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 **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

PRESIDENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

The RSAI Council agreed in 2002 to appoint a new Executive Director for RSAI and, subsequently, to move the headquarters of RSAI from Illinois (which has provided a superb service for many years). In the future, as each new Executive Director is appointed, it is important that the headquarters can move easily to new institutions around the world. To facilitate this, it was decided that it would be important to investigate the outsourcing of all the major tasks relating to the management of the RSAI membership (lists of members, payments, billing etc.). Given that our flagship journal 'Papers in Regional Science' (PIRS) is an integral part of the service provided to members, it was felt that it would also be useful to combine the management of the membership list with the publication of the journal. At the North American Meeting in November 2002, a transition committee (TC) was established to investigate this outsourcing issue. At the same time this committee was also charged with the task of trying to increase RSAI membership, by increasing the attractiveness of RSAI membership to those people who are members of RSA national associations but not necessarily RSAI. To enable this to occur it was felt that the issue of membership services at lower cost also needed to be addressed. The TC invited a number of companies to tender for these services. In the judgement of the TC, Blackwell's proposal is by far the most detailed and comes the closest to matching our needs and desires.

At the Council meeting in Acapulco it was agreed that we should proceed with the Blackwell's proposal. Their main proposals can be summarised as:

- A tailored membership management programme which better suits the needs and aspirations of the RSAI;
- Recommendations for a range of membership options, benefits and pricing structure;
- The targeting of institutions in the developing

world through specialised database sales and new members through reduced price subscriptions;

Significantly increasing readership of PIRS to 10,000 article downloads per year within five years;

Implementing sales and marketing initiatives for specific groups and regions;

Helping to build the profile of the RSAI in mature markets by sponsoring conference receptions;

Reaching new practitioner audiences through targeted e-mail campaigns; and

A new look RSAI website to be developed by Blackwell, in collaboration with the RSAI 'web-master' (currently Randall Jackson).

The specific goals for PIRS will be to:

Arrest the decline in library sales, through sales to library consortia and targeting non-subscribing institutions - goal of 600+ additional library sales within 5 years;

Increase circulation, visibility and submissions in North America; and

Extend access in the Developing World.

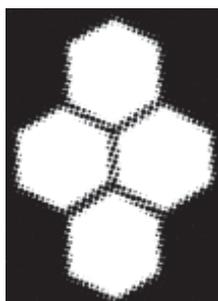
It is crucial both to retain current membership levels and attract new members. The perception around the World is that RSAI membership fees are too high at the moment, in comparison to the products and services that are on offer. Thus, it is important to offer a range of benefits and options for members. There are two 'models' being currently debated. It is hoped that a decision on this will be reached in Finland at the ERSA Conference.

In sum we believe there will be numerous benefits to RSAI:

A reduction in the burden of administration;

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increased membership; increased sales of PiRS; and, improved Website

And to national organisations & individual members:

Membership of a growing worldwide association with the opportunity to be involved with the future organisation and direction of that organisation through its various committee structures;

A much more flexible membership structure which allows access to a range of services at minimum charge; Reductions in conference fees at all RSAI conferences worldwide;

The removal of the administration and burden of the management of their membership lists;

The billing of their members done through Blackwell, with the additional regional charges returned en bloc.; and For ERSA and its members, the removal of the RSAI administration charge associated with the annual conference.

The outcome of the next discussions in Finland will appear in the next newsletter.

Antoine Bailly and Graham Clarke

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS AT LARGE

The RSAI Council has nominated Robert Stimson to run for Vice President of the Association, and has also nominated Marina van Geenhuizen, Philip McCann, John Parr, and Robert Stimson to run for two seats of three-year term as Councillor-at-Large. Brief biographies of the candidates are as follows:

Robert Stimson is Professor of Geography and Planning at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. A long time member of RSAI, he has written substantially on urban, social, economic and behavioral geography; urban and regional development; strategic planning; and survey research methods. His most recent book contains a review of "regional economic development" from the point of view of analysis and planning strategies. These issues reflect his lifelong concern to apply regional science techniques for various policy issues. At the University of Queensland, he also heads the "Centre for Research into Sustainable Urban and Regional Futures".

Marina van Geenhuizen is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management of Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands. Her research interests are: theory and practice of innovation and new firm formation in a regional context, with a special interest in biotechnology and information and communication technology; and policy analysis, mainly concerning technology policies, including those affecting transport. She is international cluster coordinator of NECTAR (Network of European Communication and Transport Researchers), and active member of various international research groups, such as US-Europe STELLA (transport and communication) and the Uetliberg Group (innovation and finance). Her most recent publication is: "How can we

reap the fruits of academic research in biotechnology? In search of critical success factors in policies for new-firm formation" (Environment and Planning C, 2003, Vol. 21).

Philip McCann is currently Reader in Regional Economics at the University of Reading UK. In 2002, he was given the Hewings Award for Outstanding Scholarship by the North American Regional Science Council. His theoretical papers cover topics on location theory, spatial pricing, transactions costs and regional multipliers, while his empirical work discusses issues relating to industrial specialisation and location behaviour, new technologies, and the interaction between human-capital and regional labour markets. He is an active member of the British and Irish Section of the Regional Science Association, having been on the section committee for the last six years, and regularly attends both the European and North American meetings of RSAI.

John Parr is Professor of Regional and Urban Economics in the Department of Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow. He has been a member of the RSA/RSAI since 1962, holding the positions of Councillor (1977-79), Vice-President (1979-80) and Chairman of the British and Irish Section (1981-85). He is presently on the editorial boards of four international journals concerned with urban and regional analysis. His primary research interests lie in the areas of regional economic change, regional spatial structure, the analysis of urban systems, and the impact of regional economic policy. In addition to co-authoring two volumes and co-editing two others, he has published in regional science, economics and planning journals.

Enclosed is the ballot sheet for elections of the Vice President and of two Councillor at Large, which also allow for write-in candidates. Please return the ballot sheet to the RSAI headquarters by November 1st, 2003. Members who are subscribing the Newsletter (PDF file) electronically should cast their ballots by sending e-mail to rsai@uiuc.edu indicating their vote, also by November 1st, 2003.

RSAI MOURNS NOBORU SAKASHITA

Professor Noboru Sakashita, the former president of the Ryutsu Keizai University and Professor Emeritus of the University of Tsukuba in Japan, passed away on August 13, 2003. He was very active in RSAI, serving as President of the Regional Science Association during 1987-1988 and his work in the fields of Regional Economics and Econometrics are well-known. He was one of the founders of Applied Regional Science Conference in Japan, and served as the managing editor of the Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

INTERNATIONAL PRIZE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CREATION
2002 TO DAVID PLANE

Institute of Environmental Creation International is very pleased to inform that the Executive Committee of International Prize for Environmental Creation decided to award "International Prize of Environmental Creation 2002" to Professor David A. Plane, University of Arizona, U.S.A. for his excellent research work "Population and Migration Arising from Model Reference Adaptive Theory". The ceremony of the International Prize was held in a very solemn and heartfelt atmosphere at the Guest House of Hokkaido University on October 8th 2002 with Professors Yamamura and Higano, and the faculty members and foreign students.

Call for papers to International Journal of Environmental Creation Vol. 5 and also nominations for the International Prize of Environmental Creation 2003. Please refer the information to the following home page: <http://www.geocities.co.jp/CollegeLife-Library/2530/>.

COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

FOUR NEW FELLOWS FOR THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

In February 2002, the RSAI Council voted a resolution concerning the Fellows of RSAI:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of identifying Fellows of the RSAI is to recognize a small number of members of the Association who have made important research and scholarly contributions to the field of regional science (broadly construed).

2. PROCEDURE

Members of RSAI are invited to apply to become Fellows and are selected by a vote of the current Fellows. The vote of the Fellows will be organized and administrated by the most recently inducted Fellow (or, in the case of several, by a small committee of that cohort selected by lottery). Once constituted, the Fellows may adopt nomination and voting procedures consistent with the purpose described above.

3. NUMBER OF FELLOWS

The number of members eligible for selections as new Fellows in any year shall be no more than five percent of the RSAI membership on December 31 of the previous year, less the number of living Fellows at the time of the election.

4. TRANSITION

By adoption of this resolution, the RSAI Council shall name the initial membership of Fellows. This membership consists of the living past recipients of the Founder's Medal of the Association. These are: Walter Isard, Martin Beckmann, Jean Paelinck, and David Boyce. The first set of Fellows will select the second set of Fellows from among all persons nominated by any members of RSAI, excluding existing Fellows.

5. REVIEW

Five years from the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the RSAI will established a committee of three members to review the implementation of this resolution and to recommend changes, as appropriate. No more than one member of this

review committee will be chosen from the Fellows of the Association.

The second set of Fellows was selected in 2003. The newly elected Fellows are:

Masahisa Fujita, Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University

Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Tony E. Smith, University of Pennsylvania

Jacques Thisse, CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain

The official presentation of the Inaugural Group of Fellows and of the Second Group of Fellows will be done, by the President of RSAI, during the official lunch of the 50th North American Meeting in Philadelphia on November 21, 2003. As the new President and new ED of RSAI, we would like to warmly congratulate the new Fellows on their fantastic achievement.

Antoine Bailly and Graham Clarke

ASIAN URBAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AURA) CONFERENCES

The Seventh Conference was held at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA during March 1-3, 2003. Professor Clifton Pannell was the chief organizer, and the Conference had over 30 papers primarily on topics related to China, Japan and South Asia. In addition to a large number from the U.S., participants came from China, Japan, Korea, India, England, and Ghana. The Conference ended with a Field Trip of Atlanta, Georgia and the high point of the trip was a visit to Korean/Vietnamese/Chinese ethnic concentration at the North-Eastern part of Atlanta.

The Eighth Conference is scheduled to be held in Japan in 2005, to be hosted by Tokuyama University, Tokuyama City, Yamaguchi. Dr. Shii Okuno (Shii_Okuno@red.umds.ac.jp) is the principal conference organizer.

FOURTH ISRAELI / BRITISH & IRISH REGIONAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP

The Fourth Israeli/British & Irish (IBI) Regional Science Workshop was held on 18-20 May 2003 in Edinburgh, and was hosted by Napier University and the University of Glasgow. The attendance of 25 included three individuals from the public sector, with the balance divided roughly evenly between the Israeli Section and British & Irish Section. The Workshop was arranged into seven sessions, organised around the general theme of Regional Science: Development, Structure, Policy. Full details of the Workshop Programme and the names and affiliations of the participants are to be found on the RSAIBIS Web-Site (www.rsaibis.dundee.ac.uk).

The aims of the IBI Workshop Series are twofold. The first is to act as a forum for the exchange of research ideas and findings between the two Sections, across the entire field of Regional Science. The second aim is to enhance and consolidate existing bi-lateral research links between individual members of the two sections. The IBI Workshop Series has been in existence for twelve years, previous

meetings having been held in Tel-Aviv (1991), Ambleside (1995) and Jerusalem (2000).

Ron McQuaid and John Parr

THIRD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE ROMANIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

On May 22-23, 2003 the Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest hosted the Third International Symposium of the Romanian Regional Science Association (RRSA), which concentrated on "Competitive Advantages and Regional Development".

The 120 papers included in the programme were structured by topics. The most special moment of the meeting was Professor Charles Leven's address at the Opening Ceremony: as founding member and past president of the Regional Science Association International. Professor Leven (at present Professor Emeritus at Washington University of St. Louis, MO, U.S.A.) offered a comprehensive image of the RSAI history, with a particular significance in 2003, when the 50th meeting will take place in Philadelphia this fall.

On this occasion, the Romanian Regional Science Association, the youngest section of the European Regional Science Association, congratulates the RSAI and wishes its members lots of success and new accomplishments in their Regional Science-related endeavors.

Prof. Dr. Daniela L. Constantin
President of the Romanian RSA

MINUTES OF RSAI COUNCIL MEETING AT PRSCO MEETING, JULY 4, 2003, ACAPULCO, MEXICO

Present: Antoine Bailly (chair), Franz-Josef Bade, Graham Clarke, Kieran Donaghy, Raymond Florax, Art Getis, Kingsley Haynes, Lay Gibson, Yoshiro Higano, Jessie Poon, Jacques Poot, John Quigley, Jorge Serrano, Brigitte Waldorf.

1. Apologies: David Boyce, Angelo Rossi, Roberto Camagni, Roberta Capello, Aisling Reynolds-Feighen, Jean-Claude Thill, Adrian Esperza, John Madden. Geoffrey Hewings.

2. Minutes of last meeting: accepted

3. Matters arising: none

4. President's remarks: Antoine Bailly recapped on the need for change in the structure of RSAI as discussed in some detail at recent meetings in Croatia, Monterey, Dortmund and Puerto Rico. At the latter meeting a Transition Committee (TC) had been set up to propose changes to Council and to the membership. He outlined that this Committee had invited tenders for handling both membership services and the publication of 'Papers in Regional Science' and that it had met twice in London to review those tenders. He thanked that Committee for producing a proposal for discussion under item 9. This proposal would be further developed and discussed at Finland in August and at Philadelphia in November. However, he hoped that the basic principles could be agreed in Acapulco.

5. Long-range planning Committee: Kieran Donaghy and Kingsley Haynes reported on the most recent LRPC meeting. There were a number of proposals:

i) Vice-President. The nomination from the LRPC was Robert Stimson from the University of Queensland, Australia. His skills were highlighted as including great experience in publishing in regional science and great experience with working with practitioners. It was agreed that he would represent RSAI very well across the globe. His nomination was accepted by Council and his name will go forward as a candidate for election in the next newsletter.

ii) New Council members: Art Getis and Angelo Rossi have now completed their maximum six year Council periods. Antoine thanked them for their excellent contributions. Robert Stimson was nominated to fill one slot. Nominations for the second slot included Jack Parr, Marina Van Geenhuizen and Phil McCann. If these persons agree their names will go forward for election in the next newsletter. **Action:**

Graham Clarke to invite these persons to stand.

iii) There was a discussion on the number of RSAI committee meetings to be held each year in the future. After a debate it was agreed to keep the status quo. However, it was suggested that Graham should write to the three Super-regions to ensure that their nominations would be able to attend the required number of meetings. **Action:**

Graham to write to Super-regions.

iv) The LRPC raised the question of progress with arrangements for South African World meeting in April. **Action:** **Graham to ensure details appear in next newsletter and that all is on track.**

v) Finally, Kieran passed round a copy of Walter Isard's new book on the history of Regional Science. This would be given to all conference participants at the Philadelphia North American Meeting in November as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations. A CD/DVD with all the past papers of 'Papers in Regional Science' would also be available.

Antoine thanked the LRPC for its proposals.

6. Executive Director's Report: Graham Clarke began by informing Council that the ED's job was still very much a partnership between himself and both Kieran Donaghy and Beth Carbonneau in Urbana. This would remain the case until the full transition to a new publisher had been completed at the end of 2004. Graham reported on the visit of himself and Antoine Bailly to Urbana to understand better the organisation of RSAI. He thanked Kieran and Beth for their warm hospitality and continued support.

Kieran then reported latest membership figures stood at 1338 with second renewals about to go out (1666 last year). He also reported that finances were good. Graham was in the process of opening a UK bank account so that more day to day expenses could be switched to Leeds. There was a discussion on who should really be responsible now for finance. Although it was agreed that as much as possible be transferred to the Leeds bank account it was vital to keep an account open in Urbana to handle membership charges and wages until the end of 2004.

7. Papers in Regional Science: Raymond Florax reported that they had received 47 manuscripts so far this year and that they expected 100 by the end of the year. The pleasing increase in the number of submissions was supported by an increasing citation factor. An enlarged golden anniversary edition (officially 1st of 2004) would be available in Philadelphia. Raymond also reported the interesting exercise undertaken with Brigitte Waldorf to ascertain from Council members their perceptions of the leading books produced in regional science. These would form part of a new book review series looking back at key contributions.

Antoine thanked Raymond for his report and all his staff for their support.

8. Forthcoming Council meetings:

i) Port Elizabeth (World) - 15th April likely date

ii) Finland (ERSA) - 30th August 12:00

iii) Philadelphia (North America) - 20th November 12:00

9. Transition Committee report: Graham Clarke outlined the proposal from the TC for a change in the handling of membership services and publication of 'Papers in Regional Science'. The paper was based on services that could be provided by Blackwells from their base in the UK. Council supported the general strategy and gave the TC permission to proceed actions with Blackwells. The main debating point was the level of service provision and the minimum price that could be charged. All Council members agreed with the principle of universal RSAI membership but also realised that if this was not cheap then sections would not subscribe. Two levels of membership at \$60 and at \$30 were proposed in the paper (with discounts for developing world and student members). An alternative strategy was to have one membership level (at \$20 or \$25 with suitable reductions for developing country and student membership) and for members then to pay on a pro rata basis for additional services. It was agreed that these two proposals be a feature of the revised document to be reviewed in the Council meeting at Finland and by all section heads for comments. It was also agreed that to sustain these cheaper prices all sections would have to agree to their members becoming full RSAI members. The level of basic services offered was also discussed. It was agreed that the basic cheap rate would give all members access to the website, an electronic newsletter and electronic access to the journal. Sections would also benefit from the elimination of fees paid to RSAI from their conferences and from the administration of membership fee collection (if required). **Actions: Graham to revise document adding both proposals for further discussion and to produce a shorter version for section heads.**

10. AOB: none

Graham Clarke, July 2003

PUBLICATION OF SUMMER INSTITUTE IN GRONINGEN

In cooperation with the European Regional Science Association, the Dutch section of the Regional Science Association organized a Summer Institute in Groningen (The Netherlands) in June 2001.

A selection of the papers presented by the participants and invited speakers are published after revisions in a volume, "Urban Regions: Governing Interacting Economic, Housing, and Transport Systems", edited by Jouke van Dijk, Paul Elhorst, Jan Oosterhaven, and Egbert Wever.

The volume is published in 2002 as nr. 303 in the series of Netherlands Geographical Studies of the Royal Netherlands Geographical Society in Utrecht. The price is € 41,50 excluding postage.

The book can be ordered by sending an e-mail to: r.vanderlinden@geog.uu.nl.



CONFERENCE NEWS

REMINDERS

REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 21, 2003, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Regional Studies Association will host the annual conference, titled "Economic Governance Post-Devolution: Differentiation or Convergence?", on November 21, 2003 at the London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre.

Devolution has generated profound implications for the nature and practice of economic governance in the nations and regions of the UK. While economic development has been integral to the devolution project in the UK, devolved governance arrangements are expected to deliver on two fronts. First, decentralised approaches tailored to sub-national, regional and local circumstances are considered better able to address the continuing problems caused by entrenched territorial inequalities in growth, income and employment. Second, devolved structures are expected to offer an enhanced, democratised political settlement that renders economic development institutions more accountable to their local, regional and sub-national territories. The substantial changes since 1997 have opened up strategic and practical challenges and opportunities for both the academic and policy making communities within an increasingly multilayered, devolving governance system working across the local, regional, national and European levels.

Drawing from contributors to the ESRC's Devolution Programme, the 2003 conference format will have several keynote speakers in the morning including: Martin Burch, Phil Cooke, Bob Elliott, Mark Goodwin, David Heald, Michael Keating, Peter McGregor.

Lisa Bibby Larsen, Conference Officer,
Regional Studies Association

50TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL, NOVEMBER 20-22, 2003, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Join us in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to celebrate the 50th anniversary of regional science. The conference will be held at

the Doubletree Hotel, November 20-22nd, 2003, in the center of downtown Philadelphia. The room rate is \$119 single/double, \$129 triple/quad. Janice Madden and the Conference Planning Committee are arranging several special events to commemorate the Golden Anniversary, including special sessions on the history and future of regional science, receptions, and scholarly sessions on a range of regional science topics. Walter Isard, founder of the regional science association and current President of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), will deliver the Presidential Address. David Weinstein, author of "Bones, Bombs, and Break Points: The Geography of Economic Activity" in December 2002 American Economic Review will deliver the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank's sponsored address on new directions in regional science.

You are encouraged to register and pay for the conference using on-line registration and credit card payment forms. Alternatively, you may download the registration form and submit payment via conventional mail. Registration fees are as follows:

\$185 through June 30, 2003
\$210 July 1-September 30, 2003
\$230 after September 30
\$115 for students.

Additional information on the conference, including online payment and submission sites, available at www.narsc.org.

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CALLS FOR PAPERS

SCIENCE BASED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT: A CONFERENCE ON EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENTS FOR POLICYMAKERS IN ACADEMIC REGIONS, SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2003, DELFT, THE NETHERLANDS

The impact of Universities on regional economic development has recently received growing attention of regional and national policymakers. The transition from an industrial economy to a knowledge based society is a process in which most western and South Asian countries are deeply involved. Universities play an essential role in providing graduates, higher education tracks, research and young entrepreneurs. Policy makers are searching for the right instruments to boost science based regional development. National and international policy makers are searching for instruments on their level to facilitate this process. To discuss international good practises from Asian, American and European regions, a conference takes place in Delft, September 18-19 2003.

In order to make use of international exchange of best practises policy makers should know which instruments are effective in which region. Therefore a survey will be carried out to enhance the effectiveness of this conference. In this survey, knowledge gaps will be identified when reviewing performance indicators, policy instruments and the impact of economic and

administrative factors.

As a main international player, the city of Delft invites you to participate in this two day international conference. During the conference internationally renowned academics and practitioners from successful regions will exchange their views on effective policy instruments. The conference aims to conclude with a renewed insight in the effectiveness of specific policy instruments in different science based regions.

If you represent a university or public research organisation, a governmental institution, involved industry, a regional development company or a chamber of commerce, please feel welcome to join this debate on effective science based regions!

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35TH ANNUAL REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE, RSA INDIA, NOVEMBER 21-22, DIST. DARJEELING, INDIA

35th annual conference of Regional Science Association of India will be held at Dept. of Commerce, North Bengal University, Raja Rammohanpur, Dist. Darjeeling, 734 430, India. Focal Theme is "Decentralized Planning, Eco-development and Self-reliance—A Challenge to Poverty Alleviation." Interested scholars are invited to write and present their papers in the conference. Date for submission of abstracts and full papers is October 31, 2003. Please write to: Dr. Indrajit Ray, Organizing Secretary, 35th Annual Regional Science Conference, Head, Dept. of Commerce, University of North Bengal P.O. North Bengal University Raja Rammohanpur, Dist. Dargelling, West Bengal - 734-430

43RD ANNUAL MEETINGS OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, MARCH 11-13, 2004, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The Southern Regional Science Association's 43rd annual meeting will be held at the LePavillon Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana on March 11-13, 2004. Papers from all areas of regional science will be welcome. If you have an idea for a session or panel, please contact Mark Partridge, St. Cloud State University, 2004 Program Chair. The deadline for abstracts for papers is December 15, 2003. Don't have time to write a paper? Consider serving as a session chair and/or discussant. Mark Partridge can be contacted via e-mail at mpartridge@stcloudstate.edu.

For additional information, the SRSA web site at <http://www.srsa.org>.

RSAI WORLD CONGRESS, APRIL 14-17, 2004, PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA

The RSAI World Congress will be held between 14 - 17 April 2004 at the Port Elizabeth Technikon, Port Elizabeth, South

Africa. The main conference theme is: "Regional Science : From both a micro and a macro perspective".

The plenary session themes are as follows:

Regional Studies; Urban Studies; Environmental Studies; Transportation Studies; Methodology; Migration Studies; Labour Market Analysis; Urban Revitalisation; Public Facilities; Entrepreneurship and the Region; Land Use and Infrastructure; Spatial Econometrics; Aviation Economics; Urban Systems; Local Identity and Regional Development; Industrial Location

During the conference, delegates will visit the Coega Industrial Development Zone and a typical South African township. Also note that Port Elizabeth is a coastal city and delegates will be exposed to beautiful white beaches, excellent restaurants and various tourist attractions.

Abstract deadline is January 12, 2004 (150 WORDS).

Dates and Registration:

Conference Date: April 14 - 17, 2004

Venue: Port Elizabeth Technikon, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Registration Dates:

Early Bird: December 15, 2003 US\$ 220

Late Registration: January 31, 2004 US\$ 240

(Fees include conference teas and lunches, opening function and a barbeque).

Please note that the web page with all the necessary information regarding accommodation possibilities will be available towards the end of July 2003.

For further information, you are welcome to contact Professor Gideon Horn: gideonh@petech.ac.za, or the conference secretary : Ms Alta Botha: altab@petech.ac.za.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please note that there are two media of the communication and information exchange for the RSAI: RSAI Newsletter and RSAI Website. Any material you wish to post in these media should be submitted in electronic form (email, or email attachment, *i.e.*, text file, or conventional file format, *e.g.* Microsoft Word) to the respective editor as follows:

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- Yasuhide Okuyama

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