fellowship long-term accounts would be transferred forthwith to the UK bank account. He also explained that he was researching the possibility of charitable status in the UK/Europe and possible NGO status for RSAI. These were agreed as priorities.

Kieran Donaghy reported the healthy state of the accounts and informed Council that we had covered the expenses associated with the Golden Anniversary edition of the Papers in Regional Science from the conference fees at Philadelphia. He also reported that the staff at Illinois had been given official notice and he looked forward to the transfer of the Illinois office to both Leeds and Blackwells in Oxford. This included the back copies of the Journal which Blackwells had agreed to ship to the UK for storage at their headquarters. He also apologized for recent e-mail problems at Illinois.

7. Prizes:

Kieran Donaghy outlined the various prizes that are sponsored or awarded by RSAI. The list is now long and there have been several recent requests for new prize funds to be set up. A sub-committee was set up to review prizes and to make recommendations regarding any future proposals. This sub-committee will consist of Kieran Donaghy, Andres Rodriguez Pose (ERSA Secretary - if willing) and Yoshiro Higano.

8. Papers in Regional Science:

Jacques Poot reported that all the 2004 editions were in good shape and noted a healthy number of submissions for 2005.

9. Long Range Planning Committee:

Lay Gibson reported on the most recent LRPC meeting. First, it was agreed to fix the dates of future Council and Long Range Planning Meetings well in advance of the next meeting. Graham Clarke to check with various conference organizers and send out a new set of dates as soon as possible. Then Lay outlined several ideas for new initiatives. After a wide-ranging debate on many of these issues the following action points were agreed:

- i) Lay Gibson to articulate the duties of the Executive Director and President more fully (including a timetable of events for the year). This was felt to be especially useful for new members coming into these posts.
- ii) A meeting room to be booked at the Western Regional Science Association meeting in San Diego in February so that a 'study session' of Council could be held if needed (noting that there will be a long break between Seattle in November 2004 and PRSCO meeting in July 2005)
- iii) A sub-committee to be set up to discuss the venue and arrangements for the 2008 World Congress. The following were elected to that sub-committee: John Quigley, Roberto Camagni and Yoshiro Higano. They would report to Council meeting at Porto or Seattle on first deliberations.
- iv) A finance committee be set up to monitor spending undertaken by the Executive Director (and President where appropriate). This committee would also be charged with monitoring the relationship with Blackwells. Membership of this group would be ratified in Porto (may need a European composition for accessibility reasons).
- v) Graham Clarke was encouraged in his bid to seek charity/NGO status.
- vi) Given all the widespread changes in the structure of RSAI a sub-committee was set up to check constitutional matters, and if necessary or appropriate to redraft sections of the constitution. This group to consist of Kieran Donaghy, Graham Clarke, Franz Josef Bade, Jorge Serrano and Peter Batey.

Date of next meeting: Saturday, August 28th, 16.15, Porto

Graham Clarke, April 2004

AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

FOUNDATION FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES 2004 ESSAY COMPETITION

In collaboration with the International Journal of Urban Regional Research and Blackwell Publishers, the Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies is organizing a fourth international essay competition for the best essay on urban and regional themes by young (under 35) scholars.

A prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the overall winner, three second prizes of £500 and three third prizes £250 will be awarded respectively to: 1) essays written in English by native English speaking authors; 2) essays written in English by non native English speaking authors; 3) essays written in French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Essays which reach the final round of judging but which are not awarded one of the first three prizes will receive Blackwells book prizes totalling £700. The first prize essay will be published in the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research subject to any changes required by the Editor and will be translated if necessary.

The essay should be no longer than 7,000 words (including footnotes and bibliography) and be sent with a 500-word maximum summary in English. Essays exceeding 7,000 words will be automatically excluded. Essays written in the following languages will be considered: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. A note must be attached to the essay indicating the author's full name, address, university or workplace (if any), date and place of birth, nationality, e-mail, telephone and fax number(s), a short CV (maximum 100 words) and stating the essay's word length.

Essays must be sent by May 31, 2004 to nicoletta.carmi@unimib.it as an attachment (Basic Mime encoding) or by mail (winword file on diskette) to the following address: FURS Essay Competition, Fondazione Bignaschi, Via Olmetto 3, 20123 Milano, Italy.

Unsuccessful entrants in the previous competitions are encouraged to enter again, but may not submit the same essay. The essays will be read by two anonymous referees who will send their comments to Professor Enzo Mingione who will organize a final round of judging by a panel of three. The results will be made public and communicated to entrants by December 31, 2004. For further information please contact:

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RSAI DISSERTATION COMPETITION

The Association invites the submission of dissertations completed in 2003/04 in the field of Regional Science to the annual competition. Two copies of the dissertation and a letter of nomination from the research supervisor should be sent to:

Professor K. Bruce Newbold
School of Geography and Geology
McMaster University
Hamilton ON L8S 4K1, Canada.

The copies of dissertation and the nomination letter should be received by the end of June, 2004, for this year's competition. For further information, please contact Prof. Newbold at newbold@mcmaster.ca.

2ND REIMUT JOCHIMSEN PRIZE

In memory of its former president and in honor of the renowned economist Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Reimut Jochimsen the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank will award a prize for the best paper on the topic on "European Infrastructure Policy: the Infrastructure Policy of the European Community with Respect to the New Orientation of the Structural Funds".

This announcement is addressed to authors who want to participate in the search for possibilities of creating an economically efficient, socially fair and ecologically sound infrastructure for the European economies. To be considered, papers should not exceed 40 pages. 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, by September 15, 2004. Collaborators of the members of the Reading Committee may not participate in the competition.

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



COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

NEW WEB SITE FOR BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION OF RSAI

The British and Irish Section of the RSAI has a new web site. The URL is: <http://www.rsai-bis.org>

The web master is Vassilis Monastiriotis (Royal Holloway; Vassilis.Monastiriotis@rhul.ac.uk).

RECENT BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF RSAI

Michael L. Lahr and Erik Dietzenbacher (eds.), *Wassily Leontief and Input-Output Economics*, Cambridge University Press, 418 pages, 61 line diagrams 42 tables, ISBN: 0521832381.

Wassily Leontief (1905-1999) was the founding father of input-output economics, for which he received the Nobel Prize in 1973. This book offers a collection of papers in memory of Leontief by his students and close colleagues. The first part, reflections on Input-Output Economics, focuses upon Leontief as a person and scholar as well as his personal contributions to economics. It includes contributions by Nobel Laureate Paul A. Samuelson who shares his memories of a young Professor Leontief at Harvard and ends with the last joint interview with Wassily and his wife, to date previously unpublished. The second part, perspectives of Input-Output Economics, includes new theoretical and empirical research inspired by Leontief's work and offers a wide-ranging sample

of the current state of interindustry economics, a field Leontief founded. This is a strong collection likely to appeal to a wide range of professionals in universities, government, industry and international organizations.

Contributors include: Paul A. Samuelson, Karen R. Polenske, Faye Duchin, Emilio Fontela, Henri Aujac, Jean H. P. Paelinck, William H. Miernyk, Andrew Brody, Anne P. Carter, Christian deBresson, Thijs ten Raa, Edward N. Wolff, Erik Dietzenbacher, Michael L. Lahr, Bart Los, Robert E. Kuenne, Iwao Ozaki, Masahiro Kuroda, Koji Nomura, Shuntaro Shishido, Lawrence R. Klein, Vijaya Duggal, Cynthia Saltzman, Clopper Almon, Maurizio Grassini, Albert E. Steenge

Yasuhide Okuyama and Stephanie E. Chang (eds.), *Modeling Spatial and Economic Impacts of Disasters*, Springer-Verlag, Approximately 300 pages, 72 figures and 40 tables, ISBN: 3-540-21449-6.

This book brings together a collection of innovative papers on strategies for analyzing the spatial and economic impacts of disasters. Natural and human-induced disasters pose several challenges for conventional modeling. For example, disasters entail complex linkages between the natural, built, and socio-economic environments. They often create chaos and economic disequilibrium, and can also cause unexpected long-term, structural changes. Dynamic interactions among agents and behavioral adjustments in a disaster become complicated. The papers in this volume make notable progress in tackling these challenges through refinements of conventional methods, as well as new modeling frameworks and multidisciplinary, integrative strategies. The papers also provide case study applications that afford new insights on disaster processes and loss reduction strategies.

Contributors include: Adam Rose, Harold Cochrane, Jason Bram, Andrew Haughwout, James Orr, Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, Michael Sonis, Sam Cole, Gauri-Shankar Guha, Aura Reggiani, Peter Nijkamp, Hirokazu Ttatan, Kentaro, Yamaguchi, Norio Okada, Scott B. Miles, Peter Gordon, James E. Moore II, Harry W. Richardson, Donghwan An, Sungbin Cho, Jungyu Sohn, Tschangho John Kim, Jong Sung Lee, Sung-Gheel Jang, Yoshiharu Shumuta, Mamoru Shinozuka.



CONFERENCE NEWS

REMINDERS

35TH MCRSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 3-5, 2004, MADISON, WISCONSIN

The MCRSA will host its 35th annual conference June 3-5, 2004, in Madison, Wisconsin, and you are cordially invited to be a part of this always enjoyable and productive professional meeting. The conference will be held from Thursday night June 3 (our reception with cash bar is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.) through 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, at the Fluno Center for Executive Education.

The MCRSA conference remains one of the best buys among professional and academic association meetings. Our \$150.00 fee includes hors d'oeuvres at the Thursday night reception, the Friday luncheon, break refreshments, and Saturday breakfast. A non-participating spouse's package (reception and meals) is \$75.00. In addition, a special reduced fee for students will once again be in effect. The full student registration fee is \$75.00 including both the meeting and 2004 membership.

THIRD SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS WORKSHOP, JUNE 9, 2004, STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Following Toulouse 2002 and Dijon 2003, the Third Spatial Econometrics Workshop is organized by the Bureau d'Économie Théorique et Appliquée (BETA) at Strasbourg, Université Louis Pasteur. This conference aims to reinforce the interaction between well established and young researchers involved in spatial statistics and econometrics. Both theoretical and applied contributions are welcome. The invited keynote speaker is Professor Timothy Conley (University of Chicago). Professor James P. LeSage (University of Toledo) will be the concluding speaker.

Information related to this workshop is available as a PDF file by visiting the web site: <http://cournot2.u-strasbg.fr/sew/>. Contact person: Theophile Azomahou at: azomahou@cournot.u-strasbg.fr

7TH UDDEVALLA SYMPOSIUM, JUNE 17-19, 2004, FREDRIKSTAD, NORWAY

The symposium is to be held in Fredrikstad, Norway, June 17-19, 2004. The 7th Uddevalla Symposium is arranged by the University of Trollhättan/Uddevalla, Sweden in cooperation with the Jönköping International Business School, Sweden, The Östfold University College, Norway and George Mason University, USA. More information is to be found at the website: www.symposium.htu.se.

THIRD MEETING OF BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL STUDIES, JUNE 20-22, 2004, BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL

The third meeting of the Brazilian Association of Regional Studies will be held at Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, during June 20-22. The main themes of the conference are: Poverty, Human Development, and Regional Inequalities. Persons who wish to present a paper should submit the abstract by April 20, 2004 (and the full paper by May 20, 2004) through the conference web page (<http://www.aberpucminas.com.br/ingles/IIlencontro.html>), or send it to the conference organizer via email:

Prof. Joao Francisco de Abreu
Executive Secretary - ABER/BRAZIL
Email: jofabreu@pucminas.br

For more information, visit the web page of the Brazilian Association of Regional Studies at:
<http://www.aberpucminas.com.br/ingles/ingles.htm>

30TH INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS (IGC) SPECIAL SESSIONS ON "MODELS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT", AUGUST 17, 2004, GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

The RSAI British & Irish Section and the Modelling Geographical Systems Committee of the International Geographical Union (IGU) will host the special regional science sessions on "Models for Regional Development" of the International Geographical Union at the 30th IGC, which will be held in Glasgow between August 15-20. The special sessions are scheduled for the morning of August 17, 2004 (please note that there are morning flights from Glasgow to Cork on Wednesday, August 18, so you can also be in Cork in time for the annual RSAIBIS conference!). For more information, please visit: <http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/igc.html>

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RESER, SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2004, TOULOUSE AND CASTRES, FRANCE

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.

Objectives and themes of the 2004 conference, "Information Communication Technologies and Service Relationship in the Global Economy: A Challenge for Enterprises and Societies in Europe." This year, the conference has obtained the support of the European Commission, DG Enterprise. For more details, please send email to: angelique.roux@iut-tlse3.fr

11TH REGIONAL SCIENCE/ REGIONAL PLANNING CONGRESS, OCTOBER 21-23, 2004 TRABZON, TURKEY

Turkish Section of RSAI and ESRA will host the 11th Regional Science and Regional Planning Congress at Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon, Turkey during October 21 - 23, 2004. The themes of the Congress include: Urban & Regional Planning, Regional Governance Models; Regional Economic Growth; Regional Analysis, Urban & Regional Systems, Urban Corporations (partnerships), Spatial Models; Rural&Local Development, Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism; Environmental Policies, Sustainable Development & Growth; Transport & Communication Infrastructure; Public Capital & Regional Development; Entrepreneurship, Networks & Creativity/Innovation; Population, Labor Markets & Capital Mobility; European Union Regional Development and Regions, Free Zones; Institutions & Governances; Producer Services; Land Use, Real Estate and Housing Markets; Eastern Black Sea Related Studies/Analysis.

Registration fee is US\$ 50 and should be paid before July 9, 2004. For more information about the congress, please send email to: sehirktu@ktu.edu.tr; or visit web site at: <http://sehircilik.ktu.edu.tr>

34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RSAI BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION, AUGUST 18-20, 2004, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, IRELAND

The RSAI British & Irish Section will host the 2004 Annual Conference at University College Cork, Ireland, during August 18 - 20, 2004. For more information regarding the conference, please visit the RSAI British and Irish Section website at: <http://www.rsai-bis.org/>, or contact the Secretary:

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44TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 25-29, 2004, PORTO, PORTUGAL

44th European Congress of the European Regional Science Association will be held at University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, on the theme of "Regions and Fiscal Federalism."

The creation of a single market and the adoption of a common currency significantly changed the framework of regional development policy implementation in the European Union. Besides losing some powers to higher levels of a stronger "European Administration", national governments are bound to further decentralize, for efficiency reasons, to regional and local levels of government. These changes represent an opportunity to increase the relative importance of local and regional development policies but raise budgetary constraint problems. The difficult task of assuring the efficiency of the whole system while promoting equity among regions brings fiscal federalism and its connection with regional development to the front page of Regional Science agenda.

More information regarding the conference can be found at: <http://www.apdr.pt/ersa/>

If you have questions about the conference, please send email to: apdr@mail.telepac.pt

40TH CONFERENCE OF THE FRENCH SPEAKING REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2004, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The French Speaking Regional Science Association (Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française, ASRDLF) will host its 40th conference in Brussels during September 1 - 3. The topic of the conference "Regional Convergence and Disparities within the European Space: Regional Policies at Stake" is certainly appealing for regional economists, economic geographers and policy makers. Communications are in English. The address of the Conference web site is <http://www.ulb.ac.be/soco/asrdlf/> where you can find more information. It will gradually be updated.

For more information, please contact Gunther Maier, University of Economics and Business Administration, Augasse 2-6, Vienna, Austria; email: Gunther.Maier@wu-wien.ac.at

CALLS FOR PAPERS

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONSORTIUM FOR WESTERN CHINA DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, JUNE 22-23, 2004, CHENGDU, CHINA

Sichuan University, Southwest University of Finance and Economics, and Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences will cohost this inaugural conference for Western China Development. For more information: http://www.regionalscience.org/pdfs/call_chengdu2004_en.pdf

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6TH INDONESIA REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AUGUST 13-14, 2004, JOGJAKARTA, INDONESIA

The Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA) announces the 6th International Conference on "Regional Development in Transition: Governance, Public Services, and Eco-tourism." The conference is intended to be a media for scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers to discuss and exchange theoretical and empirical findings on the issue of regional development and transition economy with particular focus on the aspect of governance, business climate, informal sectors, public services, poverty, equity, tourism, and the environment. It is also hoped that through this conference participants will exchange experiences and also build strong networks for future research, policy discussion, and practical collaboration.

It is expected that participants of this conference will contribute to the following regional perspective (but not limited) topics on: governance and business climate, economic growth and development, informal sector and employment, poverty and income inequality, health and education services, infrastructure development, financing aspects of regional development, governance and institution, management of water and sanitation, management of natural resources, eco-tourism, and regional and local environmental problem. Topics that are not in Indonesian context are also welcomed so long as its lessons learned are relevant. For more information on the conference, please visit the conference web site at: <http://www.cepps-irsa2004.ugm.ac.id>.

Deadline for abstract/paper submission:

Abstract must be submitted before June 1, 2004. Notification of the abstract selected will be July 1, 2004. Paper selected must be submitted (electronic files only) to the conference organizer by July 15, 2004. Please submit your abstract via email to the Secretariat of the conference:

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Requirements of the Abstract:

The abstract should be in English. It should be no longer than 1 page in an A4 paper with upper margin and lower margin no larger than 1 inch, typed with 1 line spacing, Times New Roman 12 pt. Please note in your abstract the institution you represent.

PRSCO SUMMER INSTITUTE, SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2004, VALDIVIA, CHILE

For the first time the PRSCO goes to South America. While the World Congress was held in South Africa, the PRSCO Summer Institute is also signaling out 2004 as "the year for the Southern hemisphere" within the RSAI. All RSAI members are invited to strongly support such move by applying to the PRSCO Summer Institute in Chile. The venue is the UNIVERSIDAD AUSTRAL in Valdivia city, expected both university and city to become a key for the opening of a vigorous gate to the Pacific Rim in the South, taking advantage that this year the APEC Summit takes place also in Chile -just a month after the Summer Institute. Furthermore, efforts will be made to approach and turn more fruitful both events thereby. The date for the PRSCO Summer Institute is September 22-25, and the general topic is "Integration among Regions: A Strategic Option for Human Development in Pacific Rim Countries."

Paper submission, session organization, and other information, please contact:

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51ST ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF RSAI, NOVEMBER 11-13, 2004, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Join us in Seattle, WA, to celebrate the 51st anniversary of regional science. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Madison Hotel, November 11th-13th, 2004, in downtown Seattle.

Conference Registration

You are encouraged to register and pay for the conference using on-line registration and credit card payment forms at the conference web site. Alternatively you may download the registration form (pdf format) and submit payment via conventional mail. Please note that participation in the conference requires membership in the Regional Science Association International (RSAI). If you are not a RSAI member, you may purchase membership for 2004 or 2005 using the on-line registration system.

Paper and Session Submissions

Individual papers and pre-organized sessions must be submitted on-line via the conference web site. The conference organizers will not accept papers or sessions submitted through conventional mail or as e-mail documents. The deadline for submissions is Friday, July 2, 2004.

Hotel Reservations

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for the nights of the 10th-14th of November, at \$135 for a single or double. Reservations need to be made by October 7th, 2004. Reservations can be made by sending an e-mail to groupres@renaissanceseattle.com using the Group Code "NARNARA."

More information about the conference can be found at: <http://www.narsc.org/narsc/conference.html>

30TH CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL STUDIES, NOVEMBER 18-19, 2004, BARCELONA, SPAIN

The Spanish Association of Regional Studies announces its Annual meeting that will take place in Barcelona in November 18 and 19, 2004. This year the theme of the meeting is "Regional Policy at the Crossroads." The venue of the congress is: IDEC - Universidad Pompeu Fabra, C/ Balmes, 132, 08008 Barcelona, Spain.

Deadlines for paper submission:

Abstract: June 15, 2004
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