

Agenda

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2024
NEW ORLEANS, 2024 NARSC CONGRESS

Thursday, Nov. 14, 12.30-13.45 GMT-5 (Louisiana time), Room Lafayette, New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans (LA).

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1. Apologies (Annex 1)

Liz Mack cannot attend. At 12.30 Hans welcomes attendees and opens the meeting.

Attending: Hans Westlund (RSAI President, onsite), Andrea Caragliu (onsite), Rosella Nicolini (onsite), André Chagas (onsite), Carlos Azzoni (onsite), Tomaz Dentinho (onsite), Roberta Capello (online), Patricio Aroca (online), Hidehiko Kanegae (online) Sumona Banjeree (online), Haifeng Qian (onsite), Daniela Constantin (onsite), Peter Nijkamp (onsite), Camilla Lenzi (onsite), Hiroyuki Shibusawa (onsite), Fernando Perobelli (onsite), Lise Bourdeau-LePage (online), Elisabete Martins (online), Sandy dell'Erba (onsite), Eveline Van Leeuwen (online), and In Kwon Park (online).

2. Approval of the minutes of the Aug. 28, 2024 meeting (Annex 2)

Minutes were circulated. No comment, approved.

3. Selection of new Editor in Chief of *Regional Science, Policy & Practice* (Annex 3)

Hans proposes candidates introduce themselves; questions will follow; candidates will leave the room; then, the council will discuss and vote; and candidates will be let in again.

Kathy starts. She has a positive feeling about the journal's prior performance. She praises both the strategy and the people involved, as they were successful. She thinks that by keeping in the same avenue the journal may get to Q1. She adds that the journal has been very inclusive, in terms of disciplines, and countries of affiliation. She also stresses that APCs pose challenges she is glad to tackle.

Andrea Caragliu presents his candidature by briefly explaining his vision of the history of the journal, with particular reference to the previous management styles, and the corresponding objectives reached by the previous boards. He proceeds by explaining his vision for the future of the journal, which should be centered around three main goals: (i.) strengthening its scientific identity, with a clearer focus on regional and urban policies; (ii.) increasing the average quality of what the journal publishes, and (iii.) investing in the journal's indexation in major national academic rankings. He concludes his presentation by acknowledging the challenges that may stem from the transition from

hybrid to gold open access, and suggests a few soft avenues to address them, and, in fact, exploit the transition for increasing the journal impact.

Patricio Aroca praises both candidates and stresses that the journal should climb up to WoS, improving its indexing; he asks what challenges are foreseen. Kathy replies that the key is citations. Andrea replies that the average quality should increase.

Roberta Capello thanks both candidates for submitting their proposals. She asks how the candidates plan to differentiate RSPP from PiRS, so that it is not perceived as a second-tier journal. Andrea Caragliu replies that the quality of the journal would improve if a better and clearer image would characterize the journal. Kathy agrees, but adds that the visibility of the journal is key. Promoting the journal through social media could be key there. However, she still believes that geographically themed special issues may be instrumental to be maintained.

Eveline van Leeuwen asks which themes may be instrumental for the growth of the journal, and how candidates would interact with their boards. Katarzyna Kopczewska replies that themes are consequential to what's up-to date. On the editorial board, she adds that the composition should change dramatically, as it did a tremendous job, but a more frequent contact with the board could be well be useful. Andrea tells his reply.

Prof. Andrea Caragliu leaves the room and Prof. Katarzyna Kopczewska is offline. The RSAI President Hans Westlund wants to proceed with the (secret) voting while Prof Tomasz Dentinho manifest that is the moment for talking about the candidates. Prof. Dentinho expresses his worries regarding the future strategy of RSPP and underlines that Prof Kopczewska has proved to be very pedagogical (in her referee reports) and Prof Caragliu will be very effective, and the journal will increase rankings under his management but with his "quality strategy" we will "lose areas of the world that we should incorporate into Regional Science". Prof Dentinho sees the EiC election as a discussion on how the journal should develop and the answer of the search committee is clear (3 to 1 in favour of Prof Caragliu). Prof. Rosella Nicolini (PiRS Editor in Chief) takes the word to share her worries about the survival of PiRS in the years to come due to the open access scheme and the contract signed with Elsevier. In her words "the continuity is not possible" and PiRS has a big problem of sustainability with 20 waivers for 60 papers for 2025. Prof. Tomasz also manifests his worries and his already discussed proposal on the topic and member of the Council proceed to vote for the EiC of RSPP (online and onsite) through the link provided by Elisabete Martins. Once all the votes are considered (12 votes for Andrea Caragliu, 3 for Katarzyna Kopczewska), Prof. Andrea Caragliu is congratulated by the members of the Council and Prof. Katarzyna Kopczewska is invited to the Editorial Board.

Prof Tomasz Dentinho manifests that he will drop the EiC position next January and thanks all the member of the present Editorial team. The Council congratulates the whole RSPP editorial team on their outstanding job.

As Andrea Caragliu needs to leave soon for a Special Session, we move to the point 8 of the RSAI meeting agenda.

8. 2025 budget proposal (Andrea Caragliu) (Annex 6)

The Executive Director explains that the finances of the association are totally secure. Also, he explains that Wiley's revenues ended in 2024, with the final profit margins due to the beginning of the new contract with Elsevier. As this contract does not include advance payments, the revenues (50% of our profit share) will be postponed to 2025. The exact amount will depend on APCs paid to Elsevier based

on papers accepted on RSAI journals. An early estimate obtained from Elsevier suggests that these should be around 30,000 Euros. Elsevier staff reported that this is due to (i.) a number of accepted papers lower than the projected one in both journals, and (ii.) a number of waived fees higher than the one used for the revenue projections. While this is presently only an estimate, Prof. Caragliu suggests to address this issue, and keep everything control for future reference.

4. Opening for council representatives from supranationals (end of term for Brian Kim, PRSCO; and Sandy dall’Erba, NARSC)

RSAI Executive Director Prof. Andrea Caragliu informs that Prof. Sarah Low will be replacing Prof. Sandy dall’Erba (NARSC), Prof. Sumona Banjeree will be replacing Prof. Brian Kim (PRSCO) and Prof. Sebastian Bourdin will be replacing Prof. Tomasz Dentinho (ERSA).

5. Decision on the 2026 World Congress (Annex 4)

Prof Carolina Guevara –representing RECIR- stars her presentation on the Quito proposal for the 2026 RSAI World Congress underlying many of the good qualities, such as history, heritage, humanity, transport of the city Quito and soothing any worries regarding safety and security. Prof Guevara shows a video produced by the Quito Council. RECID will offer transport from the airport to Quito for 12 \$, will provide help at the airport in English and guided tours in groups. The venue will take place at the Escuela Politecnica Nacional, which is located in the city center. There are many hotels at walking distance –she explains- and the tentative RSAI program comprises 4 days (Day 0: waking tour; Day 1, opening ceremony, keynote speakers, sessions etc.; Day 2, sessions and gala dinner; Day 3: sessions only in the morning and guided tours).

Afterwards Prof Guevara shows and briefly discusses figures for the different scenarios (changes on number of attendees and composition are applied and therefore income from fee collection)

The proposal to celebrate 2026 RSAI World Conference in Quito is accepted with no need to vote.

6. Results of the elections of a new councilor-at-large (replacing Tomaz Dentinho)

RSAI Executive Director Prof. Andrea Caragliu informs that, after a tight vote, Prof. Sebastian Bourdin has been elected to replace Prof. Tomasz Dentinho (ERSA) to be Councillor at Large in the RSAI Council.

7. Outcomes of nurturing talent proposals selection (Annex 5)

Prof. Daniela Luminita Constantin manifests that she never received the proposals regarding the Nurturing New Talent Program. Prof Tomasz Deninho manifests his opinion regarding the evaluation of proposals and suggests that the process should not be “space blind,” criticizing the “giving my money back” policy and asking if RSAI could have money available to expand the association (to countries that do not economically contribute). Proposals and budget are approved.

The 3rd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa	1,500€
Workshop "Regional and territorial development in emerging areas: West African peculiarities", at the Higher School of Applied Economics of Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD) in Dakar.	1,800€
ERSA Summer School 2025 “Sustainability, innovation and regional development”	6,000€

Doctorales ASRDLF 2025 (PhD Winter School of the French speaking regional science association)	1,600€
3rd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia	2,000€
PRSCO Summer Institute, Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025	5,672€ *
The 5th Annual Intensive Course Program on Urban, Transport, And Environmental Economics, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia (FEB UI)	2,000€

* PRSCO Summer Institute (Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025) was granted with 7,000€ (as agreed by email later on by the PRSCO committee)

9. Board of editors reshuffling for PiRS (Rosella Nicolini) (Annex 7)

PiRS EiC Prof Rosella Nicollini declares that in PiRS Board of Editors she would like to have representatives of all supra national associations, so her suggestion is Prof. Daniela Constatin (from ERSA), Prof. Paul Jung (PRSCO), Prof. Elizabeth Mackd (NARSC), Prof. Raul Silveira Neto (LARSA). Also Prof. Andrea Caragliu is leaving the PiRS Editorial Board and Prof. Sebastien Bourdin has accepted to join in. Prof Rosella Nicollini explains her aims for PiRS: i) “Gold Open Access of Data” so data and transcripts would be open access. In doing so, she is in contact with Maria Kubara, who is an expert on this field. ii) to diversify topics and iii) to find sponsors to pay for open access as “in the long run it is not sustainable”. Prof Rosella Nicollini is not willing to lower the quality of the papers. At this point, Prof Tomasz Dentinho underlines that the contract signed with Elsevier is RSAI’s problem, and reminds the Council about his past suggestion on the waivers fund.

RSAl President Hans Westlund takes the word to accept the new composition of the PiRS Editorial Board.

10. Reactivation of PRSCO restructuring committee (Hiroyuki Shibusawa)

Prof. Hiroyuki Shibusawa intervenes in this point to inform about the online PRSCO meeting that took place the day before. He lists the names of attendees and feels sorry for the non-attendance of Sumana Bandyopadhyay and Budy Resosudarmo. Prof Shibusawa explains that the aim of the meeting was to discuss on the potential creation of a new organization, a new regional science association, and to ask the attendees for proposals. Nevertheless, Prof Shibusawa remarks that PRSCO’s history is also important.

Prof Shibusawa goes on explaining that one proposal is creating temporarily an Asian-Pacific Regional Science association (2 years existence and incorporating a member of RSAI) that afterwards could be divided in two. The next PRSCO meeting will take place in February 2025 (online) and then and onsite meeting during the PRSCO Conference in Colombo (Sri Lanka).

11. AOB

Prof. Andre Chagas (LARSA President) is delighted that the next RSAI World Conference will be taking place in Latin America and congratulates Prof Carolina Guevara. Prof Chagas also informs about the progresses the Brazilian Conference taking place next year and the Chilean conference on December 2024. A sense of community needs to be built up and therefore Prof Chagas suggested a meeting of the LARSA council on each of the Latin American conferences in order to promote Regional Science conferences in the area again.

12. Next meeting

RSAI President Hans Westlund intervenes to remind the attendees that the next RSAI Council meeting will be taking place on August 2025 during ERSA (in Athens), so an online meeting before that date could be needed. In this regard, Prof Tomasz Dentinho suggests PRSCO conference for the next meeting and Prof Hans Westlund replies that the next RSAI President Hiroyuki Shibusawa will be the one responsible for setting the RSAI agenda in 2025.

Prof Hans Westlund thanks Prof Andrea Caragliu for his good doing over the last years and also the rest of the Council, and manifests that all the years of his presidency have been inspiring (but nevertheless he is happy that they are over).

End of the meeting: 14:05.

ANNEX 1

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Minutes

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 2024
TERCEIRA, 2024 ERSA CONGRESS

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 12.30-14.30 GMT (Azores time), Room SF1 (Sala de Formação 1) 1st Floor, in Centro Cultural e de Congressos, Angra do Heroísmo, Azores.

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1. Apologies (Annex 1)

The meeting is attended on site by Hans Westlund (RSAI president); Tomaz Dentinho (Councillor at large); Rosella Nicolini (PiRS Editor in Chief); Daniela Constantin (Councillor at large); André Chagas (Councillor at large); Carlos Azzoni (LARSA delegate); Katarzyna Kopczewska (Councillor at large); Patricio Aroca; Soushi Suzuki (PRSCO Executive Director); Hiroyuki Shibusawa; Elisabete Martins; Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director); Roberta Capello (ERSA President); Camilla Lenzi (Councillor at large), and online by Haifeng Qian (NARSC delegate) and Lise Bourdeau-LePage (ERSA delegate)

At 12.45 the RSAI president opens the meeting and welcomes participants.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Apr. 10, 2024 meeting (Annex 2)

Hans Westlund asks if anybody has any comments on the minutes, which were circulated before by the Executive Director by email. As no requests for changes to the minutes are presented, the minutes are unanimously approved.

3. Selection of new RSAI Executive Director (Annex 3)

This crucial item is introduced by the RSAI President Hans Westlund. He explains that candidates will first present themselves, then they will leave the room and the Council will make a decision based on both the presentations, the recommendations of the search committee, and the material circulated before.

Candidates are let in. Two (Balazs Forman and Rafael Garduno-Rivera) attend online, three (Marco Modica, Ana Viñuela, and Carolina Guevara) attend on site. Presentations follow the alphabetical order. First, Prof. Balazs Forman (no question were asked after his presentation), then Prof. Rafael Garduno-Rivera, Prof. Carolina Guevara, Prof. Marco Modica, and Prof. Ana Viñuela. Rafael Garduno-Rivera is asked by Prof. Dentinho how he plans to finance the workshops he proposed for his possible future role as ED. Prof. Garduno-Rivera replies he would seek extra funding from different sources.

Prof. Guevara introduces her candidature with a short bio, and quickly moves to her possible plans for the association. She reports about her experience in presiding over the Ecuadorian section, and adds she would like to extend this experience in managing the RSAI. Her focus would be on extending the

number of sections, and on attracting more individuals and making existing ones more active. Andrea Caragliu asks her whether she would have plans to revive LARSA's supranational section's activities.

Marco Modica introduces his candidature with a short bio. He reports a long history of RSAI membership. The focus of his possible term as ED would be to enhance the collaboration among supranational and national sections. He also adds that he would like to disseminate more knowledge about the various roles played by the association to its members. Carlos Azzoni asks if he would get institutional support. Marco Modica replies his rector supports his candidacy, and since GSSI is a research-oriented institutions, teaching duties are already lower than the Italian average. Tomaz Dentinho challenges Prof. Modica's idea of enhancing the network component of the RSAI against its present hierarchical structure.

Ana Viñuela places her candidature within the context of her research group, and the Spanish section's. She also reports that she would like to walk in the footsteps of the previous management, with a particular focus on reviving dormant sections.

Candidates are requested to leave the room. The discussion starts. Carlos Azzoni underlines that institutional support, and gender balance should be taken into account.

Andrea Caragliu explains the recommendations of the search committee, and the rules (two-stages vote as suggested by the LRPC). Tomaz Dentinho advises against this system for the so called Arrow dilemma. Patricio Aroca agrees that three candidates are outstanding, and suggests to vote only for them. Lise Bourdeau expresses concerns about this and suggests to keep all five candidates at least in a first vote.

Roberta Capello gets back to the core of the point – the quality of the candidates. She adds that one candidate, Prof. Viñuela, stood out in terms of proposing managerial, rather than strategic, issues. Katarzyna Kopczewska concurs with her opinion. Tomaz Dentinho stresses that three candidates traveled to Terceira to present their candidatures, and traveling for work is an important part of being an ED.

After a fruitful discussion, the Council proceeds to voting. Within the Council, 11 voting members opt for Ana Viñuela, while one member abstains. Candidates are let in again; they are notified of the outcome of the decision, and Prof. Viñuela is congratulated on achieving this important position. At the same time, the Council expresses gratitude to all candidates for their effort and candidatures, and hopes to count on them for future executive roles in the association. The candidates are also invited to stay for the rest of the Council, to see how the mechanisms work.

4. Opening for council representatives from supranationals (end of term for Brian Kim, PRSCO; and Sandy dall'Erba, NARSC)

Andrea Caragliu explains the usual round of openings. Soushi Suzuki says that in the PRSCO congress in Korea this item was discussed, and a name will be provided within the end of this year. Haifeng Qian will ask the NARSC Council to provide a name in due time.

5. Opening for one at-large councilor (end of term for Tomaz Dentinho)

Andrea Caragliu notifies the council that in 2025 a new position for RSAI Councillor at large will be released, and suggests NARSC, PRSCO, and LARSA to motivate good members to apply.

6. Opening for nurturing talent proposals

Andrea Caragliu explains that a budget comparable to previous years is available, and suggests sections – especially NARSC – to leverage on it.

Tomaz Dentinho asks if there is extra money for Asia and Africa. Andrea Caragliu replies some budget for African events is still available, while for Asia proposals will have to go through the PRSCO-allocated budget. Prof. Dentinho recommends the group organizing Central Asian events to the PRSCO Councilors attending the meeting.

7. 2023 Report and Accounts (Andrea Caragliu) (Annex 4)

Andrea Caragliu reports about the budget, stressing the now usual financial stability of the association, which shows for 2024 a tentatively even budget, although a profit will very likely to be made. This is due to the fact that with the new contract with Elsevier for publishing PiRS and RSPP, and unlike what previously done with Wiley, no revenues will be anticipated, but the whole royalties due to the RSAI will be sent by the Publisher early in 2025, although technically this budget is to be financially attributed to 2024.

8. 2024 Report of PiRS (Rosella Nicolini) (Annex 5)

Rosella Nicolini reports good numbers in terms of the journal's growing impact factor, submissions, and geographic diversity.

9. 2024 Report of RSPP (Tomaz Dentinho) (Annex 6)

Tomaz Dentinho reports that accepted papers went up by 25%, but so did citations, and that, as a consequence, the IF remained constant (equal to 1.7). He also plans to reduce the editors to 15, and to move from the strategy to collect special issues to one that is based on compiled ones.

10. Candidatures received for the 2026 World Congress (Annex 7)

Carolina Guevara is invited to present Ecuador's candidature. She explains that the Ecuadorian section and the *Escuela Politecnica Nacional* will be the proponents. Patricio Aroca asks where the congress will be held and how many hotels will be available in close proximity. Prof. Guevara replies the venue will be the university, and that many hotels will be available in immediate proximity. A few questions revolve around the budget proposed, and the level of safety for congress participants. The Council agrees that a tentative interest in the location of Quito is there, but at the same time requires Prof. Guevara to fine-tune the proposal and deal in particular with a revision of the proposed budget, and the issues with safety. A final decision will be made at the Council meeting in New Orleans, during the NARSC congress, November 2024.

11. Opening of call for applications for new RSPP EiC, starting Jan. 1, 2026

Andrea Caragliu explains about the opening of the new Editor in Chief of Regional Science, Policy and Practice. Prof. Dentinho is stepping down as of December, 2025, and the Council would like to appoint a new incoming Editor in Chief to work along with Prof. Dentinho during 2025, and replace him in due time. A public call for applications will be released in September, and a search committee will be appointed to elicit good candidatures, and review them with a recommendation to be made to the Council. A decision on this position will be made at the Council meeting in New Orleans, during the NARSC congress, November 2024.

12. AOB

No other business is suggested.

13. Next meeting

With no more items to discuss, Prof. Westlund closes the meeting at 2.23 pm local time.

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ANNEX 3

RSPP EiC search committee recommendation:

The committee is very happy that two so qualified scholars have applied for the position as EiC for RSPP. With three votes against one, the committee recommends the RSAI council to appoint Andrea Caragliu as the new EiC from January 1, 2026.

Prof. Hans Westlund (RSAI President); Prof. Roberta Capello (RSAI LRPC); Prof. Tomaz Dentinho (current RSPP EiC); and Prof. Isabelle Nillson (former RSPP Editor).

Candidature for the position of RSPP Editor in Chief - Letter of interest and qualifications

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1. Letter of interest

Dear Search Committee, dear members of the RSAI Council,

It gives me great pleasure to address you to submit my candidature for the position of RSPP Editor in Chief for the period 2026-2028.

As many of you know, I held the position of RSAI Executive Director for the past six years, and despite the enormous impact this had on my professional life, and the great joy taken in working for the Association, I now believe it is time to move to different tasks. For this reason, I decided not to apply for a third term.

As RSAI ED, together with the RSAI President, Prof. Hans Westlund, I released the call for applications to this position on the basis of the need to appoint RSPP's incoming EiC so that she/he can work for a year along with Prof. Dentinho to gain experience in managing this asset so crucial for the association. Only recently I developed the idea to apply, and this letter is meant to explain my motivations, and hopefully convince you that this would be a good choice for the association.

On my side, scientific managerial tasks suit my skills and attitude best. I greatly enjoyed guest-editing special issues and handling submissions in my previous and current editorial activities, described in Section 2 ([Relevant qualifications](#)). I strongly believe in the value of good science, and I cherish the possibility to nurture the journal and help it make a further step forward, to better serve the Association and its global membership.

While a detailed plan for the journal is contained in the dedicated separate file "*Vision statement*", I would here quickly summarize how I see RSPP right now. The journal is no longer in its infancy. Its first EiC, Prof. Michael Carroll, helped in its creation and stabilization. Its second and current EiC, Prof. Tomaz Dentinho, gave tremendous momentum to the journal, causing, among other things, a substantial increase in the amount of submissions, and in the average impact of RSPP-published papers. Last year, this has allowed the journal to obtain its first *WoS* indexation. I now see great scope in *deepening* the journal, in particular investing in making the image of the journal more recognizable, thereby raising the bar, and leveraging on networks to further improve the journal's reputation, and its average quality.

For these reasons, I am applying for the position EiC for *Regional Science, Policy & Practice*, for the next three years, aware of the responsibilities towards the association that this position comes with.

2. Relevant qualifications

I believe my candidature may offer the RSAI three potentially interesting assets.

For starters, I have extensive experience in editorial work. I have been acting as book review editor for *Papers in Regional Science* since January 2016, guaranteeing a constant flow of good quality reviews for the Journal. Between November 2013 and December 2018 I also co-edited the RSAI's Newsletter, which offered me a first experience in coordinating editorial work and assembling content.

Moreover, since November 2018 I also act as editor of *Plos ONE*, one of the world's first Gold Open Access scientific journals. While this gave me a unique opportunity to gain experience in handling quality papers, it also offered me the chance of an early exposure to the world of Open Access, which adds a layer of complexity in the management of a scientific journal.

Lastly, I have recently been appointed Editor of ERSAs new journal, *Global Challenges and Regional Science*. The Journal's Editor in Chief, Prof. Vicente Royuela, the editorial team, and I are currently working towards the production of the journal's very first issue. As I am writing this candidature, the journal received 25 submissions, and many excellent names in the world of regional science have committed to contribute a paper to the new journal. As this last commitment would be at odds with the position of EiC of RSPP, I would resign from *GCRS* as soon as I would be appointed on the *RSPP* board.

Secondly, I am in the stage of completing a second term as Executive Director of the RSAI. While I decided not to apply for a third and final term, I also enjoyed the position, which gave me, for the purpose of the RSPP EiC position, three great assets. (i.) Wide exposure to the structure and functioning of the Association. (ii.) A relevant role played in the negotiations with Wiley (the journal's previous publisher) and Elsevier (its current publisher), which I hope would allow smoother relations between the journal and the publisher itself. (iii.) Last but not least, broad coverage of colleagues active in the association all over the world, which may help in commissioning papers, special issues, and in general mobilizing resources for the benefit of the journal, and more generally of the association.

Thirdly, my editorial activities include both being a member of three WoS-indexed journals (*Investigaciones Regionales*, *npj Urban Sustainability*, and *Regional Science Policy & Practice* itself), as well as serving as guest editor for five impactful special issues, published respectively on *npj Urban Sustainability*, *Energy Policy*, *Scienze Regionali – Italian Journal of Regional Science*, *International Regional Science Review*, and *Regional Science Policy & Practice*. Connected to this point, I have extensive experience as a reviewer for 65 journals, for which, in some cases, I refereed dozens of times. Last, but not least, I published about 100 refereed articles or book chapters, which completes my experience as an Author, in whose shoes I am confident to be able to think.

3. Proposed editorial team

In the composition of the editorial team, I followed the principles of disciplinary, gender, and geographical diversity, with the ultimate goal of representing the variety of interests and approaches of the whole global regional science community.

The size of the proposed board reflects the goal of each stage of the development of the journal. In fact, during the growth and diffusion stage (as defined in the *Vision statement* document), a large number of editors was deemed to be useful. However, as the goal becomes to strengthen the journal's scientific identity, teamwork requires to select a less extensive number of committed board members. At the same time, the

board of editors can be readjusted at a later stage in case the management of the journal would require this. In that case, I would be glad to propose possible changes to the RSAI Council.

I am happy to present the Search Committee a potential board comprising young, enthusiastic, and well respected members of our community. I would also like to stress that each of the names below has been informally contacted to guarantee a potential interest in joining the team, in case my candidature is accepted, obtaining a positive response. Therefore, the following table only includes names of people willing to join the board and ready to work on the journal.

Name	Affiliation	Specialization	Gender	Supranational
André Chagas	University of Sao Paulo	Econometrics	Male	LARSA
Hee-Jung Jun	Sungkyunkwan University	Planning	Female	PRSCO
Neil Reid	University of Ohio	Regional Science	Male	NARSC
Terciane Sabadini Carvalho	University of Paraná	Regional and Environmental Economics	Female	LARSA

Moreover, I also thought of potential additional members, with the possibility to further strengthen the board in case this is deemed relevant in case I step in as EiC.

Name	Affiliation	Specialization	Gender	Supranational
Daniel Arribas-Bel	University of Liverpool	GIS	Male	ERSA
Marcello Graziano	Ruralis Norway	Energy	Male	ERSA

Lastly, let me also mention that I also invited Prof. Katarzyna Kopczewska to join this group, but she declined as she reported she was also applying for the same position. People contacted for the associate editor position, who kindly declined due to overlapping commitments, include Ana Moreno-Monroy (OECD, ERSA); Haifeng Qian (University of Iowa, NARSC); Kara Kockelman (University of Texas at Austin, NARSC); and Leila Kebir (University of Lausanne, ERSA).

If appointed EiC of the journal, I will also be glad to propose a book review editor, possibly choosing among academically young and talented regional scientists, with the goal of nudging the younger generation to also play an active role in the academic activities of the RSAI.

4. Names and contact information of three references

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Vision statement for the next three to six years of publication of RSPP

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Dear members of the search committee, dear members of the RSAI Council,

I am writing you to present my vision for the development of *Regional Science, Policy & Practice* over the next three to six years.

In order to present my vision for the journal, I collected publicly available data on the papers published in the past seventeen years on *Regional Science, Policy & Practice*. My main sources were the journal archive on the new Elsevier platform and the *Web of Science* platform.

Past RSPP strategies: Stages 1 and 2

In my reading of the way the journal has developed in the past seventeen years, the two previous Editors in Chief sailed through two important stages:

- A take-off stage (under Michael Carroll's Editorship);
- A growth and diffusion stage (under Tomas Dentinho's Editorship).

Each stage came with different goals. In the take-off stage, starting in 2008, when the first issue of the journal was published, the aim of the EiC was **to kick-start the journal**, a difficult task in a highly competitive field with well-established international journals. *RSPP* slowly took off, as usual with quite some help from some of the big names in regional science, who agreed to contribute the very first issues.¹ The journal was off to a rough start and took off gradually, with an increase in the papers and issues published up until 2012/2013. During those two years, the number of papers published reached a grand total of 28/year (Figure 1).

The growth and diffusion stage started in 2017, when the RSAI council passed the baton to Tomaz Dentinho, who acted in my view in the strategic direction **of achieving indexation**. The first step in this direction was the increase in the number of published papers (with a max of 119 last year, while 105 have already been published so far in 2024, likely leading to more than the 2023 record for this solar year). To achieve this goal, Prof. Dentinho invested in special issues, both thematic, or, more frequently, geographically-oriented, with workshops organized in the Global South to attract submissions managed by dedicated guest editors.

¹ Source of raw data used for these analyses: archive of past RSPP issues on the Elsevier portal (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/regional-science-policy-and-practice/>); <https://sites.google.com/view/tomaz-dentinho/work-experience> for the date Prof. Dentinho took over from Prof. Carrol as RSPP EiC.

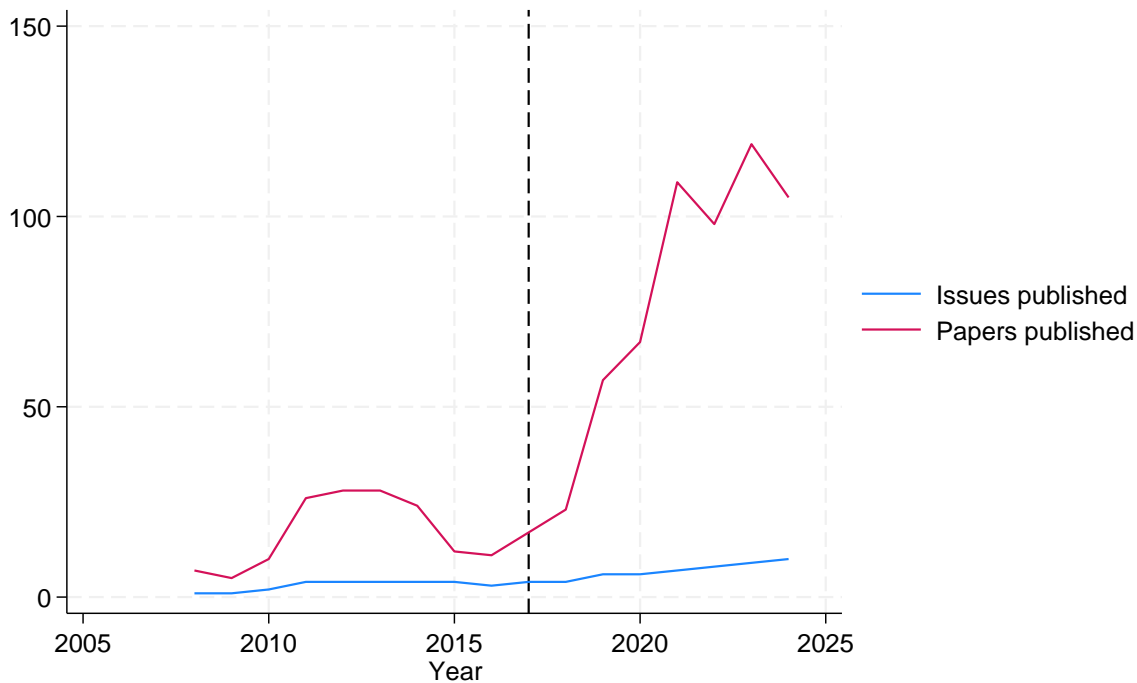


Figure 1. Trends in issues and papers published on RSPP

Note: dashed line indicates when Tomaz Dentinho replaces Michael Carroll as EiC

The intermediate goal of increasing the volumes of the papers published by the journal was successful, as can be demonstrated by regressing the number of papers published on RSPP on a time trend (column 1) and on a dummy, equal to zero, and switching to one from when Prof. Dentinho took over the journal's editorship (Table 1). The marginal impact of this event increased the number of papers published significantly, with no detectable time trend before 2017, and a significant increase (roughly equal to +11 papers/year) from 2017 onwards.

	(1) Time trend	(2) Dentinho management
Year	6.792*** (7.78)	-
Dummy, =1 after Prof. Dentinho's appointment	-	57.60*** (4.03)
Constant	-13648.1*** (-7.77)	16.78*** (5.27)
Observations	17	17
Adjusted R^2	0.713	0.515

Table 1. Time determinants of papers published on RSPP

*t statistics in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$*

The goal of achieving indexation was successfully reached, as in 2023 the journal received its first WoS Impact Factor (1.7), retained at the same level for 2024. From this year, the Journal is also being published by Elsevier, chosen among four offers received from some of the main publishers in social sciences, and to whose negotiation I took active part as Executive Director.

Future RSPP's strategy and Stage 3: where I would love to drive RSPP in the close future

Now that the goal of the growth and diffusion stage has been successfully achieved, the journal needs to move towards a third stage that comes as a logical consequence of the first two, i.e. **strengthening its scientific identity**.

I believe that the journal would benefit from being more easily recognizable as a forum of discussion on the specific fields of policy and practice. This strategy is crucial to distinguish RSPP from competitors, like *Papers in Regional Science*, so that its readership does not get the feeling that this is the RSAI's *second-tier* journal. If we manage to make this aspect clearer, I am confident we can not only aim at making RSPP the policy journal of the association, but, rather, we could aim at making this the reference journal of good papers on regional policies, as well as on the regional impacts of space-blind policies, for all disciplines.

The logical consequence of this first goal, and also an aim in itself, is to **further increase the average quality of what the journal publishes**. The need for this second aspect is also indirectly testified by the fact that RSPP's CiteScore has recently went up, while its Impact Factor remained constant. This documents the journal's impact has increased, although less so in top-ranking journals, where we would like both RSAI journals to receive citations. The increase in the quality can be achieved by leveraging on the association extensive global networks, and by focusing on smaller numbers of thematically, rather than geographically, oriented special issues.

Lastly, another logically connected goal that represents both a precondition for the previous two, as well as a logical implication, is to invest in the **journal's indexation in major national academic rankings**. As unpalatable as they may appear, these rankings do shape the incentives of the authors, especially in the early stages of their careers. Therefore, a careful analysis of the different incentives that people all over the world face, with the help of the network of close colleagues I could guarantee, could help the RSAI to apply to reposition RSPP among top-ranking outlets, provided that the selection criteria are met.

All these goals must be framed within the new contract with Elsevier, that foresees a continuous expansion in the volumes of the papers published on RSPP to guarantee the revenues expected for the contract, from 130 in 2024, up to 210 in 2028. While this represents a challenging goal, I am confident that the RSAI will once again provide help in successfully dealing with it.

The new contract with the publisher is associated with the major challenge of the global **transition from hybrid to gold open access**. This was not a problem when the two previous managements of the journal run it. Article Processing Charges are often a problem not only in developing economies, but also in economically developed institutional frameworks where academic institutions and government bodies oppose Open Access, such as in many US states.

While no easy way out of this challenge is foreseeable, a solution is to leverage on the existence of a large number of waivers, which are incorporated in the new contract signed with Elsevier. The transition process has also to be heavily marketed jointly with Elsevier, and, possibly, with dedicated workshops at major Regional Science events. These two strategies would on the one hand address the issue for authors hailing from developing countries (not covered by the *Research4life* criteria), but they would also be meant to raise awareness of the benefits of gold open access in economically developed areas. The idea behind the choice to go open access is in fact not to make scientific publishing a pay-per-publish market, but rather to make science more accessible.

Application for Editor-in-Chief
of the journal Regional Science Policy and Practice
by Katarzyna (Kathy) Kopczewska

A letter of interest and qualifications containing an indication of the editorial team

Dear RSAI Council, Dear Search Committee,

I would like to apply for the position of Editor-In-Chief (EIC) of the journal Regional Science Policy & Practice (RSPP). It will soon be 5 years since I joined the RSPP editorial team in November 2019. I have enjoyed being involved in the development of the journal over the past years, observing from the inside its increasing popularity and scientific reputation, and the great success of obtaining the Impact Factor. I understood well the role of strong and creative leadership of the current Editor-In-Chief. I am quite sure that it was at RSPP that I learnt the great lesson that a clear vision of the goal and a smart approach based on a good understanding of the environment and its rules, finally accompanied by a passion for scientific discovery and interesting stories, is the key to success. I would like to continue the growth started by Tomas Dentinho, EIC.

Why I am a good candidate for this position?

- My research experience is quite varied. Although in recent years I have mostly been associated with quantitative spatial methods, I am an economist who started in finance (master's thesis on IPOs), grew up in public economics (doctoral thesis on public economics, geographical rent and social attitudes) and went through regional policy studies (regional development, role of institutions, etc.). This helps to understand and evaluate very different papers. Although I am more specialised in spatial econometrics, I have been involved in co-authoring, editing and reviewing papers with many other quantitative and qualitative more or less innovative techniques, knowing that regional science is interdisciplinary by nature.

- As Associate Editor of RSPP, I deal mainly with papers from the Eastern countries (Eastern Europe and Western Asia, including Russia) - these are the 'niche' papers that require a lot of improvement before publication. This makes the editor understand that the scientific quality is very diversified, while the lagging behind territories are interesting research fields, offering texts that are very demanding in a proceeding and promising as topics. Moreover, as a Polish researcher, I am well aware of the importance of the scientific progress of the whole country and the scientific environment for the quality and the research approach (before 2012, the majority of Polish researchers published in Polish only in local journals, IF journals were generally unknown). This makes me more sensitive to potentially interesting papers that need academic guidance.

- I have quite extensive editorial experience as an associate editor in RSPP since 2019 and in Networks and Spatial Economics since 2023 (position to be resigned if elected to be EIC), as a leader of special issues in RSPP (5 SI) and in Spatial Economic Analysis (with Paul Elhorst), as an editorial board member in Global Challenges and Regional Science, Canadian Journal of Regional Science, and Letters in Spatial and Resource Science. As an author, I

have experience of publication and rejection in many journals in the field of regional science, quantitative methods and economics. This gives me an understanding of how different journals operate and what gives them a competitive advantage.

- I am a well organised person with management experience. For 8 years (2012-2020) I was the Deputy Dean for Student Affairs at my Faculty of Economic Sciences at the University of Warsaw. I was in charge of decisions concerning 2000 students and 150 regular academic staff, responsible for all possible areas related to didactics, and directly managed a 20-person administrative team. In 2011-2012 I was the head of a department in the office of regional authorities, responsible for preparing the regional strategy for the Warsaw region. Since 2021 I have been leading my research group 'Spatial Warsaw'. I have the ability to build a team, set goals, distribute tasks and collect results. I act quickly - I know that time is of the essence in running the journal. A timely journal is attractive for authors.

- I hope to be well known as an active researcher in the regional community. I have been involved in ERSA activities for a long time - as President of the Polish Section (2012-2016), ERSA EOC member (2017-now), RSAI Councillor-at-large (2024-now), EPAINOS Award Jury (Secretary) (2017-2022), RSPP Associate Editor (2019-now), ERSA Winter School organiser (2022), partly funded by RSAI Nurturing Young Talent Grants. I try to promote my research and quantitative methods widely. I am familiar with social media on LinkedIn and X.com, with relatively large social networks on both. I was recently ranked 4th in the world for spatial analysis in the Scholar GPS ranking (out of 23,000 researchers).

- I am a quality-oriented person. I look for interesting, well-developed topics that advance our knowledge. I always try to make science inclusive, reproducible, constructive, informative and useful. I fully support the aim of the journal, as expressed by the current EIC, that we should study the interactions of people and places in space, using sound, replicable and advanced methods, capable of generating robust evidence that can inform effective policies for regional sustainable development.

- I understand the role of interaction, communication and negotiation with Elsevier. I know that APC and target markets are key issues. I am quite convinced that the goal of RSPP is to be Scopus Q1 and to secure a stable position among the major journals in regional studies, which is impossible without recognition, interesting topics and appropriate citations.

Editorial team

The editorial team is the most important operational body of the journal - its composition is crucial to its success or failure. At our last editorial team meeting during the ERSA Congress in the Azores, we discussed this issue. A proper team cannot be too large to avoid loss of control, nor too small to avoid editorial overload. It should be made up of committed people who, at a given point in their careers, are willing to devote their time to the journal. The team should be diverse in terms of subject, gender, age and location, but homogeneous in terms of the common purpose we serve. Quarterly meetings of associate and guest editors could help to understand perspectives, problems and challenges from very

different points of view. In my opinion, the idea of leaving special issues in the hands of editors should be retained, as it guarantees commitment, quality and the pursuit of the same goals. The role of guest editor, who assists associate editors in editing SI, is a good opportunity to get involved with RSPP as a potential future associate editor.

The current editorial team works efficiently, which ensures that the journal as a whole works well. If elected as EIC, I am not planning a revolution, but rather evolutionary adjustments. I understand that some of the current associate editors may not wish to serve RSPP with the new EIC, so I am prepared to propose interesting candidates to work for the journal. However, new people will be proposed to fill the gap that is currently unknown. If elected, I will work with EIC Tomas Dentinho to implement a smooth change of editorial team, retaining the most effective of the existing team and selecting new members to bring younger people into the team, taking into account competences, territorial, gender and age balance. The invitation to join the Editorial Team will be based on the ability to write, mobilise, edit and review regional scientific papers that follow the RSPP's aim - to study human interaction in space with diverse replicable methods and effective evidence for regional sustainable development, covering all macro-regions of the world: Europe, Africa, Asia, Pacific, Africa, North America and Latin America.

I would love to work with Elisabete Martins as a secretary. Her high level of commitment to the work, her immediate responses and her well-organised way of working are a great asset to RSPP.

A vision statement for the next three to six years of publication of RSPP

The journal Regional Science Policy and Practice is now in good hands and its situation is good. This diagnosis is crucial in order to design appropriate actions for the journal's management in the coming years.

- ➔ My vision for the journal in terms of academic quality is to **become one of the first choice journals** in the field of regional studies with a focus on policy and empirical evidence. This means **high academic reputation** as well as recognition and community awareness of the journal's existence.
- ➔ In bibliometric terms, this vision would be the best accompanied by belonging to the **Scopus Q1 journals** (top 25% most cited) and achieving an **Impact Factor of at least 2** or more.

These goals require many actions, which are listed below in three categories:

Management

- Avoiding a decline in papers and citations in turbulent times, while acting as a transformative journal with regard to the challenges related to APC - introducing mandatory APC for all RSPP authors is the biggest obstacle to obtaining a reasonable number of good and territorially diversified papers. Therefore, the strategies implemented by the current EIC help to improve the situation and should be continued and developed. Close cooperation with RSAI and Elsevier is necessary in this context.

- Balancing the territorial coverage of papers to support lagging regions and niche topics - this challenge is related to the APC mentioned above, as well as to the balance between inclusiveness and high quality science. Authors from poorer countries often submit weaker papers that require much more work with authors and attention than papers by authors from good universities. This is also the role of the EIC, to avoid immediate desk rejections and to have understanding associate editors in the editorial team who are willing to give very detailed comments on how to improve papers. In 2024 RSPP received 115 papers from 52 countries, showing great territorial diversity – this should be maintained and deepened with an increasing number of submissions.

- Timely responses to important socio-economic events (such as previously Covid, the Ukrainian war, discontent within the EU) with special issues - covering important current issues and being in the mainstream of scientific discussion is a mission of science. The RSPP is doing this well now, with special issues that have attracted a lot of attention, and this path should be continued. It needs committed leaders who can take care of these special issues and attract interesting papers. A good practice in RSPP is the allocation of topics (bottom-up or

top-down) to associate editors who are in charge of the SI, with possible collaboration from external guest editors.

- Seeking out interesting topics that do not get attention in other journals - partly as a minority voice (at least in IF journals) - this is related to the APC theme and territorial coverage, the mission of science and the inclusiveness of the journal. It can also be a high-risk high-reward strategy if inspiring topics are discovered.

- Quarterly overview reports on the performance of the EIC - the dynamics of the journal should be monitored regularly. In the case of a new EIC, it is important to know the dynamics of the journal in order to understand when and how more intensive actions should be taken to ensure the right number of accepted papers, special issues and citations. Quarterly overview reports on the performance of the EIC are therefore a must.

- Special attention to the challenges and risks of using AI in scholarship, both as a research topic and as a visible/invisible support for researchers - the topic of AI in regional studies is slowly gaining popularity, so it can be considered as a potential focus for special issue(s). On the other hand, all editors in RSPP should be sensitive to the misuse of language models and AI tools in writing and research. The discussion about the inclusion of AI in science is ongoing and should be present in RSPP.

Maintaining and developing existing initiatives

- RSPP annual paper award - awards always help to raise visibility, and the more information that is published about the award the better. The rules and composition of the jury are appropriate, but may need to be adjusted in the longer term. This initiative should be continued and promoted among current and future authors.

- RSPP Special Issue Award - this is a relatively new initiative and seems to be doing a good job of mobilising associate and guest editors to attract good and interesting papers and promote their visibility and citation. This initiative should be continued and promoted among editors.

- Smart management of APC reductions - the current policy, developed by the EIC and RSAI, seems to be working well. The allocation of the 50 waivers, which ensures that all good papers that do not have the funds to pay the APCs to be published, should be maintained. However, new conditions (market changes, interactions with other actors, inefficiencies, etc.) may require an update of the rules. Finally, the policy should collectively attract the best papers and help the most financially excluded researchers to publish. The 20% discount on APCs for RSAI members should be maintained and promoted.

- Valuing reviewers - the willingness to review is declining because it is a voluntary, time-consuming activity. RSPP, like other journals, needs some kind of programme to support reviewers, at least by recognising their work with certificates. The selection of committed

reviewers is a core element in the running of the journal, and therefore needs special attention from the EIC. Appreciating and recognising reviewers requires cooperation with Elsevier and responding to programmes offered by other publishers and journals.

- RSPP special sessions at RSAI, ERSa, NARSC, PRSCO, LARSA conferences and workshops - visibility of the journal at our network conferences is a must. RSPP special sessions have already been proposed and the direct naming of sessions with the label "RSPP" should become a standard. This will help to build reputation and awareness of the journal as an attractive journal for authors. This task will be coordinated with RSAI, supra-regionals and sections.

- Compiled special issues on emerging topics - The successful development of RSPP has been based on special issues. Over the past few years, we as an editorial team have implemented a few strategies for special issues, and we have found that the most effective strategy is to compile special issues from attracted papers that have already been accepted for publication. The call for papers for these special issues has been announced through RSPP special sessions at conferences, personal invitations, website and social media posts. This task requires the involvement of associate editors responsible for selected special issues.

- RSPP has a very well defined and articulated focus, which makes RSPP very unique. This aim should be constantly reminded to associate editors and authors. This is to build its reputation and awareness among potential authors.

- The bibliometric scores, even if they only partially reflect the scientific quality of the journal and its publications, are a crucial factor in the positioning of the journal and in attracting good papers - therefore they must be treated with special attention. Citescore=2.7 and IF=1.7 give the position in Q2 Scopus. RSPP needs more citations to move to Q1 Scopus.

New actions

- Strengthening the impact of book reviews - RSPP has a dedicated book review editor and it is a great job to provide an overview of books published in an area of regional science. Unfortunately, these reviews are rarely cited, which automatically becomes a burden on the journal's metrics. Therefore, the RSPP editorial team and editorial board should work on the format of reviews to make them important and citable papers.

- Strengthening papers with evidence - reproducibility of research and data-based evidence for policy are important postulates of reliable science. As policy recommendations should be based on sound science, the RSPP should encourage accompanying datasets to be attached online to papers, where possible with reproducible research protocols (e.g. software codes). This is in line with the trend towards open science and increases the popularity of papers when accompanied by good datasets.

- Quarterly meetings of the editorial team - regular meetings of the editorial team can help everyone to better understand the direction the RSPP is taking. This will be a place to communicate problems and ways of solving them, as well as to discuss themes, perspectives and involvement in special issues. I believe this is a way of promoting efficiency and quality.

- Annual communication with the Editorial Board - RSPP's Editorial Board consists of distinguished scholars who can provide expertise to support RSPP's directions. As RSPP is a global journal, insights from different regions and schools are crucial to building the journal's reputation and position. The contribution of individual members to the work of the Editorial Board will be reviewed and, if necessary, the composition of the Board will be refreshed.

- RSPP involvement in the ERSA Epainos Award - The high reputation of the ERSA Epainos Award is the result of years of rigorous review of candidate papers. The jury always faces the challenge of carefully reading dozens of papers and selecting the short list and finally the best one(s). This effort requires a group of dedicated researchers who are experienced in reviewing papers and selecting the best. For this reason, the members of the jury are the editors-in-chief of PIRS and REGION, and in the past the editors of other journals have also been members of the Epainos committee. The editor of RSPP could also support the hard process of reviewing and selecting papers in this competition. RSPP could also be a potential journal to publish the winning paper(s).

- Stronger social media communication - it is roughly estimated that more than 2 million papers are published annually in 30,000 journals, and between 500,000 and 1 million books are published as well. This massive production requires, on the one hand, navigation and, on the other hand, promotion in order to be visible. Special issues published by RSPP (together with accompanying editorial notes) play the role of navigation, and within the editorial team we observe that this is a very successful policy. Stronger social media communication can enhance the dissemination of knowledge developed in RSPP papers. My intention as EIC would be to design the social media communication strategy, possibly with an early career editor who could support the RSPP editorial team.

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ANNEX 5

Decisions on the allocations of nurturing talent funds for 2025 events

The selection committee, made up of Hans Westlund (President), Andrea Caragliu (Executive Director), Roberta Capello (ERSA delegate), Haifeng Qian (NARSC delegate), In Kwon Park (PRSCO delegate), and Raul Silveira Neto (LARSA delegate), received seven applications for supporting nurturing talent events in 2025.

Under budget availability constraints, and with the purpose to support events that had an agreement or sponsorship by national or supranational sections, the committee met on Oct 24, 2024, and agreed on the attached distribution of funds (Table 1). Some funds will remain available to nurturing talent events for all supranationals, as well as for other events in Africa, and in the Balkans, where the profits of the 2024 World Congress of the RSAI are going to be invested. Exact figures are provided in Table 2.

ID	Event	Supranational	Requested	Granted
1	The 3rd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa	Future African section	5,500.00 €	1,500.00 €
2	3rd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia	PRSCO	4,350.00 €	2,000.00 €
3	ERSA Summer School 2025 “Sustainability, innovation and regional development”	ERSA	6,000.00 €	6,000.00 €
4	Doctorales ASRDLF 2025 (PhD Winter School of the French speaking regional science association)	ERSA	1,600.00 €	1,600.00 €
5	Workshop "Regional and territorial development in emerging areas: West African peculiarities", at the Higher School of Applied Economics of Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD) in Dakar.	???	????	1,800.00 €
6	1. The 5th Annual Intensive Course Program on Urban, Transport, And Environmental Economics, Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia (FEB UI)	PRSCO	6,345.50 €	2,000.00 €
7	PRSCO Summer Institute, Sri Lanka, 23-25 July 2025	PRSCO	5,672.00 €	5,672.00 €

Table 1. Support granted by the RSAI to nurturing talent events

Supranational	Frozen from 2024	2025 budget	Available	Allocated	Leftover
ERSA	2,442.24 €	14,362.26 €	16,804.50 €	7,600.00 €	9,204.50 €
NARSC	3,149.63 €	2,140.47 €	5,290.10 €	-	5,290.10 €
PRSCO	10,710.71 €	8,178.69 €	18,889.40 €	9,672.00 €	9,217.40 €
LARSA	1,410.37 €	2,530.24 €	3,940.61 €	-	3,940.61 €
African World Congress	7,437.95 €	7,437.95 €	7,437.95 €	3,300.00 €	4,137.95 €
European World Congress					23,470.80 €

Table 2. Funds available for future nurturing talent events

ANNEX 6

Budget proposal 2025

Description	Revenues	Costs	Revenues-costs
General	0,00 €	10 713,20 €	-10 713,20 €
ACCOUNTING	0,00 €	3 700,00 €	-3 700,00 €
WEBSERVER	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEE	0,00 €	313,20 €	-313,20 €
RSAI SECRETARIAT	0,00 €	6 000,00 €	-6 000,00 €
OTHERS	0,00 €	200,00 €	-200,00 €
Executive Directorate	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
Editorial Activity	0,00 €	29 000,00 €	-29 000,00 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	0,00 €	2 000,00 €	-2 000,00 €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	8 500,00 €	-8 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	6 000,00 €	-6 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
ARCHIVIST	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
RSAI Awards	0,00 €	3 810,00 €	-3 810,00 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD (500€)	0,00 €	560,00 €	-560,00 €
DISSERTATION AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 1ST PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 2ND PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PLAQUES	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
RSAI Supports	0,00 €	32 299,57 €	-32 299,57 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2025	0,00 €	27 299,57 €	-27 299,57 €
BULDING BRIDGES	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
Elsevier	30 000,00 €	0,00 €	30 000,00 €
Revenues (PIRS and RSPP)	30 000,00 €	0,00 €	30 000,00 €
Others	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Deposit cash money from 2025	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Refund VAT 2025 from State	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Return transfer	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Memberships	36 399,42 €	0,00 €	36 399,42 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1 500,00 €	0,00 €	1 500,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €	50,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 490,00 €	0,00 €	1 490,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	600,00 €	0,00 €	600,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	190,00 €	0,00 €	190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	670,00 €	0,00 €	670,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	740,00 €	0,00 €	740,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	195,00 €	0,00 €	195,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	909,66 €	0,00 €	909,66 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	1 005,00 €	0,00 €	1 005,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	166,09 €	0,00 €	166,09 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	320,00 €	0,00 €	320,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 190,00 €	0,00 €	1 190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	251,36 €	0,00 €	251,36 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	1 950,00 €	0,00 €	1 950,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 110,00 €	0,00 €	2 110,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	710,00 €	0,00 €	710,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1 670,00 €	0,00 €	1 670,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	123,62 €	0,00 €	123,62 €

MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	353,97 €	0,00 €	353,97 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	330,00 €	0,00 €	330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	4 360,00 €	0,00 €	4 360,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4 830,00 €	0,00 €	4 830,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	310,00 €	0,00 €	310,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	340,00 €	0,00 €	340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	3 136,29 €	0,00 €	3 136,29 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	370,00 €	0,00 €	370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	1 050,00 €	0,00 €	1 050,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 340,00 €	0,00 €	1 340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	430,00 €	0,00 €	430,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIA SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €	50,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	370,00 €	0,00 €	370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	2 850,00 €	0,00 €	2 850,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	23,43 €	0,00 €	23,43 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	415,00 €	0,00 €	415,00 €
TOTAL	66 399,42 €	83 322,77 €	-16 923,35 €

Comments to the 2025 budget proposal

Two major issues to be noted:

1. Wiley's revenues ended this year with the final profit margins due to the beginning of the new contract with Elsevier. As this contract does not include advance payments, so the revenues (50% of our profit share) will be postponed to 2025. The exact amount will depend on APCs paid to Elsevier based on papers accepted on RSAI journals. An early estimate obtained from our Elsevier contact suggests that these should be around 30,000 Euros. This is substantially lower than the initial projections (around 100,000 Euros). Elsevier staff reported that this is due to (i.) a number of accepted papers lower than the projected one in both journals, and (ii.) a number of waived fees higher than the one used for the revenue projections. While this is presently only an estimate, this has to be addressed and kept under control for future reference. In the meantime, I would advise, also given that rarely is the whole amount projected spent, to lower building bridges funds from 10,000 Euros to 5,000 Euros.
2. In the past, quite some leftovers from nurturing talent budget have been spent:

Supranational	Leftover
ERSA	9,204.50 €
NARSC	5,290.10 €
PRSCO	9,217.40 €
LARSA	3,940.61 €
African World Congress	4,137.95 €
European World Congress	23,470.80 €

The money is available for future events, and may be employed by the new management for events aiming at stimulating the creation of new sections, or – also – the revival of existing ones.

Given that the financial situation not only appears to be stable, but a safe (and growing) cushion is being accumulated, I would also suggest to consider employing these resources in creative and productive ways, for instance considering whether to sponsor regional science programs, chairs, post-docs, etc.

Bank account in Euros

1	Balance brought forward from 2023 (01-01-2024)	582 157,66 €
2	Closing Balance carried forward (until 30/10/2024)	630 623,14 €
3=(2-1)	Margin of 2024	48 465,48 €

ACCOUNTS FROM 2024

Description	Revenues	Costs	NET PROFIT
General	- €	2 717,34 €	- 2 717,34 €
ACCOUNTING from 2023	- €	498,63 €	- 498,63 €
ACCOUNTING from 2024	- €	1 560,09 €	- 1 560,09 €
ANUAL FEE LICENCE FOR SYSTEM OF BILLING	- €	97,44 €	- 97,44 €
WEBSERVER	- €	229,26 €	- 229,26 €
MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEE	- €	313,20 €	- 313,20 €
RSAI SECRETARIATE	- €	- €	- €
OTHERS (credit card system charges and other bank charges)	- €	18,72 €	- 18,72 €
Others	- €	1 986,21 €	- 1 986,21 €
Return transfer	- €	- €	- €
VAT from JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE support to AISRe 2023 conference	- €	1 986,21 €	- 1 986,21 €
Executive Directorate	- €	2 628,16 €	- 2 628,16 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES 2024	- €	2 628,16 €	- 2 628,16 €
Editorial Activity	- €	22 152,53 €	-22 152,53 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	- €	- €	- €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	- €	- €	- €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- €	8 500,00 €	- 8 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	- €	2 652,53 €	- 2 652,53 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- €	6 000,00 €	- 6 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	- €	5 000,00 €	- 5 000,00 €
ARQUIVIST	- €	- €	- €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	- €	- €	- €
Wiley - Blackwell	22 708,80 €	- €	22 708,80 €
PIRS AND RSPP 2023 PROFIT SHARE	22 708,80 €	- €	22 708,80 €
RSai Awards	- €	3 057,74 €	- 3 057,74 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD (500£) - CASH 2024	- €	594,73 €	- 594,73 €
RSai YOUNG PRIZE 2024 - 1º Prize - CASH	- €	600,99 €	- 600,99 €
RSai YOUNG PRIZE 2024 - 2º Prize - CASH	- €	300,99 €	- 300,99 €
DISSERTATION AWARD - CASH 2024	- €	- €	- €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD - CASH 2024	- €	- €	- €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD - CASH 2024	- €	786,29 €	- 786,29 €
PLAQUES	- €	774,74 €	- 774,74 €
RSai Supports	- €	12 987,28 €	-12 987,28 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2024	- €	9 001,98 €	- 9 001,98 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2024 - from 2021 congress	- €	3 500,00 €	- 3 500,00 €
BUILDING BRIDGES	- €	485,30 €	- 485,30 €
Memberships	34 388,67 €	- €	34 388,67 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1 634,45 €	- €	1 634,45 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION (from 2020, 21, 22, 23 and 24)	243,42 €	- €	243,42 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 490,00 €	- €	1 490,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION (from 2022, 23 and 24)	1 270,00 €	- €	1 270,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	190,00 €	- €	190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION (from 2023)	10,00 €	- €	10,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	195,00 €	- €	195,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	909,66 €	- €	909,66 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	1 005,00 €	- €	1 005,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	166,09 €	- €	166,09 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	251,36 €	- €	251,36 €

MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	1 950,00 €	- €	1 950,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 110,00 €	- €	2 110,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1 670,00 €	- €	1 670,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION (from 2023 and 24)	270,00 €	- €	270,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	353,97 €	- €	353,97 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	330,00 €	- €	330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	4 360,00 €	- €	4 360,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION [2024 (4830€) + 2023 (630€)]	5 460,00 €	- €	5 460,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	310,00 €	- €	310,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION (from 2023)	3 136,29 €	- €	3 136,29 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION (from 2023 and 24)	2 060,00 €	- €	2 060,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 340,00 €	- €	1 340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	430,00 €	- €	430,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	370,00 €	- €	370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	2 850,00 €	- €	2 850,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	23,43 €	- €	23,43 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
2024 RSAI World Congress	87 307,96 €	50 410,69 €	36 897,27 €
Registrations fees	82 307,96 €	622,64 €	81 685,32 €
Final Payment JvN	- €	6 314,74 €	- 6 314,74 €
DG Regio support	5 000,00 €	- €	5 000,00 €
Expenses (Travels, accommodation, meals, etc.)	- €	43 473,31 €	-43 473,31 €
TOTAL	144 405,43 €	95 939,95 €	48 465,48 €

Movements							
Date	Descriptive	Doc	Receipts	Payments	Balance	CC	Notes
01/01/2024	Balance brought forward:		- €	- €	582 157,66 €		
January							
02/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR1/2/3/4/5/6-2024	1 908,44 €	- €	584 066,10 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
03/01/2024	FT 2023 355 TOC		- €	497,64 €	583 568,46 €	General-Accounts	4º trimestre 2023
03/01/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	583 567,47 €	General-Accounts	4º trimestre 2023
04/01/2024	NNT RSAI 2024		- €	3 500,00 €	580 067,47 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2024	2nd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia
04/01/2024	NNT RSAI 2024		- €	4 500,00 €	575 567,47 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2024	ERSA Summer School 2024 - Quantitative methods addressing geographical imbalances: new techniques, frameworks and applications
04/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR7/2024	49,05 €	- €	575 616,52 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
04/01/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	575 615,53 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2024	2nd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia
04/01/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	575 614,54 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2024	ERSA Summer School 2024 - Quantitative methods addressing geographical imbalances: new techniques, frameworks and applications
05/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR8/9/10/11-2024	1 234,79 €	- €	576 849,33 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
09/01/2024	TRF MBWAY 966xxx432	FR110/2023	420,00 €	- €	577 269,33 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
09/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR12/2024	47,55 €	- €	577 316,88 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
09/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR14/15/16/17/18-2024	1 758,67 €	- €	579 075,55 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
10/01/2024	TRF BUDAPESTI CORVINU	FR19/2024	310,00 €	- €	579 385,55 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
11/01/2024	PAGAMENTO		- €	97,44 €	579 288,11 €	General-Accounts	Annual billing program license 2024
11/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28-2024	3 131,31 €	- €	582 419,42 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/01/2024	TFI PINAR GOKCE	FR29/2024	155,00 €	- €	582 574,42 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/01/2024	TFI TransferWise	FR30/2024	155,00 €	- €	582 729,42 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/01/2024	PGT2401150001462	FR31/2024	140,00 €	- €	582 869,42 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/01/2024	PGT2401150001586	FR34/2024	245,00 €	- €	583 114,42 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR32/33/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74-2024	12 572,48 €	- €	595 686,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
16/01/2024	PGR2401150000664	FR77/2024	155,00 €	- €	595 841,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
16/01/2024	PGT2401160000369	FR78/2024	155,00 €	- €	595 996,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE

16/01/2024	TRF Szegedi Tudom nye	FT6+R1/2024	1 840,00 €	- €	597 836,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
16/01/2024	TRF Atlanta Agencia d	FR100/2024	360,00 €	- €	598 196,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
16/01/2024	PGE0948000733256		- €	657,00 €	597 539,90 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Sarah Low
16/01/2024	TRF CRED NAO SEPA+ DE		- €	15,60 €	597 524,30 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Sarah Low
16/01/2024	DESPESE DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	597 509,80 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Sarah Low
16/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR75/76-2024	96,10 €	- €	597 605,90 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (2) 2024
16/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99-2024	6 850,66 €	- €	604 456,56 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
17/01/2024	TRF GREENANDMORE KORL	FR102/2024	360,00 €	- €	604 816,56 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
17/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR101/103/104/105/106/107/108/109-2024	2 801,91 €	- €	607 618,47 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
23/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	FR121/2024	245,00 €	- €	607 863,47 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
23/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	FR122/2024	245,00 €	- €	608 108,47 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
23/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	FR123/2024	245,00 €	- €	608 353,47 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
23/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	FR124/2024	245,00 €	- €	608 598,47 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
25/01/2024	TRF INSTITUTO DE GEOG	R2/2024	310,00 €	- €	608 908,47 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
25/01/2024	COMPRA BKG BOOKING.CO		- €	114,99 €	608 793,48 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Elisabete TER-LIS-TER – 114, 99€
25/01/2024	COMPRA WIZZ AIR ZM		- €	387,58 €	608 405,90 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Elisabete LIS-BUD-LIS – 387,58€
25/01/2024	TRF UNIVERSITATEA DUN	FR112/2024	165,00 €	- €	608 570,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
25/01/2024	TFI Papara Elektronik	FR110/2024	140,00 €	- €	608 710,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
26/01/2024	TRF Stephan Brunow	R3/2024	490,00 €	- €	609 200,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
26/01/2024	TRF REISINGER ADRIENN	FR113/2024	245,00 €	- €	609 445,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
26/01/2024	PGR2401260000148	R5/2024	5 460,00 €	- €	614 905,90 €	Memberships	Japan Section 2024 (4830€) + 2023 (630€)
29/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	FR141/2024	245,00 €	- €	615 150,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
29/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	FR142/2024	355,00 €	- €	615 505,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
29/01/2024	TRF K zg s Reg Tud	R4/2024	1 715,00 €	- €	617 220,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
29/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR114/115/116/117/118/119/120-2024	335,10 €	- €	617 556,00 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (7) 2024
30/01/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR125/126/127/128-2024	1 350,28 €	- €	618 906,28 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
February							
01/02/2024	COMPRA KOREAN AIR OVE		- €	1 570,15 €	617 336,13 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Hee-Jung Jun
01/02/2024	2,0 COM SB E 1 COM SI		- €	47,10 €	617 289,03 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Hee-Jung Jun
01/02/2024	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	1,88 €	617 287,15 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Hee-Jung Jun
01/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR130/131/132/133/134/135/136/137-2024	92,28 €	- €	617 379,43 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
02/02/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	FR166/2024	420,00 €	- €	617 799,43 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
02/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR129/2024	272,84 €	- €	618 072,27 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
05/02/2024	TRF INNOVA INVEST PU	FR145/2024	355,00 €	- €	618 427,27 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/02/2024	TRF Med Econ Human Sz	FR144/2024	490,00 €	- €	618 917,27 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R6/2024	909,66 €	- €	619 826,93 €	Memberships	Chilean Section 2024

06/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR139/2024	48,05 €	- €	619 874,98 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
06/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR140/2024	546,65 €	- €	620 421,63 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR143/2024	49,05 €	- €	620 470,68 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
07/02/2024	TRF HUN REN KRTK	FR146/2024	295,00 €	- €	620 765,68 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
07/02/2024	TRF HUN REN KRTK	FR147/2024	295,00 €	- €	621 060,68 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
07/02/2024	TRF HUN REN KRTK	FR148/2024	305,00 €	- €	621 365,68 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
08/02/2024	COMPRAS C.DEB OVHCLOU		- €	229,26 €	621 136,42 €	General - Website	renew the regionalscience.org Domain and Web hosting for 3 years (De 05-04-2024 a 04-04-2027)
08/02/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	R18/2024	420,00 €	- €	621 556,40 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
08/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR130/131/132/133/134/135/136/137-2024 + NC3 + FR138/2024	2 134,97 €	- €	623 691,39 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
12/02/2024	IVA		- €	1 986,21 €	621 705,18 €	JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE support to AISRe 2023 conference	IVA
13/02/2024	TRF MRTT	R7/2024	1 610,00 €	- €	623 315,18 €	Memberships	Hungarian Section 2024
14/02/2024	TRF HUN REN CSFK	R8/2024	245,00 €	- €	623 560,18 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/02/2024	TRF PECSI TUDOMANYEGY	FR152/2024	355,00 €	- €	623 915,18 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/02/2024	TRF PECSI TUDOMANYEGY	R9/2024	305,00 €	- €	624 220,18 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/02/2024	TRF STOWARZYSZENIE EU	R13/2024	1 010,00 €	- €	625 230,18 €	Memberships	Polish Section 2023
15/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR149/2024	471,52 €	- €	625 701,70 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
15/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR150/2024	48,05 €	- €	625 749,75 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
16/02/2024	TRF Gesellschaft fuer	R12/2024	2 110,00 €	- €	627 859,75 €	Memberships	German Section 2024
16/02/2024	TRF A I S R E C O PROF	R11/2024	4 290,00 €	- €	632 149,75 €	Memberships	Italian Section 2024
16/02/2024	TRF BUDAPESTI GAZDASA	R14/2024	520,00 €	- €	632 669,75 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
19/02/2024	COMPRA OXFORD ABSTRAC		- €	271,27 €	632 398,48 €	World Congress 2024	Oxford Abstracts service fees for Offline invoice
19/02/2024	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	0,22 €	632 398,26 €	World Congress 2024	Oxford Abstracts service fees for Offline invoice
19/02/2024	2,0 COM SB		- €	5,43 €	632 392,83 €	World Congress 2024	Oxford Abstracts service fees for Offline invoice
20/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR151/2024	170,97 €	- €	632 563,80 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
22/02/2024	ERSA2024 Rosella Nicolini		- €	410,00 €	632 153,80 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	ERSA REGISTRATION - ROSELLA NICOLINI
22/02/2024	TRF HUN REN KRTK	R15/2024	430,00 €	- €	632 583,80 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
22/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR153+154+155+157/2024	191,35 €	- €	632 775,15 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
22/02/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	632 774,16 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	ERSA REGISTRATION - ROSELLA NICOLINI
23/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR162/2024	78,36 €	- €	632 852,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
23/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R16/2024	23,43 €	- €	632 875,95 €	Memberships	Thailand Section 2024

23/02/2024	TRF BUDAPESTI CORVINU	R17/2024	430,00 €	- €	633 305,95 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
26/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R10/2024	353,97 €	- €	633 659,92 €	Memberships	Indonesian Section 2024
26/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR156+159+161+163/2024+NCL1/2024	1 891,67 €	- €	635 551,59 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
27/02/2024	TRF PECSI TUDOMANYEGY	FR170/2024	430,00 €	- €	635 981,59 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
27/02/2024	TRF SZECHENYI ISTVAN	R19/2024	1 180,00 €	- €	637 161,59 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
28/02/2024	TRF Jet Travel Idegén	R21/2024	755,00 €	- €	637 916,59 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
28/02/2024	TRF ASOCIATIA ROMANA	R20/2024	430,00 €	- €	638 346,59 €	Memberships	Romanian Section 2024
28/02/2024	TRF BUDAPESTI CORVINU	R22/2024	430,00 €	- €	638 776,59 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
28/02/2024	TRF PECSI TUDOMANYEGY	FR180/2024	520,00 €	- €	639 296,59 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
28/02/2024	TFI TransferWise	FR177/2024	295,28 €	- €	639 591,87 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
29/02/2024	PGT2402290000510		145,00 €	- €	639 736,87 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE - devolver
29/02/2024	PGT2402290000510		- €	17,07 €	639 719,80 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE - devolver
29/02/2024	PGT2402290000511		145,00 €	- €	639 864,80 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE - devolver
29/02/2024	PGT2402290000511		- €	17,07 €	639 847,73 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE - devolver
29/02/2024	TRF OLEXO TUNDE	FR181/2024	145,00 €	- €	639 992,73 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
29/02/2024	NNT RSAI 2024		- €	3 500,00 €	636 492,73 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent - from 2021 congress progress	The 2nd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa-mozambique
29/02/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR158+FR160/2024+NCL2/2024	817,79 €	- €	637 310,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
March							
01/03/2024	COMPRA TURKISH AIRLIN		- €	638,83 €	636 671,69 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Özge Öner
01/03/2024	TRF Ekonomicka univer	FR187/2024	490,00 €	- €	637 161,69 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
01/03/2024	TRF ERSA AISBL	FR186/2024	10,00 €	- €	637 171,69 €	Memberships	uk Section 2023
04/03/2024	PGT2403040000699	R23/2024	1 005,00 €	- €	638 176,69 €	Memberships	CHINA Section 2024
04/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R24/2024	166,09 €	- €	638 342,78 €	Memberships	Colombian Section 2024
04/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR164+165+167+168+171+182/2024	1 713,54 €	- €	640 056,32 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
05/03/2024	PGR2403010002001	FR189/2024	500,66 €	- €	640 556,98 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
05/03/2024	PGR2403010002001	FR189/2024	- €	4,10 €	640 552,88 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR169+172+173+174+175+176+178+183+184/2024+NCL3+NCL4	2 863,68 €	- €	643 416,56 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/03/2024	RSPP Editorial and Tr		- €	5 000,00 €	638 416,56 €	RSPP Editorial and Travel Expenses Payment for Editor 2023	RSPP Editorial and Travel Expenses Payment for Editor 2024

06/03/2024	RSPP PIRS EDIT OFFICE		- €	14 500,00 €	623 916,56 €	PIRS and RSPP Editorial Office Annual Expenses 2023	PIRS and RSPP Editorial Office Annual Expenses 2024
06/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR179/2024	328,41 €	- €	624 244,97 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
07/03/2024	return fee		- €	255,86 €	623 989,11 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE - devolução tranfer on day 29 (145+145-17,07-17,07)
07/03/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	623 988,12 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE - devolução tranfer on day 29 (145+145-17,07-17,07)
08/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR185+188/2024	628,38 €	- €	624 616,50 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
08/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR190/2024	48,40 €	- €	624 664,90 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
08/03/2024	PAGAMENTO Paypal	NCL5/2024	- €	260,00 €	624 404,90 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE refund
11/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	NCL5/2024	9,62 €	- €	624 414,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE refund
11/03/2024	TRF SZECHENYI ISTVAN	R25/2024	1 395,00 €	- €	625 809,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
12/03/2024	TRF HUN REN KRTK	FR191/2024	295,00 €	- €	626 104,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
13/03/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	R26/2024	420,00 €	- €	626 524,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
13/03/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	R28/2024	360,00 €	- €	626 884,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
13/03/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	R27/2024	420,00 €	- €	627 304,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
13/03/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	R29/2024	420,00 €	- €	627 724,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
13/03/2024	TRF MRTT	R30/2024	30,00 €	- €	627 754,52 €	Memberships	Hungarian Section 2024
15/03/2024	TRF POLIMI AMMINIST	R31/2024	420,00 €	- €	628 174,52 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
18/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R32/2024	251,36 €	- €	628 425,88 €	Memberships	Ecuador Section 2024
18/03/2024	TRF KAUNO KOLEGIJA	FR192/2024	740,00 €	- €	629 165,88 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
19/03/2024	TRF SYREON KUTATO INT	FR194/2024	430,00 €	- €	629 595,88 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
19/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR193/2024	541,93 €	- €	630 137,81 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
20/03/2024	TRF AKI Nonprofit Kft	FR196/2024	520,00 €	- €	630 657,81 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
20/03/2024	TRF PECSI TUDOMANYEGY	FR197/2024	520,00 €	- €	631 177,81 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
21/03/2024	TRF MAGYAR AGRAR ES	FR19/2024	260,00 €	- €	631 437,81 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
21/03/2024	PGT2403210000923	R35/2024	295,73 €	- €	631 733,54 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
22/03/2024	TRF BUDAPESTI CORVINU	FR200/2024	430,00 €	- €	632 163,54 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
22/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R33/2024+FR195/2024+R34/2024+FR198/2024-nc10/2024	1 305,62 €	- €	633 469,16 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
22/03/2024	TFI Molnar Andras	R36/2024	430,00 €	- €	633 899,16 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
25/03/2024	TRF MISKOLCI EGYETEM	FR201/2024	580,00 €	- €	634 479,16 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
25/03/2024	TRF ASOC ESPA OLA DE	R37/2024	2 850,00 €	- €	637 329,16 €	Memberships	Spain Section 2024
28/03/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR202/2024	399,29 €	- €	637 728,45 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
April							
01/04/2024	COMPRAS C.DEB BKG HOT		- €	99,00 €	637 629,45 €	World Congress 2024	Hotel lisbon Elisabete
02/04/2024	PGT2404020001367	R38/2024	1 490,00 €	- €	639 119,45 €	Memberships	ARSC Section 2024
02/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR203/2024	1 169,09 €	- €	640 288,54 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
04/04/2024	COMPRA TECNOTELES		- €	57,50 €	640 231,04 €	Awards	Plaque Founders medals
05/04/2024	FT 2024 93 TOC		- €	519,04 €	639 712,00 €	General-Accounts	1º trimestre 2024
05/04/2024	INVOICE L 1 24		- €	1 134,17 €	638 577,83 €	World Congress 2024	Marketing service for the
05/04/2024	Res Code 1038754		- €	8 078,94 €	630 498,89 €	World Congress 2024	Hotel accomodation Sarah
05/04/2024	TRF DDFIP HAUTS DE SE	R39/2024	310,00 €	- €	630 808,89 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE

05/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	63.807,90	General-Accounts	1º trimestre 2024
05/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	630 806,91 €	World Congress 2024	Marketing service for the
05/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	630 805,92 €	World Congress 2024	Hotel accomodation Sarah
08/04/2024	TRF MBWAY 964xxx988		- €	80,00 €	630 725,92 €	World Congress 2024	Transfer Elisabete Budapest
09/04/2024	TRF Hataron Atnyulo K	FR223/2024	100,00 €	- €	630 825,92 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
09/04/2024	TRF MBWAY 966xxx432	FR210/2024	245,00 €	- €	631 070,92 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
09/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR211+212/2024	623,66 €		631 694,58 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
09/04/2024	TRF MBWAY 966xxx432	FR208+fr209/2024	180,00 €	- €	631 874,58 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
10/04/2024	Printer		- €	1 799,84 €	630 074,74 €	World Congress 2024	D&D Gifts & Merchandising Kft: custom T-shirts, printed ballpen, lanyard
10/04/2024	RSAI Award		- €	300,00 €	629 774,74 €	Awards	RSAI Young Researchers Prize - 2 place
10/04/2024	TRF SOUZA PACHECO TAI	FR213/2024	60,00 €	- €	629 834,74 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
10/04/2024	TFI LISCIO MARCO CIRO	fr217/2024	60,00 €	- €	629 894,74 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
10/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	629 893,75 €	World Congress 2024	D&D Gifts & Merchandising Kft: custom T-shirts, printed ballpen, lanyard
10/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	629 892,76 €	Awards	RSAI Young Researchers Prize - 2 place
11/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR214+215/2024	112,48 €	- €	630 005,24 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
12/04/2024	Piano performance		- €	360,00 €	629 645,24 €	World Congress 2024	Piano performance
12/04/2024	vicent royuela	FR218/2024	60,00 €	- €	629 705,24 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
12/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	629 704,25 €	World Congress 2024	Piano performance
13/04/2024	COMPRAS C.DEB FOURPOI		- €	1 272,91 €	628 431,34 €	World Congress 2024	Hotel Sheraton Elisabete, city tax of all keynote, extra beverages and balance of previous payment accounts made to the hotel
13/04/2024	2,0 COM SB E 1 COM SI		- €	38,19 €	628 393,15 €	World Congress 2024	Hotel Sheraton Elisabete, city tax of all keynote, extra beverages and balance of previous payment accounts made to the hotel
13/04/2024	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	1,53 €	628 391,62 €	World Congress 2024	Hotel Sheraton Elisabete, city tax of all keynote, extra beverages and balance of previous payment accounts made to the hotel
16/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR219/2024	47,20 €	- €	628 438,82 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
17/04/2024	RSAI Award		- €	600,00 €	627 838,82 €	Awards	RSAI Young Researchers Prize - 1 place
17/04/2024	TRF MBWAY 966xxx432		- €	31,45 €	627 807,37 €	World Congress 2024	Taxis lisbon Elisabete
17/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	627 806,38 €	Awards	RSAI Young Researchers Prize - 1 place

18/04/2024	bustransfers.		- €	1 042,67 €	626 763,71 €	World Congress 2024	BEKÓTOURS Kft. - bustransfers
18/04/2024	dance show		- €	892,00 €	625 871,71 €	World Congress 2024	Hírös Agóra Kulturális és Ifjúsági Központ Nonprofit Kft. - dance show at the Gala Dinner
18/04/2024	IT services		- €	6 012,00 €	619 859,71 €	World Congress 2024	MarCom Média Kft - IT Services
18/04/2024	Aurin choir		- €	256,16 €	619 603,55 €	World Congress 2024	Aurin és Miraculum Alapítvány - Aurin choir
18/04/2024	Conference badges		- €	431,80 €	619 171,75 €	World Congress 2024	Alföldi Papír '91 Kft. - conference badges, its inner name papers and brown paper bags
18/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	619 170,76 €	World Congress 2024	BEKÓTOURS Kft. - bustransfers
18/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	619 169,77 €	World Congress 2024	Hírös Agóra Kulturális és Ifjúsági Központ Nonprofit Kft. - dance show at the Gala Dinner
18/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	619 168,78 €	World Congress 2024	MarCom Média Kft - IT Services
18/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	619 167,79 €	World Congress 2024	Aurin és Miraculum Alapítvány - Aurin choir
18/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	619 166,80 €	World Congress 2024	Alföldi Papír '91 Kft. - conference badges, its inner name papers and brown paper bags
23/04/2024	TRF BALTIJOS REGIONO	R42/2024	190,00 €	- €	619 356,80 €	Memberships	Baltic Section 2024
23/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR220/2024	47,20 €	- €	619 404,00 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
24/04/2024	Registration fee ERSa congress		- €	410,00 €	618 994,00 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	ERSA REGISTRATION - Andrea caragliu
24/04/2024	AISRe conference		- €	260,00 €	618 734,00 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	AISRE REGISTRATION - Andrea caragliu
24/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR221/2024	49,05 €	- €	618 783,05 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
24/04/2024	TRF EUROPEAN COMMISSI	R41/2024	5 000,00 €	- €	623 783,05 €	World Congress 2024	DG Regio support
24/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	623 782,06 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	ERSA REGISTRATION - Andrea caragliu
24/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	623 781,07 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	AISRE REGISTRATION - Andrea caragliu
25/04/2024	TRF SZECHENYI ISTVAN	R40/2024	100,00 €	- €	623 881,07 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
29/04/2024	RSPP Award 2024		- €	375,00 €	623 506,07 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2024 - Ana Barufi
29/04/2024	TRF MRTT	R43/2024	30,00 €	- €	623 536,07 €	Memberships	Hungary Section 2024
29/04/2024	PGE0948000745266		- €	375,00 €	623 161,07 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2024 - Lun Liu
29/04/2024	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	20,80 €	623 140,27 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2024 -

29/04/2024	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	623 125,77 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2024 -
29/04/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	623 124,78 €	Awards	RSPP best paper award 2024 - Ana Barufi
30/04/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR224/2024	48,05 €	- €	623 172,83 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
May							
02/05/2024	TRF BULGARIAN REGIONA	R44/2024	195,00 €	- €	623 367,83 €	Memberships	Bukgarian Section 2024
03/05/2024	COMPRA OXFORD ABSTRAC		- €	465,84 €	622 901,99 €	World Congress 2024	Oxford Abstracts service fees for Offline invoice
03/05/2024	2,0 COM SB		- €	9,32 €	622 892,67 €	World Congress 2024	Oxford Abstracts service fees for Offline invoice
03/05/2024	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	0,37 €	622 892,30 €	World Congress 2024	Oxford Abstracts service fees for Offline invoice
03/05/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR226/2024	49,05 €	- €	622 941,35 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
06/05/2024	REIMBURSE	FR225/2024+NCL9+ NC19	- €	66,56 €	622 874,79 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/05/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	622 873,80 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
08/05/2024	Paypal		- €	1 000,00 €	621 873,80 €	Awards - Nurturing New Talent program 2024	1st SOCHER Summer school: "Measuring Regional disparities: spatial methods and applications."
09/05/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR227/2024	49,05 €	- €	621 922,85 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
15/05/2024	PGE0948000747366		- €	1 500,00 €	620 422,85 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Eduardo Haddad
15/05/2024	TRF CRED NAO SEPA+ DE		- €	15,60 €	620 407,25 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Eduardo Haddad
15/05/2024	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	620 392,75 €	World Congress 2024	Travel Eduardo Haddad
16/05/2024	TFI EMIL ISRAEL AND B	R45/2024	320,00 €	- €	620 712,75 €	Memberships	Israel Section 2024
17/05/2024	ORDER NR TP01		- €	1 034,00 €	619 678,75 €	World Congress 2024	SEO ENGINE sro - Merchandising: roll up, molino, beach flag
17/05/2024	CATERING CAFFEE MIN		- €	6 369,00 €	613 309,75 €	World Congress 2024	Kéttéplom köz 8 Kft- catering: caffee, mineral water, sandwich
17/05/2024	KS202400032		- €	712,61 €	612 597,14 €	World Congress 2024	Kecskeméti Kortárs Mvészeti Muhelyek Nonprofit Kft- organizing an exhibition
17/05/2024	PHOTOGRAPER		- €	389,00 €	612 208,14 €	World Congress 2024	BOGDÁNDI FERENC - photograper
17/05/2024	ELADO MVESZETI TEVE		- €	194,00 €	612 014,14 €	World Congress 2024	KRCSMÉRI JÁNOS ANDRÁS - travel expenses of the wind instrument music band
17/05/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	612 013,15 €	World Congress 2024	BOGDÁNDI FERENC - photograper
17/05/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	612 012,16 €	World Congress 2024	Kecskeméti Kortárs Mvészeti Muhelyek Nonprofit Kft- organizing an exhibition

17/05/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	612 011,17 €	World Congress 2024	Kéttemplom köz 8 Kft-catering: caffee, mineral water, sandwich
17/05/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	612 010,18 €	World Congress 2024	SEO ENGINE sro - Merchandising: roll up, molino, beach flag
17/05/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	612 009,19 €	World Congress 2024	KRCSMÉRI JÁNOS ANDRÁS - travel expenses of the wind instrument music band
June							
03/06/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR229/2024	48,20 €	- €	612 057,39 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
04/06/2024	PGT2406040000244	R46/2024	310,00 €	- €	612 367,39 €	Memberships	Korean Section 2024
04/06/2024	TRF NEUMANN JANOS EGY	R47/2024	6 635,00 €	- €	619 002,39 €	World Congress 2024	REGISTRATION FEE
06/06/2024	TRF JOHN WILEY SONS	R48/2024	22 708,80 €	- €	641 711,19 €	PIRS and RSPP 2023 Profit Share	PIRS and RSPP 2023 Profit Share
08/06/2024	COMPRAS C.DEB SENDINB		- €	313,20 €	641 397,99 €	General - EMAIL	MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEEE
17/06/2024	TRF Spolocnost pre re	R49/2024	370,00 €	- €	641 767,99 €	Memberships	Slovak Section 2024
20/06/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR230/2024	49,05 €	- €	641 817,04 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
26/06/2024	FT 2024 201 TOC		- €	519,04 €	641 298,00 €	General-Accounts	2º trimestre 2024
26/06/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	641 297,01 €	General-Accounts	2º trimestre 2024
27/06/2024	PGT2406270000065	R50/2024	1 270,00 €	- €	642 567,01 €	Memberships	Australian Section (320€: 2022 + 350: 2023 + 600: 2024)
July							
04/07/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R51/2024	3 136,29 €	- €	645 703,30 €	Memberships	narsc Section 2023
11/07/2024	TFI EMIL ISRAEL AND B	R52/2024	10,00 €	- €	645 713,30 €	Memberships	Israel Section 2024
12/07/2024	TRF ASSOC SCIENCE REG	R53/2024	1 950,00 €	- €	647 663,30 €	Memberships	Freanch Section 2024
15/07/2024	TEI2407120000021	FR233/2024	50,00 €	- €	647 713,30 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
29/07/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	R54/2024	243,42 €	- €	647 956,72 €	Memberships	Armenian Section for 5 years (from 2020 to 2024)
29/07/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR231+232/2024	95,25 €	- €	648 051,97 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (2) 2024
31/07/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR234/2024	48,05 €	- €	648 100,02 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
August							
01/08/2024	COMPRA TECNOTELES		- €	694,50 €	647 405,52 €	Awards	4 Plaques (2 fellows, 1khono, 1 founder medal)
02/08/2024	TRF MBWAY 966xxx432		- €	22,74 €	647 382,78 €	Awards	Post Founders medals 2024
06/08/2024	TRF A I S RE C O PROF	R55/2024	70,00 €	- €	647 452,78 €	Memberships	Italian Section 2024
13/08/2024	BonusRSAIcongress2024		- €	7 500,00 €	639 952,78 €	World Congress 2024	Bonus Elisabete Martins
20/08/2024	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	385,10 €	639 567,68 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	Narsc registration
20/08/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	639 566,69 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	Narsc registration
21/08/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR235/2024	47,20 €	- €	639 613,89 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
23/08/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR236/2024	47,20 €	- €	639 661,09 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024

26/08/2024	TRF STOWARZYSZENIE EU	R57/2024	1 050,00 €	- €	640 711,09 €	Memberships	Polish Section 2024
September							
02/09/2024	COMPRA NARSC		- €	447,80 €	640 263,29 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	Registration NARSC
02/09/2024	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	0,54 €	640 262,75 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	Registration NARSC
02/09/2024	2,0 COM SB E 1 COM SI		- €	13,43 €	640 249,32 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	Registration NARSC
02/09/2024	TRF MBWAY 966xxx432	r56/2024	270,00 €	- €	640 519,32 €	Memberships	Indian Section 2023/2024
03/09/2024	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	570,44 €	639 948,88 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	Ersa congress participation
03/09/2024	GALADINNER ANDREA CAR		- €	50,00 €	639 898,88 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	Registration Dinner AiSRE
03/09/2024	TRF Caixadirecta EMP	FR237/2024	1 340,00 €	- €	641 238,88 €	Memberships	PORTUGUESE Section 2024
03/09/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	641 237,89 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	
03/09/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	641 236,90 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	Registration Dinner AiSRE
05/09/2024	2024 Martin Beckmann		- €	593,74 €	640 643,16 €	Awards	Beckmann Award 2024 - prize money paper
05/09/2024	TRF PayPal Europe S a	FR238/2024	47,20 €	- €	640 690,36 €	Memberships	INDIVIDUAL (1) 2024
05/09/2024	TRANSF CREDITO SEPA		- €	0,99 €	640 689,37 €	Awards	Beckmann Award 2024 - prize money paper
20/09/2024	DISP CARTAO DEBITO		- €	18,00 €	640 671,37 €	General - Others	RENEW OF DEBIT CARD
20/09/2024	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS		- €	0,72 €	640 670,65 €	General - Others	RENEW OF DEBIT CARD
23/09/2024	FT 2024 313 TOC		- €	519,04 €	640 151,61 €	General-Accounts	3º trimestre 2024
23/09/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	640 150,62 €	General-Accounts	3º trimestre 2024
24/09/2024	RSAI Congress 2024		- €	6 313,75 €	633 836,87 €	World Congress 2024	Final Payment to JvN
24/09/2024	PGE0948000762471		- €	450,00 €	633 386,87 €	Awards - Building bridges program	ERSA 2024 - saptarshi mitra (India)
24/09/2024	TRF CRED N SEPA+ DEB		- €	20,80 €	633 366,07 €	Awards - Building bridges program	ERSA 2024 - saptarshi mitra (India)
24/09/2024	DESPESA DE COMUNICACA		- €	14,50 €	633 351,57 €	Awards - Building bridges program	ERSA 2024 - saptarshi mitra (India)
24/09/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	633 350,58 €	World Congress 2024	Final Payment to JvN
October							
03/10/2024	PIRS EIC EXPENSES		- €	1 283,03 €	632 067,55 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	Travel NARsC
03/10/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	632 066,56 €	PIRS Edi. and travel expenses payment for editor 2024	Travel NARsC
14/10/2024	ERSA24 congress expenses		- €	1 442,43 €	630 624,13 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	ERSA2024 participation
14/10/2024	TRF CR SEPA+ PONTUAL		- €	0,99 €	630 623,14 €	ED-EXPENSES 2024	ERSA2024 participation
November							
December							

31/12/2024	Closing Balance carried forward						

Dear President of the RSAI,
Dear Members of the RSAI Council,

It is my pleasure to submit a new proposal defining the three-year statement for *Papers in Regional Science* after the renewal of my appointment as editor-in-chief of the journal last April in the RSAI meeting.

In the last year, *Papers in Regional Science* tackled new important challenges: it became a gold open access journal and is now in the catalogue of a new publisher (Elsevier).

The transition has not been easy, and it is not yet complete. However, there are interesting and challenging editorial and scientific targets that the new editorial team and I are submitting for your consideration.

In this respect, the following statement has been elaborated according to the principle of balancing tradition with novelty.

In carrying out the aims presented in the statement, I will count on the collaboration of a qualified group of editors: professors Daniela Constantin, Paul J. Hung, Elisabeth Mack, Raul Silveira Neto, Sébastien Bourdin (book editor), and Maria Kubara (data editor). You may find more information in the statement about each member of the editorial team.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Rosella Nicolini

Barcelona, October 26, 2024

Three-Year Vision Statement for *Papers in Regional Science*

I am honored to continue as editor-in-chief of *Papers in Regional Science (PiRS)*, coordinating the scientific activities of this long-standing scientific journal. Institutionally, *PiRS* is a flagship journal for the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), and the editor-in-chief is responsible for devising and enacting initiatives, policies, and strategies to maintain that status; scientifically, not only must *PiRS* continue as a leading journal in the field, but its standing must be strengthened by addressing new challenges in the ever-changing scientific environment.

One of the principal objectives of RSAI is to favor the exchange of ideas and the promotion of studies that deliver relevant conclusions related to regional analyses, with an emphasis on the multidisciplinary dimension. *PiRS*, in collaboration with its companion journal *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, is called to support this mission.

The last three years have been very intensive for the journal in terms of its achievements and progressive consolidation in the scientific landscape.

From 2022 to 2024, the most important achievements for the journal have been:

1. **Increasing the number of submissions:** In 2023 the total number of submissions approached almost 500. As of October 2024, we have had more than 300 submissions.
2. **Improving the quality of the selected manuscripts:** The rejection rate is around 90%, which is a strong signal of the seriousness and selectivity of the editors in choosing high-quality contributions.
3. **Diversifying the topics:** We publish contributions in areas such as gender and regional science, cultural heritage at the regional level, climate change, natural disasters, and regional development.
4. **Increasing the 5-year JCR impact factor:** In 2023 *PiRS* obtained a JCR impact factor of 2.4, up from 2.0 in 2021. The journal also maintains a leading position in Scopus.
5. **Opening a new editorial challenge in 2024:** *PiRS* is now a gold open access journal published by Elsevier; all the archives are also open access. These changes will generate a tangible return for the impact factor index in 2024 and onward.

Currently, the highest concerns for the journal are production delays: since the end of 2022, *PiRS* has been experiencing huge delays in the production and release of articles and issues due to production problems on the publishers' end (both Wiley and Elsevier). As editor-in-chief, I have been in perpetual contact with the officers in charge of production, insisting on speeding the release of online articles. These delays decrease the number of citations, given that the inaccessibility of the articles while the index is computed reduces the visibility of the scientific contributions published in *PiRS*. This question has been discussed with the production officer at Elsevier, and I have explicitly requested that their team rectifies the situation with no further delay.

Looking to the next term (2025-2027), the editorial team has established a set of priority targets to achieve:

1. **Continue to rebalance the geographical origin of the published manuscripts.** We will increase our efforts to solicit manuscripts from NARSC, LARSA, and PRSCO. Having

three editors who are active in the scientific activities of those areas will trigger high-quality submissions from those regions.

2. **Continue to rebalance the journal's diversity regarding the research fields of the published manuscripts.** Most of the published articles are still in the area of economics, but the share of publications from geography, regional planning, and other fields is gaining importance, and we will reinforce this tendency. The composition of the new editorial team is a tangible effort to move in that direction.
3. **Improve the attention to young scholars.** The journal is reinforcing its strategy to attract high-quality manuscripts from young scholars. The proactive effort to attract submissions from the RSAI, ERSA, and NARSC prize recipients (like the EPAINOS prize) will be intensified, and, if needed, we will offer editorial waivers to young scholars who are RSAI members.
4. **Improve the institutional visibility of the journal.** In 2023, the journal started publishing scientific contributions stemming from the plenary lectures of supranational events (like NARSC). This policy will be maintained in the coming years as well.
5. **Increase the impact factor.** The international visibility of the journal will be a priority in order to consolidate the journal's position in the field relative to its competitors. We will improve the visibility of manuscripts published in *PiRS* by increasing our communications via both traditional channels (e-mail) and social media. We will also involve the publisher in our strategy for implementing these initiatives.
6. **Create a new data section.** Being a gold open access journal entails aligning our commitments with those of the CoARA and DORA agreements regarding open science practices. Specifically, *PiRS* needs to implement initiatives to make research material available in peer-to-peer platforms, such as a repository for the databases of published articles for the sake of replicating results. To this end, and after some preliminary talks with the publisher, the journal will open a new online section as a repository of the datasets of published articles. These datasets will be made freely available to scientists or students interested in replicating the published results or to use these data for other scientific purposes. A dedicated editor will be appointed for this section.

Editorial team

For the next term the editorial team for *PiRS* will be composed by: Daniela Constantin, Paul J. Hung, Elisabeth Mack, Raul Silveira Neto, Sébastien Bourdin (Book editor) and Maria Kubara (Data Editor).

Daniela L. Constantin: ERSA

She is Professor of Regional and Urban Economics and Policy at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and Director of the Research Centre for Macroeconomic and Regional Forecasting of this university. She is the President of the Romanian Regional Science Association, member of the ERSA Council and Councilor-at-Large of the RSAI Council. She is the recipient of the prestigious Hirotada Kohno Prize, awarded by the RSAI for outstanding services to this organisation and serves as President of the ERSA Prize Jury (2024-2026). She carried out several research stages abroad as Fulbright Senior Scholar (two grants - at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1998, and at George Mason University in 2014-2015), DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service – six stages starting from 1993 at the universities of Karlsruhe, Freiburg and Heidelberg), TEMPUS Scholar at the University of Reading, UK and at the Free

University of Amsterdam, among others. She has authored or co-authored a large number of books and articles published in Romania and abroad and has coordinated important national and international research projects (financed by Horizon Europe, Horizon 2020, FP7, ESPON, GDN, etc). In 2020 she was elected as a member of the Academia Europaea. Her main scientific interests are in regional policy analysis, regional growth, EU structural assistance, regional and city resilience, regional clusters, migration, integrated urban planning, etc.

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Paul J. Hung: PRSCO

He is an Assistant Professor at the Asia Pacific School of Logistics, Inha University, specializing in transportation geography and international trade logistics. With a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Paul's research focuses on global supply chains, trade facilitation, regional economic development and the application of advanced GIS to transportation systems and neighborhood changes. He has received several research awards, including the Transportation Geography Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award from the American Association of Geographers and First Prize in the NARSC Student-Led Graduate Student Paper Competition from the North American Regional Science Council. His academic work is widely published, addressing the challenges of international trade, port hinterland structures, and transportation network resilience and neighborhood dynamics.

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Elisabeth Mack: NARSC

She is a Professor in the Department of Geography, the Environment, and Spatial Sciences at Michigan State University where she teaches courses in economic geography. Dr. Mack's research utilizes mixed methods to understand the evolution of the economy in the face of rapid technological change and climate change. Research on technological change evaluates the impact of information and communications technologies (ICTs) on the development trajectory of regional economies and everyday work. Her work on the environment and climate change evaluates household responses to changing environmental contexts, as well as uses and the ability to pay for water services. Dr. Mack's research has been funded by a variety of agencies including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Kauffman Foundation for Entrepreneurship Research.

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Raul Silveira Neto: LARSA

He is a Full Professor in the Department of Economics at the Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil. He obtained his doctorate from the University of São Paulo. His research focuses on Urban and Regional Economics and Development Economics. With over 20 years of academic experience, Dr. Silveira Neto has authored over 80 peer-reviewed articles and received numerous awards. Member of the editorial board of different journals, his works have been published in academic journals such as Economic Letters, Habitat International, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Papers in Regional Science, Regional Studies, Spatial Economic Analysis, and Urban Studies.

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Sébastien Bourdin (Book editor): ERSa

He is a Professor of Economic Geography at EM Normandie Business School. He is also the Chairholder of the European Chair of Excellence on Circular Economy and Territories. With a PhD in Geography and an Accreditation to Supervise Research, his expertise lies in Territorial Development, Regional Inequalities, and Energy Transition. He is also a specialist in European issues, including Cohesion Policy and Public Policy Evaluation. In his research, he combines quantitative methods, such as Spatial Econometrics and Modeling, with qualitative methods to offer a comprehensive perspective. Sébastien Bourdin has successfully led numerous research projects on contemporary subjects, including Renewable Energies and the Circular Economy.

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Maria Kubara (Data editor): ERSa

She is a researcher affiliated with the University of Warsaw (Poland), Faculty of Economic Sciences, Chair of Data Science. She is a member of Spatial Warsaw research group, as well as ERSa and RSAI. Her main research interests focus on developing and using spatial machine-learning techniques for regional science research. She was awarded the EPAINOS award and the RSAI Young Researchers Prize for two separate papers from her PhD thesis. In her didactic activity, she teaches Data Science and Business Analytics students how to code and conduct data analyses in R language and how to use AI responsibly.

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