

NEW RSAI AWARDS

Background

Following the receipt of the Report of the Task Force on RSAI Member Services at the November 2006 meeting of the RSAI Council in Las Vegas, it was decided that a document be prepared proposing the establishment of a number of new RSAI Awards. The Immediate Past President and the President of RSAI were asked to collaborate to prepare a document setting out the goals and procedures for a number of new awards.

A document proposing a number of new RSAI Awards was prepared and submitted for discussion at the meeting of the RSAI Council in Volos in September, 2006.

The RSAI Council agreed to establish the following three new RSAI Awards.

- I. The Hirotada Kohno Award for Outstanding Service to the RSAI
- II. The Martin Beckmann RSAI Annual Award for the Best Paper in Papers in Regional Science
- III. The Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for an Early Career Scholar from a Developing Country.

The Council also requested the President to bring to the next meeting of the RSAI Council in Toronto in November 2006 revised proposals for two further new RSAI Awards.

Details of the three new RSAI Awards approved by the RSAI Council and the procedures for nominating and selecting recipients of the three new RSAI Awards are set out in this document.

I. The Hirotada Kohno Award for Outstanding Service to the RSAI

1. Goal

The Award honors and thanks a member of the RSAI who has provided long and outstanding service to the development and organization of Regional Science and to the development and management of RSAI at the International and/or Supra-Regional, including an outstanding contribution to the development of Regional Science at the Local Section level.

2. The Award

2.1 The Award is established to recognize and honour the outstanding service contribution Professor Hirotada Kohno has made to the Regional Science community, and especially his role in the development of PRSCO and the Japan Section of RSAI.

2.2 The Award recognizes outstanding service to the RSAI has incorporated service extending beyond the local level and which incorporates service of an international nature.

2.3 No more than two (2) Awards may be given in any one calendar year.

2.4 Awards will be presented at one of the three RSAI super-regional meetings/conferences (NARSC, ERSA, PRSCO) or at the RSAI World Congress.

3. Nomination Process

3.1 In the last quarter of each calendar year, the RSAI Executive Director will contact the RSAI Council, the Councils/Boards of NARSC, ERSA and PRSCO, and the Councils/Boards of all affiliated RSAI Sections, calling for written nominations of potential candidates for the Hirota Kohno Award for Outstanding Service to the RSAI.

3.2 A nomination of a candidate for consideration for the Award must be made in writing by the President and/or Secretary and/or Executive Officer of an official body within RSAI - that is, the RSAI itself; NARSC, ERSA, PRSCO; or a Section of RSAI.

3.2 A written nomination of a candidate for consideration for the Award must include a detailed statement of the nature of the service contribution a candidate has made to RSAI. It must explain how and why that service contribution of the nominee meets the goal of the Award. It should contain testimonials from at least three persons who have held high office and/or currently hold high office in the organization within RSAI that is making the nomination. It must be demonstrated that the long and outstanding service of the nominee extends beyond the local Section of RSAI in the case where a Section of RSAI is initiating the nomination.

3.3 Nominations for the Award are to close by the end of January the following calendar year.

4. Jury and Process for Recommending Awardees

4.1 In the last quarter of each year, a four person Jury will be named by the RSAI Council to consider nominations for the H. Kohno Award for Outstanding Service to the RSAI.

4.2 The Jury shall comprise the current RSAI President, one current member of the RSAI Council, and two Past Presidents of the RSAI.

4.3 The Jury will convene (in person and/or by email/teleconference) after January in the following calendar year.

4.4 The Jury will evaluate the nominations received and passed onto it by the RSAI Executive Director. The Jury will submit its recommendation(s) to the RSAI Executive Director by the end of March in that year.

4.5 The recommendation will then be communicated by the RSAI Executive Director to the members of the RSAI Council, with Members of the Council having two weeks in which to inform the Executive Director of any dissent they may have regarding the recommendation.

4.6 If more than one-third of Council members expresses their dissent regarding a recommendation for the Award, then the recommendation will lapse.

4.7 The President and/or the Executive Director of RSAI shall inform the person(s) recommended for the Award before the end of June in that calendar year. The awardee(s) will be invited to attend one of the Supra-Regional (NARSC, ERSA, PRSCO) meetings or the RSAI World Congress to receive the Award.

II. The Martin Beckmann RSAI Annual Award for the best Paper in Papers in Regional Science

1. Goal

The Award recognizes annually a regional science scholar or scholars who have demonstrated innovation and excellence in Regional Science research through the publication of a paper of outstanding merit in Papers in Regional Science.

2. The Award

2.1 The award is established to recognize and honour the outstanding career and contribution of Professor Martin Beckmann, an internationally recognized regional scientist and economist of outstanding merit, and who is a foundation fellow of the RSAI.

2.2 The Award is made annually for the best paper published in the Issues comprising an annual Volume of Papers in Regional Science.

2.3 Normally no more than one paper may be selected from an annual Volume of Papers in Regional Science, but in exceptional circumstances two (2) papers may be selected for the Award.

2.3 A paper selected for the Award must demonstrate innovation and excellent in research in regional science.

2.4 The Award carries a cash prize of the equivalent of 500 pounds sterling.

3. Jury and Process for Recommending the Award

3.1 In the first quarter of each year, the three (3) Editors of Papers in Regional Science will convene in person and/or by email and /or by teleconference to review the papers published in the Volume of Papers in Regional Science in the previous year and choose a

short list of up to five (5) papers which they deem as suitable for consideration for the Martin Beckmann Annual Award for the Best Paper in Papers in Regional Science.

3.2 The Editor-in Chief of Papers in Regional Science will then send the papers for appraisal to a Jury comprising the Editor-in Chief and three (3) Fellows of RSAI chosen by the Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science in consultation with the RSAI President.

3.3 The Jury will appraise and rank the papers during February that year, and in March a meeting of the Jury will be convened by the Editor-in Chief of papers in Regional Science (meeting in person and/or by email/teleconference) in March to select the paper or papers to receive the Award.

3.4 The Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science will inform the Executive Director of RSAI of the decision of the Jury, and the Executive Director of RSAI will inform the recipient(s) of the Award.

3.5 The Awardee(s) will be invited to attend one of the Supra-Regional (NARSC, ERSA, PRSCO) meetings or the RSAI World Congress to receive the Award.

III The Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for an Early Career Scholar from a Developing Country

1 Goal

The Award recognizes the outstanding potential of an early career researcher from a nation in the developing world and in which there is a formal Section of RSAI, and seeks to encourage the development of the early career scholar as a high quality researcher in the field of Regional Science and as a participant in the international Regional Science community.

2 The Award and Eligibility

2.1 The Award is established to recognize and honour the outstanding contribution Professor Peter Nijkamp, a Fellow of RSAI and an outstanding regional science researcher, has made to the encouragement and involvement of young scholars in regional Science research and activities.

2.1 The Award recognizes the potential of outstanding scholarship in Regional Science in an early career researcher working in a developing nation where there is a Section of RSAI.

2.3 Each year the RSAI Council will nominate a list of countries which it designates as a developing nation, and in which there is a Section of RSAI, for the purpose of eligibility for the purpose of the Award.

2.3 Eligibility to apply for the Award is restricted to early career researchers, defined as person in full time employment in either a teaching or a research position in a university or research institution in a developing nation in which there is a member section of RSAI, and who has held their doctoral qualification for no more than seven (7) years as at the 31 December in the year in which they apply for the Award.

2.4 An applicant for the Award must have been living in that or another developing nation continuously for at least the three year period from the 31 December of the year in which the application for the Award is made.

2.5 An applicant for the Award must be a member of RSAI.

2.6 The Award is made for what is judged in part on an evaluation of the quality of a written formal research paper on a topic in Regional Science, formatted in accordance with the requirements for submitting a paper Papers in Regional Science, and in part on an evaluation of the research track record and performance of the applicant as demonstrated in a full Curriculum Vitae.

2.7 RSAI will pay the costs of the winner of the Award to attend a meeting of one of the Supra-Regional organizations in RSAI (NARSC,ERSA, PRSCO) or the RSAI World Congress, participate in the conference, present paper at that meeting, and have the paper submitted for review and potential publication in Papers in Regional Science. The costs to be met by RSAI are an advance purchase air fare, conference registration, and accommodation at the conference.

2.8 A winner of the Award will be presented with a certificate at the RSAI meeting at which the winner attends and presents the winning paper.

2.9 Up to two (2) Awards may be made in any one year.

3. Nomination Process

3.1 By April each year the Executive Director will contact members of RSAI and post on the RSAI website a notice calling for applications for the Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for an Early Career Scholar from a Developing Country Award.

3.1 An eligible early career researcher from an eligible developing nation may submit a paper and their CV to the RSAI Executive Secretary for consideration for the Award at any time up to the end of November of that year.

3.2 An applicant for the Award must provide the RSAI Executive Director with an electronic copy of a paper, formatted in accordance with the requirements for submitting a manuscript to Papers in Regional Science, that is intended to be presented or which has been accepted for presentation to a forthcoming NARSC, ERSA or PRSCO conference or the RSAI World Congress.

3.3 In addition, an applicant for the Award must provide the RSAI Executive Director with an electronic copy of their up-to-date CV.

4. Jury and Process for Recommending the Award

4.1 In the last quarter of each year, a four person Jury will be named by the RSAI Council to consider the nominations for the Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for an Early Career Scholar from a Developing Country.

4.2 The Jury will comprise the Immediate Past-President of RSAI as Chair, an Editor of Papers in Regional Science, and two Fellows of RSAI.

4.3 The Jury will convene (in person and/or by email/teleconference) after 1 January in the following calendar year.

4.4 The Jury will evaluate the applications received and passed onto it by the RSAI Executive Director. The Jury will submit its recommendation(s) to the RSAI Executive Director by the end of February in that year

4.5 The RSAI Executive Secretary will inform the winner(s) of the Award and make arrangements for their travel to the Supra-Regional (NARSC, ERSA, PRSCO) meeting or the RSAI World Congress at which the paper will be presented.

4.5 The Award must be taken up and the winner(s) attend the conference nominated during that year or the Award will lapse.

4.6 The Award will be presented to the Awardee(s) at the meeting at which the paper is presented by the Awardee(s)