



Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française

Annual Report of the French Speaking section
of the Regional Science Association

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The French Speaking section has 170 members. 45 are Ph.D. students.

Election of a new President and a new Board

In July 2014, during the annual conference of the French Speaking section, a new president and a new Board has been elected for 3 years.

- The new President is Michel DIMOU, Professor in Economics, University of Toulon, France.

The members of the new Board are:

- Lise BOURDEAU LEPAGE, University of Lyon, France (Vice-President)
- Fabienne LELOUP, University of Mons, Belgium (Secretary)
- Lourdes DIAZ OLVERA, ENTPE, Lyon, France (Treasurer)
- Bruno JEAN, Joint Secretary, UQAR, Canada (Joint Secretary)

Activities

- Annual Conference: The annual conference took place on July 7-9, 2014 in Cité Descartes, Marne-La-Vallée, France with more than 300 participants. The French Speaking section and the organizing Committee helped around 10 young Ph.D. students to reach the conference by financing their transport costs. A 'Young-Researcher best paper' has been awarded this year. More information about the conference and the program can be found at the conference's website: <http://www.asrdlf2014.org/>
- First Ph.D. meeting: (Doctoriales de l'ASRDLF): After several years of success, the European Seminar for Ph.D. students in Regional Science that was usually held in Bordeaux with the active participation of the French Speaking section came to an end. The French Speaking section has decided to launch a new annual event, the *Doctoriales de l'ASRDLF*. For its first edition, this event has been organized in Marne-La-Vallée on February 3-5 2014, with the participation of 90 Ph.D. students that have presented their work and 35 senior Researchers and scholars.
- Philippe Aydalot International Prize: The French Speaking section delivers every year an international prize *Philippe Aydalot*, for the best thesis in Regional Science. This year there were almost 40 candidates; the Prize has been attributed during the annual Conference.
- The Journal of the French Section: The French Speaking section is editing *La Revue d'Economie Régionale et Urbaine* directed by André Torre. The 2013 & 2014-1 issues of the Journal are on-line and can be consulted at: <http://www.cairn.info/revue-d-economie-regionale-et-urbaine.htm>
- Participation in conferences: The French Speaking section has participated or financed a series of Research activities and conferences. Among these events:
 - The contribution to the 13th edition of the International workshop on spatial econometrics and statistics held in the University of Toulon on April 17-19 2014.
 - The contribution and participation to the first Ph.D meeting in Regional Science of the University of Meknès (Morocco).
- Information: The French Section has launched since many years an e-mail information procedure for its members but also for all scholars and institutions that wish to be informed on Regional Science issues (conferences, new books, editions, post-docs, Ph.Ds proposals, etc). This year almost 500 emails (*Nouvelles Brèves*) have been sent, containing Regional Science information to more than a 1000 subscribers. Finally, the French Speaking section manages an internet site (<http://www.asrdlf.org>).