

**MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING  
TAINAN, MAY 19 FRIDAY, 8:00 10:00**

**Required Votes Online**

**Decisions made online**

	Name	Minutes of Minneapolis	Nomination of Janice Madden for the Jury of the Beckman Award	RSPD Annual Paper Award	RSPD Annual Referee Award	Jury of the awards will be himself and Neil Reid from the Editorial Team and Gordon Mulligan, David Plane and Phil McCann
1	Budy Resosudarmo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Patricio Aroca	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Jichung Yang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Erendira Serrano	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Neil Reid	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Peter Stenberg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Alessandra Faggian	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	Jouke Van Dijk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Isabelle Thomas	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
10	Andre Torre	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Carlos Azzoni	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Jaime Bonet					
13	Eduardo Haddad	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	Emmanouil Tranos	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
15	Daniel Griffith	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
16	Tüzün Baycan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Fabio Mazzola	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
18	Laurie Schintler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
19						
20	Tomaz Dentinho	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Meeting**

Patricio Aroca, President of PRSCO, in the name of Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, President Substitute of Jacques Poot, welcomed the members of the RSAI Council and the members and guest members presented themselves around the table. The meeting took place with five of the members of the RSAI Council and, following the by-laws all the decisions were voted online by the absent members.

**1. Apologies (Annex 1)**

Council members present: Patricio Aroca (PRSCO President); Neil Reid (NARSC Executive Director); Andre Torre (ERSA representative); Tomaz Dentinho (Executive Director). Budy Resosudarmo as President of RSAI after point 3 of the Agenda.

Ex-Officio members present: Hiroyuki Shibusawa (PRSCO Executive)

Invited members: Fu-Chuan Lai (President of the Chinese Regional Science Association – Taiwan).

Apologies from Council Members: Andres Rodriguez-Pose(President Substitute); Mark Partridge (President Elected) , Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA President); Carlos Azzoni (LACRSA representative); Jichung Yang and Erendira

Serrano (PRSCO representatives); Isabelle Thomas (ERSA Representative); Peter Stenberg and Alessandra Faggian (NARSC Representatives); Eduardo Haddad and Jaime Bonet (LARSA Representatives); Emmanouil Tranos, Daniel Griffith; Tüzün Baycan, Laurie Schintler and Fabio Mazzola (Councillors at large).

Long Range Planning Committee Members present: Jean Claude Thill.

M-I. The RSAI Council acknowledged the apologies.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the Minneapolis meeting**

Patricio Aroca informed the Council that the Minutes, revised by Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, were sent to all previously. Then asked if there were any amendments to the Minutes of the Council in Minneapolis held on 11 November 2016.

M-II. The RSAI Council approved with votes online the Minutes of the Minneapolis Council (November 2016)

## **3. Notes from the Long Range Planning Committee**

Jean Claude Thill, from the Long Range Planning Committee, expressed the concerns that the establishment of different levels of membership fees and the relatively low response from the sections involved show the low interest of being a member and the reduced knowledge about the advantages of being a RSAI member. Jean Claude Thill also said that the choice of Goa for the World Congress may deter many participants and that the decision done a few years ago to a major city was not considered in the choice.

Neil Reid commented that members are often not informed that they are members. Patricio Aroca informed that members do not see many advantages on the access to the RSAI journals since they already have access through their institutions. Patricio Aroca also suggested that Conference Proceedings should be compiled with the papers agreed by the authors because there is value in the proceedings of international meetings. Budy Resosudarmo defended that the association should provide services that have value for the members.

Tomaz Dentinho said that every member receives the RSAI News, the Newsletter and the calls for elections. Agreed to send the information on membership belonging explicitly in the RSAI News. Tomaz Dentinho also said that according to the agreement with Wiley the main service provided by RSAI to the members is the access to RSAI journals.

M-III. The RSAI Council acknowledged the notes from the Long Range Planning Committee.

## **4. Election of the RSAI President 2017-2019 (Annex 3)**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho informed the Council that:

- (i) Jacques Poot renounced the Presidency due to family health problems on March 19(Annex 3a);
- (ii) Andrés Rodríguez-Pose suggested online to the Council that new elections should take place to allow PRSCO to have its turn in the agreed rotating presidency of RSAI since the respective term was in the beginning.
- (iii) The members of the Council agreed unanimously on the suggestion of new elections;
- (iv) The nomination committee proposed a general call for applications that received three candidates (Annex 3b);
- (v) The nomination committee justified unanimously that Budy Resosudarmo should be the candidate to be presented to the Council (Annex 3c);
- (vi) The members of the Council vote in favour of the election of Budy Resosudarmo as President of RSAI for 2017-2018 with fourteen votes in favour and two abstentions. Three members of the Council did not vote online.

M-IV. The RSAI Council congratulated Budy Resosudarmo for his election as President of the Regional Science Association for the period 2017-2018.

Budy Resosudarmo thanked the councillors. He said that he is able to take the opportunity for the benefit of the association and its members.

Patricio Aroca passed the chair of the meeting to Budy Resosudarmo.

## **5. Report and Accounts of 2016**

Budy Resosudarmo asked to postpone the analyses of the Report and Accounts of 2016 to the Council Meeting in Groningen (August) so that he can study the documentation and be aware of the finances of the association. Tomaz Dentinho reported that Francisco Carballo-Cruz the RSAI Treasurer did not yet produced the report that has still the statement of the accountant and the audit of the auditor.

M-V. The RSAI Council approved to postpone the analysis of the Report and Accounts of 2016 to the Council Meeting of Groningen.

## **6. World Congresses (Annex 4)**

Tomaz Dentinho reported that after the Meeting in Minneapolis there was a call for applications (Annex 5a), five applications were accepted (Annex 5b) and voted by the Selection Committee (5c) and ratified by the members of Council online. Andre Torre said explicitly that ERSA supports the choice of India.

Budy Resosudarmo point out a few points: 1) To guarantee human security the LOC should have Congress staff in Goa Airport during days of the Conference; 2) To secure food security catering must be provided by certified providers; 3) Target the unit cost to be around 100 US\$ per person for the venue; 4) The allocation of 1000 € to support the traveling of Professor Sumana Banerjee to Groningen to report on the development of the Congress Organization.

Neil Reid told that there was a very good proposal from Argentina that almost won and that it can be considered for the next world conference. Patricio Aroca informed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association is programmed for 2020. Jean Claude Thill said that what was approved by the Council a few years ago was to have World Conferences every two years in central places. Budy Resosudarmo suggested that the intervals between the World Congresses should be flexible between 2 and 4 years.

Budy Resosudarmo remarked that the World Conference should involve prominent Key Speakers, get the involvement of scientific journals, attract students from emerging countries like India and China and, whenever possible, be organized by more than one section. Patricio Aroca reported that the meeting in Ecuador was very successful in attracting good contributions due to a clear link with a publication.

M-VI. The RSAI Council accepted the recommendations of the President regarding security, cost, key speaker's profile and connection with journals.

## **7. Supra - regional and Sections**

### **North American Regional Science Association (NARSC)**

Neil Reid reported that NARSC, in conjunction with the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, hosted a very successful North American Meeting of the Regional Science Association International in Minneapolis, November 9-12, 2016. There were 550 registrants, 135 breakout sessions, 4 workshops, 2 plenary sessions, 5

board/council meetings, and 2 field trips. Peter Stenberg (United States Department of Agriculture) was elected as Chair of NARSC for 2017, while Alessandra Faggian (Ohio State University/Gran Sasso Science Institute) was elected as NARSC President for 2017. At the Saturday Awards Luncheon the following prizes and awards were awarded: The student-led paper competition winners were Leonardo Bonilla and Esteban Lopez of the University of Illinois, Urban-Champaign for their paper "House Prices and School Choice: Evidence from Chicago's Magnet Schools Proximity Lottery". The student authored paper competition winner was Dhari Aljutaili of the University of California Irvine for the paper "The Effect of Neighbourhood Design on Social Interaction as Measured by Carpooling". The winner of the 2016 Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science was announced as Nick Tsivanidis, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago. The Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement in Regional Science was awarded to Alex Anas of University of Buffalo, State University of New York. The David Boyce Award for Service to Regional Science was awarded to Neil Reid of the University of Toledo. The Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award, which recognizes distinguished contributions to Regional Science research by scholars who have recently completed doctoral studies, was awarded to Daoqin Tong of the University of Arizona. The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Work in Regional Science had joint winners. They were David Boyce (University of Illinois, Chicago) and Huw Williams (University of Cardiff) for their book "Forecasting Urban Travel: Past, Present and Future", (publisher Edward Elgar, 2015) and Michael Batty (University College, London) for his book "The New Science of Cities" (publisher MIT Press 2013). The 2017 North American Meetings of RSAI will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, November 8-11.

Neil Reid also said that after the NARSC Conference of Vancouver in November 2017 the Association of Urban Economics will leave NARSC conferences representing around between 90-95 participants. He also informed that the Spatial Econometrics association will join the NARSC Congress in the following years in Pittsburgh (2019). Regarding the five associations comprising NARSC Neil Reid said that only three are active and the Canadian and the North East have no activity.

Budy Resosudarmo said that the RSAI community worldwide needs support for graduate programs from NARSC. Neil Reid said that many researchers on economic geography do not attend NARSC Conferences. Jean Claude Thill said that many people in economic geography have not the same economic background of regional scientists. Neil Reid add that we should propose Regional Science Policy and Practice Sessions and invite key persons like David Rigby (UCLA) to organize the sessions. Budy Resosudarmo said that RSAI has the capacity to support. Andre Torre informed that regional scientist in French Speaking Quebec are very active.

### **European Regional Science Association (ERSA)**

Jouke van Dijk sent a note reporting that ERSA, in collaboration with the German speaking Section (Gfr) and the hosting University WU, hosted a very successful Annual Congress in Vienna, Austria, August 23-26, 2016. The Congress recorded 865 registrants from 52 countries over the world, 224 sessions, 6 Technical excursions as well as 4 pre-congress workshops. During the Opening Session, Edward Glaeser gave the keynote speech in front of over 500 participants. Two Awards were given during the Closing Session: Michael Wyrwich, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, was awarded the ERSA Epainos Award for his paper "Persistence of spatial differences of female labor force participation," which was presented during the Epainos Sessions of the Congress. The ERSA Prize in Regional Science 2016, supported by EIB, was awarded to Professor Bernard Fingleton, Director of Research in the Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. At the ERSAC Meeting held during the Vienna Congress, The ERSAC unanimously appointed Vicente Royuela, Katarzyna Kopczewska, Yannis Psycharis, Tomaso Pompili, Francisco Carballo Cruz, in individual voting for EOC members for the term 2017-2021.

In cooperation with RSAI, AISRe and the Politecnico di Milano, ERSA organised the 29th ERSA Summer School which was held from the 3rd July to 10th July, 2016 in Milan, Italy, at the Politecnico di Milano. There was great interest for this topic. 51 Participants from 18 countries were selected to participate and reported a high satisfaction level in the final evaluation.

As part of ERSA mission to reinforce links between academics and policy makers, 6 Academic Lectures, organized with the European Commission, were held in 2016. Following its increasing interest, the ERSA-REGIO Lecture Series program continues in 2017. Like last year ERSA contributed to the University Sessions and Master Class of the European Week for Regions and Cities 14th European Week of Regions and Cities (previously named

Open Days) 10-13 October 2016, European Commission, Brussels (Belgium). Jointly with DG REGIO and CORE ErsA organized an International workshop on “How can Regional Policy Benefit from Big Data?” on 22 November 2016, at CORE-UCL Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium The aim of this workshop is how various types of Big Data can be used in a creative way to tackle key issues in today’s regional policy like smart specialization, social inclusion of vulnerable population, the impact of migrants and refugees, especially knowing that we lack of timely available and detail data on spatial scale for these issues.

The 2017 ERSA Congress (57th) will be held in Groningen, The Netherlands, August 29- September 1.

Andre Torre reinforced that ERSA will welcome everybody in Groningen where 800-900 participants are expected. The strategy has been to open to special sessions from different fields and methodologies and the inclusion of a policy day with policy makers. Andre Torre also informed that the ERSA Congress in 2018 is in Cork and there will be one summer school and one winter school in Lille.

Finally Andre Torre informed the Council that ERSA embraced the new Moroccan Section and this year the Bulgarian Section will probably be accepted. In the end Andre Torre expressed the concern within ERSA that with new supra regional organization the rotation of the Presidency between them will be eight years.

### **Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO)**

Hiroyuki Shibusawa reported that the 14th PRSCO Summer Institute was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand, from June 27–29, 2016. Seventy-eight papers, organized according to their theme in 19 parallel sessions, were presented at the Institute. The themes covered a wide range of studies related to the field of regional science. The program featured presentations by leading scholars from more than 20 countries, and attendees came from around the world. The 14th PRSCO Summer Institute initiated the establishment of the Thailand Section of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) and the expansion of the network of regional scientists in Thailand. The 25th Pacific Conference of the RSAI is held in Tainan, Taipei, on May 17-20, 2017. The conference is hosted by Chinese Regional Science Association – Taiwan (CRSA-T) and the Department of Urban Planning, National Cheng Kung University. The main theme is "Sustainable and Resilience Regional Development". There are about 120 papers will be presented at the conference, and the total participants coming from more than 20 countries are expected to be around 150-180. Attendees may learn the latest knowledge in every subfield of regional science, and exchange research idea during this conference.

Budy Resosudarmo asked if it would be possible to have a session about the creation and management of a section. Patricio Aroca reported that in Peru it is difficult to leave the inner circle of Lima and move to from one group to involve all the groups and universities of the country. He also said that the Summer Course in Ecuador was a good starting point. Budy concluded that it is important to learn with each other.

### **Latin America and Caribbean Regional Science Association (LACRSA) Report**

Carlos Azzoni reported that since LACRSA was created, Carlos Azzoni has acted as its interim president. The association will be formally established during the XIII Brazilian Congress of the Brazilian Regional Science Association (ABER), at the Faculty of Economics of the University of São Paulo, October 11-13, 2017. The national associations will have representatives at the meeting, and final steps in terms of defining the constitution and electing the first president and directors will take place.

Tomaz Dentinho reported that RSPF will have a special issue coordinated by Carlos Azzoni with a selection of papers presented in São Paulo.

M-VII. The RSAI Council acknowledged the information provided about the supra regionals and sections and reinforced the recommendation to share the experiences between the various sections.

## **8. RSAI Publications**

### **Papers in Regional Science**

Roberta Capello reported that Papers in Regionals Science is proceeding normally. The submissions in 2017 are constant and come from all over the world. The next special issue under preparation is on "Brexit and its

regional effects", edited by Phil McCann, which should be published as the first issue of 2018. The editors are thinking about a new special issue for 2019. A full report on 2016 activities will be sent out in August, when the data are final.

Roberta Capello also proposed to substitute Raymond Florax by Janice Madden in the jury of the Beckmann Award.

M-VIIIa. The RSAI Council approved with votes online the substitution of Raymond Florax by Janice Madden in the jury of the Beckmann Award.

#### **Regional Science Policy and Practice (Annex 4)**

Tomaz Dentinho reported that following a selection process chaired by Andrés Rodríguez-Pose the RSAI Council approved unanimously by on-line votes the new editorial team of RSPP for 2017 to 2019. The details the journal situation in May 2017 are included in Annex 6. Tomaz Dentinho also informed that the Cite Score in 2016 is 1,17 and an estimated Impact Factor can be 0,8.

Patricio Aroca said that Papers in Regional Science has an establish market whereas Regional Science Policy and Practice still has to create its place in science. The first step is to have a good Impact Factor in Thompson. To achieve that we need a few good papers that can attract citations.

Budy Resosudarmo suggested to invite and to pay good authors to produce papers with great impact. He also said that RSAI should create a webpage of regional science journals looking at the examples of PLOS and Frontiers. He reinforced that it should have quality and security.

André Torre pointed the example of Regional Studies that has many issues and articles per year reinforcing that the journal should be attractive for authors and readers.

Tomaz Dentinho proposed the Council the creation of two RSPP awards: One for the best paper (Annex 6b) and one for the best review (Annex 7b). Tomaz Dentinho also propose that the jury of the awards will be himself and Neil Reid from the Editorial Team and Gordon Mulligan, David Plane and Phil McCann.

M-VIIIb. The RSAI Council approved with votes online the RSPP award for the best paper, the RSPP award for the best review and the Jury composed by Tomaz Dentinho, Neil Reid Gordon Mulligan, David Plane and Phil McCann.

#### **RSAI Newsletter**

Andrea Caragliu and Graham Clarke reported that they will continue to secure two issues per year.

#### **RSAI Webpage**

Tomaz Dentinho informed the Council that, due to a connection with Facebook, RSAI webpage hits per month increase more than 50% from around 10000 to 16000. He also reported that idea proposed by David Plane and Neil Reid to create a RSAI web space for RSAI digital journal is developing.

#### **Negotiations of new publication contract**

Jean-Claude Thill said that the Presidency appointed him the sole negotiator for a new publishing contract starting in 2019 on behalf of RSAI. Thill contacted several international publishers to this effect in fall 2017. At this moment, four publishers have expressed interest in submitting a proposal to RSAI. It is anticipated that the proposals will be received in summer 2017 and be fully evaluated subsequently. Preliminary discussion may take place with RSAI leadership in August 2017. A final report to Council will be made at the Vancouver

Council meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

## **9. Awards**

### **Jean Paelinck Award**

Emmanouil Tranos said that we initiated the procedure for the selection of the next Jean Paelinck Award recipient. The Jean Paelinck Award is awarded every two years in recognition of distinguished sustained scholarship in Regional Science Methods. It aims to recognize and honour the truly outstanding scholarly methodological achievement of a senior and internationally recognized regional scientist. Professor Manfred M. Fischer was the previous recipient of the Award.

The selection of the recipient will be made by the Award Committee, the current structure of which is the following:

- Roger Stough, Chair, 2014 – 2018
- Yoshitsugu Kanemoto, Member, 2014 – 2018
- David Plane, Member, 2014 – 2018
- Roberta Capello, Member, 2017 – 2020
- Bob Stimson, Member, 2017 – 2020

Roberta Capello and Bob Stimson are the new members of the committee who kindly accepted the invitation to participate following the online vote of the RSAI Board. Emmanouil Tranos is the secretary of the committee again following the online vote. A letter inviting nominations has been circulated to the RSAI Fellows on 24th April and the deadline for nomination is 15th June 2017. A nomination must be accompanied by testimonials from a minimum of five (5) eminent scholars from at least three (3) nations who are able to verify the importance and scholarly standing of the nominee's publications. The Committee will select the awardee and the presentation of the Award will take place during the NARSC 2017 in Vancouver (8-11th November, 2017).

### **Peter Nijkamp Award**

Carlos Azzoni reported that a Call for Applications was distributed to the presidents of the national associations in the developing world, as the prize involves only these associations. As the person in charge of organizing the applications, I have contacted all the presidents and asked them to distribute the call among their members. We have two submissions, Professors André Chagas, University of Sao Paulo, and Professor Dusan Paredes, Catholic University of del Norte, Chile.

### **Dissertation Award**

Laurie Schintler informed the Council that the Call for the Dissertation Award was diffused by RSAI and applications should come along the year. She has contacted the presidents of the supra regional organizations asking them to distribute the announcement for the award to their members. No applications have yet been received.

### **Stan Czamanski Award**

Laurie Schintler informed the Council that the Call for the Dissertation Award was diffused by RSAI and applications should come along the year. She has contacted the presidents of the supra regional organizations asking them to distribute the announcement for the award to their members, and is in the process of assembling a selection panel for the award. The panel will be comprised of three persons: a senior and long-standing member of the regional science community, a representative of the field of Regional Science at Cornell and a member of the RSAI Council

### **Fellows Award**

Jean Claude Thill informed the Council that 2017 nominations for RSAI fellows were solicited twice in fall 2016 and winter 2017. Along with nominations that were still active from prior years, a roster of 6 nominations was

submitted for a vote by current fellows in April 2017. After review by the RSAI Fellows elections committee, the election of three nominees was confirmed, namely: Marlon Boarnet, Roberto Camagni, Adam Rose, The new class of Fellows will be recognized at forthcoming meetings of RSAI.

#### **10. Participation in the Council Meetings and Structure of the Organization**

Jean Claude Thill remarked that members of the Council should represent the members and the supra-regionals and not the sections and the creation of LACRSA reduced the requirement of PRSCO to be the rest of the world besides North America and Europe. Neil Reid said that PRSCO should perhaps reconsider their geographic footprint, with a focus on Asia. Budy Resosudarmo remarked that it is not a problem if there is an overlap between supra-regional associations. Patricio Aroca agreed reinforcing that overlapping allows increased communication between regions. Tomaz Dentinho said that the main issue is the composition of the Council and the representativeness of the various parts of the world. Budy Resosudarmo concluded that some decisions should be taken regarding the participation in the Council meetings and the representativeness of the various parts of the World in the Council.

#### **11. Date of next meeting**

Groningen, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017



## Annex 1: RSAI Council Members

### 2016 RSAI Council Members

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### Invited Members


## **Annex 2: RSAI Presidential Elections**

### **Annex 2a: Call for Applications**

#### **Call for Nominations for the Election of the President of the Regional Science Association International 2017- 2018**

Dear Members of the Regional Science Association International

President of RSAI, Professor Jacques Poot from PRSCO, has had to resign as president of our association due to a serious illness of his wife. Our feelings, thoughts, and prayers are with Professor Jacques Poot and his family with the strong hope that his wife will recover soon.

According to Article V, section 7d of the Constitution, in case of resignation of the president “the Immediate Past President shall serve as Acting President during the first year of the presidential term and the Vice-President and President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency during the second year of the uncompleted term. Nevertheless, since this is still very early in the presidential cycle of PRSCO, and based on a proposal made by RSAI Acting President Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, the RSAI Council approved on-line a proposal of a Nomination Committee to nominate candidates for the election by the RSAI Council of a RSAI president coming from PRSCO area. The Nomination Committee composed by Mark Partridge (Chair), Yoshiro Higano, John Madden and Neil Reid proposed the Executive Director to launch this Call for Nominations of Candidates for the Election on-line by the RSAI Council of the President of the Regional Science Association International 2017-2018.

The RSAI members from the PRSCO area who want to be nominated as candidate for the President of the Regional Science Association International should send to [rsai@apdr.pt](mailto:rsai@apdr.pt) until the April the 19<sup>th</sup> the following elements:

- A two-page CV and a Picture;
- A two-page statement on the motives in support of the candidacy and on the future strategy for the RSAI.

The Nomination Committee will then nominate the candidates to be voted on-line by the Members of the Council. The results will be diffused through RSAI News and in RSAI webpage.

Best regards

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho

Executive Director of the Regional Science Association International

### **Annex 2b: Applications**

#### **Sumana Bandyopadhyay statement for candidacy to the Regional Science Association International presidency.**

On Representing India at the RSA International

I have been associated with the Regional Science Association of India, formed by Prof. Walter Isard, way back in 1965, since 1998 as a member. With Prof. C.R.Pathak, the Secretary of the Association, started organizational work way back in 1998 and have been helping the organization grow and expand since then. Over the years, I have been able to include many students and scholars to active participation and worked especially towards maintaining the profile of the journal. On appointment as Vice President of the Indian chapter in 2010, I initiated its expansion in all directions. This year, I have been unanimously elected as President of the Indian section. It is an honour that Prof. Peter Nijkamp chaired the meeting at Tripura University where the election took place. Prof. Dentinho also attended the conference, making India his destination on two consecutive years.

As Vice President of the organization, I began with creation of a platform for bringing together regional scientists from eminent institutions in India and abroad to contribute to its established journal. Further, in 2016, I decided to convene the International Conference as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the origin of the Department of Geography of the University of Calcutta. As a student and researcher from JNU and IIT, having worked with some of the best faculty members in the subject, in India, succeeded in getting some of the best speakers together for the conference and Prof. Tomaz Dentinho also joined the conference.

Prof. Dentinho’s participation in this conference and the Council Meeting was a key turnaround – his proposal for RSA International membership @ 1 £ enthused many researchers and students to join. Between January to

August 2016, I could successfully orient the Association to become a part of the international network, instead of being a standalone organization, which was nevertheless, quite robust in its academic activities, thanks to the untiring efforts of Prof. Pathak, who nurtures the organisation.

The opportunity of attending the RSAI Council meeting at ERSA meet at Vienna opened up a wide range of possibilities. I feel there are many regional sections yet to be created and many are yet to be convinced of the vast possibilities of expansion of the research agenda of Regional Science. South Asia is the focus of all development in the globalization era and India has a key role to play in the unfolding of the story of its development.

With the establishment of the Indian section in mind and encouragement of stalwart regional scientists, we had placed the bid for the World Congress and have now been immensely encouraged by having been selected to host the World Congress in 2018.

A representative from India, at this stage would imply addressing three crucial goals:

- a) The successful organization of the World Congress in May 2018 in Goa. With Nobel Laureates, Prime Ministers, Officers of International Organizations and many young and old, male and female, regional scientists from Asia, Europe, Africa and America, with presentations that focus on real and urgent issues for people and places.
- b) The expansion of RSAI to South Asia (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka), China and, eventually, Central Asia and Middle East
- c) and c) The expansion of membership in India with the integration of new themes and methods that support the evolution and interaction of scientific paradigms.

Although as President of RSA India, I shall be taking the organization forward on all three counts, but I strongly feel that India should take up an official position in the International forum to strive towards strengthening the networks that are existing, and create new ones in the South Asian region. For instance, the Indian section has been part of PRSCO, but we would still like to strengthen our ties within PRSCO - we have probably collaborated only once or twice in the past. would like to see India on the map of Regional Science Association International, as it has never been represented before. With a strong belief that I shall be able to prove that India can provide and accept opportunities to increase the span of Regional Science research in the international arena, submit my candidature for this position.

(Sumana Bandyopadhyay)

President, Regional Science Association, India

Professor and Head, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta

### **Sumana Bandyopadhyay CV**

#### **Institution Period Position**

University of Calcutta April 2015-April 2017

March 2010 onward, Head of Department, Professor

University of Calcutta November 2006 to March 2010 Associate Professor

University of Kalyani March 2004 – November 2006 Reader and Head

Vidyasagar University January 1998 – March 2004 Lecturer

#### **Publications:**

Book -1+ (3 in press), Occasional Papers: 5; Papers in Edited Volumes and Journals – 25, Book Reviews: 8

#### **Significant Academic Administrative Achievements:**

1. Member of Syndicate (highest decision-making body) of the University of Calcutta.
2. Member of Senate (highest academic decision making body) of the University of Calcutta.

3. Subject Expert in 15 selection committees for selection and promotion of faculty members in different institutions under the University
4. Chairperson, Under Graduate Board of Studies at University of Calcutta.
5. Member of Research Committee, Department of Geography.
6. Subject Expert for initiating Geography BSc and MA/ MSc courses in different institutions.
7. Coordinator of three Faculty Recharge Programmes/ Workshops in:  
*2011: Landscape and Development Interfaces in Geographical Research*  
*2016: Disaster Management*  
*2017: Spatial Planning: Analytical Skills, Approaches and Methods*
8. Convener of International Conference on *Urbanisation and Regional Sustainability*, organized under the aegis of the Regional Science Association India in January 2016.
9. Presently serving as President of the Regional Science Association of India since January 2017.
10. Served as Vice President of the Regional Science Association of India since 2010.
11. As Vice President, took up the formal membership of the association of the Indian Chapter with the International Association of Regional Science at the RSAI Council Meeting at ERSA Congress at Vienna, August 2016.
12. Working with the UK-India Initiatives research network on Urban Studies under the UK Research Council on creation of the Urban Observatory at Kolkata.
13. Associate Editor of the Journal of the Geographical Society of India: *Geographical Review of India*
14. Member, Editorial Board of *Regional Science: Policy and Practice*, journal of the Regional Science Association International.
15. Life Fellow of the following learned societies: Regional Science Association, India, Kolkata, Geographical Society of India, Kolkata; Institute of Indian Geographers, Pune; Himalaya Samiksha Parishad, Kolkata; Indian Society for Ecological Economics, New Delhi

**Patricio Aroca statement for candidacy to the Regional Science Association International Presidency.**

One of the main aims of the RSAI is to promote the growing in knowledge and influence of regional science in the academic, political and social realms. This job has been done extensively in the developed world, and it is easy to find its associates participating in publications, discussion and design of regional policies of all kind in governments, international association and recently in ONGs.

However, in developing countries that pace has been slower due to several reasons: the scientific community is smaller, the countries are highly centralized so that regional issues are still not as important as in developed countries, the institutions are weak, the existing scientific associations have been recently founded in some countries and in many others they simply do not exist, among others.

In contrast, it seems that where regional science and policies are needed the most are in the developing countries. However, there are several characteristics or constraints that make regional science theories and models not to have the same explanatory power that they do have in developed countries.

In this context, my idea is that RSAI should increase their influence in developing countries, especially in Latin America, Middle East, Africa and the East European countries, expanding the current programs that promote workshops and seminars on those areas, to a more formal deal with the science-promoting agencies of those

countries, as a way not only to foster regional science but also to bring knowledge and influence to the policy design focusing on promoting a more balance regional development.

It means, in addition to keep promoting the realization of the yearly meetings that currently are taking place around the world, encouraging publication in high quality journals and helping to create new country associations; the association should work towards making regional science a real worldwide field.

There are several ways to do this, but some that I will be willing to work in are the building of networks among the national agencies, international institutions and the most well-known scientists in our associations that are willing to participate in this kind of initiative. The first group of countries that I will try will be the Latin American ones, where I expect to have a model for increasingly doing this in other continents. Recently, the Chilean agency for promoting science (CONICYT) has built an agreement with several developed countries for promoting specific sciences. However, regional science has not been part of that, and I think this is an area that may help bringing resources to the research in our field and, at the same time, it could foster collaboration between teams from developed and developing countries, as a joint grant that I just got with a German team to research about mining impact in Chile using CGE models.

Several years ago, I brought the issue to the RSAI council that the fact the regional science is not a formal science in many countries prevents its development, because it is not in the list of sciences for which countries are giving support. The Chilean case, where I have been participating closely has done some advance towards it. They give the accreditation to a master in Regional Science, and then scholarship for students get the degree. Now we have an association that every year brings more and better quality papers and also the formal structure is giving growingly support to the association. I think, I can help to replicate this path in other Latin American and developing countries.

I also participate actively in the creation of the LACRSA, especially promoting joint work of people from different countries, like Brazil and Mexico, where the difficult raised from the definition of the initial leadership. After work with them, we arrived to an agreement that made both countries leaders enthusiastic about the new supra-national association of the RSAI.

In addition, each year more Chilean regional scientists attend to the supranational meeting of NARSC (RSAmericas), ERSA or PRSCO, most of them supported by the Chilean science agency.

What the association have to offer to the countries, that show interest in start a “business” relation with the RSAI, is a large group of senior researchers willing to participate in a program that might bring knowledge and valuable experience to improve the quality of the local regional science research, the capacity building due to the research team composed by local and RSAI researchers, valuable information for policy design and also policy assessments, related to regional issues.

#### **Patricio Aroca CV.**

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Patricio Aroca, Professor and Director of the Center for Regional Economics and Policy at Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar, Chile, and Associate Researcher of the Center for Conflict and Cohesion Studies of the Chilean National Fund for Science (CONICYT). He holds a bachelor degree in business from Universidad Austral de Chile (1983), a master in economics from Universidad de Chile (1987), a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1995).

He has been principal investigator of several project: among which are the nucleus “Regional Science & Public Policy” of the Chilean Millennium Scientific Initiative (2008-2014), the research project of the Chilean FONDEF-CONICYT “Measuring the Impact and Spillover of Chilean Regional Investment” (2013-2015) and recently the joint grant CONICYT Chile - BMBF Germany, “Development of Sustainable Mining Strategies in Chile with a Regionalized National Model”. In addition, he has published in international journals like the World Bank Economic Review, Resources Policy, Journal of Regional Science, Papers in Regional Science, Annals of Regional Science, International Regional Science Review and his most recent edited book jointly with Juan Cuadrado-

Roura "Regional Problems and Policies in Latin America" (2014) from Springer had more than 15.500 downloads. In addition, he has consulted for the World Bank, UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), IADB (Inter American Developing Bank) and CELADE-ECLAC (Latin American Center for Demography – Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean).

As part of several board of the different RSAI associations, he has helped to found the Chilean, Argentinian, Colombian, Ecuadorian regional science association. An also he participated actively in the foundation of the RSAmericas and the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Science Association (LACRSA), where his main role was to coordinate the Mexican and Brazilian association to get an agreement where both were willing to be part of the new association.

Currently, he is President of the Pacific Regional Science Council (2016-2017) and member of the board of Chilean Copper Commission (2014-2018). In addition, he has participated in the following boards:

2011 – 2013 President of the RSAmericas

2009 – 2011 Member of the Board, Chilean Economists Society (SECHI: Sociedad de Economistas de Chile)

2009 – 2013, 2016 – 2017 - Member of the Board, Regional Science Association International (RSAI)

2009 – 2013 Member of the Board, Chilean Society of Regional Science (SOCHER)

2008 – 2010 Member of the Board, Regional Science Association of the Americas (RSAmericas)

2008 – 2012 Member of the Board, Pacific Regional Science Council (PRSCO)

2006 – 2008 President of the Chilean Society of Regional Science (SOCHER).

#### **Budy Resosudarmo statement for candidacy to the Regional Science Association International Presidency.**

##### **Budy P Resosudarmo**

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Re: Nomination as the 2017-2018 RSAI President

Dear members of the Nomination Committee,

This letter is in response to an announcement distributed by Professor Tomaz Dentinho, and some encouragement from colleagues that I received, regarding the nomination to be a candidate for the upcoming President of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) during the period of 2017-2018. With this letter, I would like to be considered as a candidate for this position.

My main motivation to be the leader of RSAI is to significantly expand RSAI organizations and programs in Asia, particularly Southeast Asia, and South America, whilst maintaining the size and programs in North America, Europe and Australia. I would also lay down further foundations for possible future development of RSAI in Africa. In achieving this goal, I would like to do, among others, the following:

1. Promoting organization models and strategies that could work for founding and developing RSAI sections in developing countries.

In 1997 when Indonesia's GDP was approximately US\$1,000 per capita, with some initial guidance from Professors Geoffrey Hewings and Yoshiro Higano, I co-founded the Indonesian section of RSAI (; i.e. Indonesian Regional Science Association or IRSA). IRSA's first annual meeting was held in 2000.

Since 2000, IRSA conducts an annual meeting every year without fail and continues to grow as an organization. In 2000, we only had 14 papers submitted for our conference. In 2016, we received more than 400 paper submissions of which 220 papers were accepted for presentation. In the last 5 years, more than 300 people annually participated in our conference. By now the IRSA annual conference, which holds the only annual English-spoken academic conference in Indonesia with a call-for-papers program, is the main development policy conference in the country. IRSA itself has become one of the very few independent professional associations in Indonesia with strong orientation toward research and policy analysis. The organization does so by encouraging researchers to produce research papers and engage in a network of researchers through their participation in the annual IRSA conference.

Furthermore, within countries with the current level of Indonesia's GDP per capita (almost \$4,000), not many independent academic associations are as well-established as IRSA. Since its inception, I have acted as a key figure in the organization of the conference and publication, and for a long time I have been the vice president of IRSA. With this experience, I am confident that I can provide extensive advice to academics in developing countries on how to create independent academic associations there. I can work with them on models of organizations and strategies that would suit their respective country situations. In any opportunity, for example, I will discuss my experiences with academics from developing countries, via one-on-one meetings or by creating sessions where we will thoroughly discuss how to establish an association in a developing country.

2. Developing programs encouraging inter-RSAI section collaboration, particularly between RSAI sections in developed and developing countries.

Since 2011 I have been the head of ANU Indonesia Project, a Project funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade aimed, among others, at encouraging collaborative activities between Australia and Indonesian institutions. When I took this position, Australian related academic activities were restricted in a few Javanese major cities; i.e. Jakarta, Bogor, Bandung and Yogyakarta.

These activities were limited to collaborations between Australian institutions and a small number of Indonesian institutions. Under my leadership, ANU Indonesia Project then successfully implemented several programs that resulted in the dissemination of Australian-Indonesian collaboration throughout Indonesia. Now Australian related academic activities are present in numerous cities around Indonesia and are conducted in collaboration with local institutions within those cities. Recently, some of our programs have been adopted by similar projects funded by other countries' aid institutions. Based on this experience, I should be able to propose several programs that RSAI could adopt.

3. Directing some of the RSAI related publications/journals so they become the main development policy journals for developing countries.

My vision is for RSAI to not have the developing world as merely the subject of some of its publications and journals, but rather also provide more opportunities for academics from developing countries to publish their research in these publications/journals. For more than 15 years, I have been involved in the management of an Australian based economic journal on Indonesia. Since 2011 I have become the head of ANU Indonesia Project, where I guide the editorial team in determining the direction of the journal. Up until the early 2000s it was common for various issues of this journals to be published without a single Indonesian author. We developed activities and programs to encourage Indonesian authors to submit their work to this journal and to improve the quality of these submissions. This has resulted in at least one Indonesian author being published in almost every issue.

4. Creating a situation to encourage young academics from developing countries to pursue higher education at graduate programs in developed countries, where the presence of regional scientists are prominent.

In the last 15 years I have been living in Australia, I have observed the country was able to significant increase the numbers of its graduate students from Southeast Asia. These 15 years of insight will provide the basis for me in advising graduate programs in developed countries on attracting students from developing countries, particularly Southeast Asia. I will also develop programs encouraging young academics in developing countries to enroll to these programs.

5. Help acquiring for funding from both international and domestic sources to support RSAI activities in developing countries.

In the last 15 years, I have successfully attracted funds from aid agencies to support IRSA and several other organizations in Southeast Asia. Currently, it is quite challenging to raise funds from international donors due to the global economy. Even with the right strategy and persistence, resources from aid agencies to fund RSAI's activities in the developing world will be limited. My knowledge of the relevance of local associations such as the local sections of RSAI to aid agencies can help to put them in perspective and priorities of these agencies.

To develop RSAI organizations and activities in developing countries, maintaining RSAI sections in developed countries as centers of excellence in regional science is absolutely crucial. I would like to see that the strength of these centers of excellence are maintained and continuously affirmed.

I certainly understand that there are serious challenges in developing RSAI organizations in developing countries. Implementing the above mentioned programs will involve a lot of hard work on my part. I hope to strengthen my networks with other colleagues in RSAI and to gain their support to help me achieve these tasks, if elected.

Attached is my 2 page CV. If there is more information required about me and/or my plans if elected, I am happy to be connected through Skype (my ID is bpr\_anu).

I would be grateful if the Nomination Committee will consider my application as a candidate for the President of RSAI.

Yours sincerely,

**Budy P. Resosudarmo**

#### **Annex 2c: RSAI President Nomination Committee Report to Council**

**From:** Mark Partridge, President-Elect RSAI

May 1, 2017

I am the Chair of the RSAI President Nomination Committee to find a replacement for Jacques Poot, who had to step down due to family reasons. The RSAI President Nomination Committee was organized by Andres Rodriguez-Pose to recommend a new President from the PRSCO region. The committee's other members are Yoshiro Higano (PRSCO), John Madden (PRSCO), and Neil Reid (NARSC), Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA) and Carlos Azzoni (LACRSA).

In trying to identify candidates, the committee had a general call to the entire RSAI membership for nominations and applications, as well as informal efforts to recruit other qualified candidates. We are fortunate to have three strong candidates: Patricio Aroca (Chile), Sumana Bandyopadhyay (India), and Budy Prasetyo Resosudarmo (Australia/Indonesia). All have established impressive academic accomplishments. More particularly, given that we will be having an Asian RSAI World Congress in 2018, they all have experience in organizing successful conferences. They also have extensive experience with professional organizations. Regarding RSAI, Dr. Aroca and Dr. Resosudarmo have successfully built or reinvigorated new regional science sections, whereas Dr. Bandyopadhyay also has experience as the President of the Indian RSA. Another appealing aspect of all three candidates is that they are from developing countries—clearly signaling RSAI's quest to expand in the developing world.

In our committee's opening discussions, we agreed that Dr. Aroca and Dr. Resosudarmo are both the most qualified in terms of understanding issues related to RSAI and its four super-sections. Dr. Bandyopadhyay has a



promising future but we feel that she currently lacks the international experience of past RSAI Presidents and we believe that with more seasoning (such as being on RSAI Council), she would make a capable RSAI leader in the future. Of course, by definition, Dr. Aroco is qualified given that he nearly became RSAI President-Elect during the Minneapolis NARSC meeting and is the current PRSCO President, whereas Dr. Resosudarmo’s work in Indonesia is impressive.

In trying to delimitate between the two remaining candidates, the Committee wrestled with how the PRSCO region will evolve with the addition of the LACRSA as a super-section. For example, will PRSCO remain an organization covering the entire Pacific Rim or will it become more Asia oriented? Likewise, will LACRSA’s future boundaries overlap those with PRSCO? In addition, we discussed whether this would be a good time to switch the order of the RSAI Presidential rotation (e.g., have the LACRSA trade with PRSCO this time only). In the end, we decided that the lowest risk strategy is to not change the RSAI Presidential rotation and to have the PRSCO RSAI President be based in Asia in anticipation of some of the points discussed above and for facilitating the delicate negotiations with the Chinese and India in fully bringing them under the RSAI umbrella. *Therefore, we recommend that RSAI Council approve Dr. Budy Prasetyo Resosudarmo as the next RSAI President.*

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Partridge

On behalf of Yoshiro Higano (PRSCO), John Madden (PRSCO), and Neil Reid (NARSC), Jouke Van Dijk (ERSA) and Carlos Azzoni (LACRSA)

**Annex 2d: Votes Online**

Members	Yes	No	Abstain
1	0	0	1
2	0	0	1
3	1	0	0
4	1	0	0
5	1	0	0
6	1	0	0
7	1	0	0
8	1	0	0
9	1	0	0
10	1	0	0
11	1	0	0
12	1	0	0
13	1	0	0
14	1	0	0
15	1	0	0
16	1	0	0
17	0	0	0
18	0	0	0
19	0	0	0
Total	14	0	2

## **Annex 3 World Congress**

### **Annex 3a - Call for Applications**

#### **2018 RSAI World Congress**

##### **Request for Proposals**

##### **Synopsis**

The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) aims to hold a world congress at least once every four years. Unfortunately, the last two planned congresses – in Bangkok in 2014 and in Istanbul in 2016 – had to be cancelled due to security concerns in the host cities at the time. RSAI considers world congresses an important instrument for furthering its mission of global advancement of regional analysis and related spatial and areal studies for the benefit of society. RSAI therefore calls for proposals to host a world congress in 2018. Potential hosts are RSAI Supra-Regionals, Sections or Members that have a proven track record of hosting conferences and related events. A world congress may be held concurrently with another event or as a standalone event. Proposals must be submitted by Friday December 16, 2016, 23:59 GMT. Proposals are evaluated by a Committee of RSAI Council. Based on the Committee's recommendation, Council will make a decision by Friday January 20, 2017, 23:59 GMT. This document outlines the application process, organisation and expected outcomes regarding the 2018 world congress.

28 October 2016

##### **Preamble**

The World Congress of the RSAI was initiated in 1980, at a time when the organization had already established a tradition of annual supra-regional conferences in North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim through the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) and the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) respectively. The purpose of the world congress is twofold: firstly, to create an opportunity for bridging the networks established by the supra-regional organisations (which since 2016 also includes the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Science Association, LACRSA), and, secondly, to provide a scientifically and socially attractive event for first entry into the RSAI networks for postgraduate students and scholars from parts of the world where the supra-regionals and their constituent sections have little or no representation.

RSAI congresses until 2012 have been held four-yearly since 1980 (with the exception of the one held in Israel in 1989 rather than 1988). The years and venues have been:

1980 1st – Cambridge Mass. (Harvard University), USA

1984 2nd – Rotterdam (Erasmus University), Netherlands

1989 3rd – Jerusalem (Kibbutz Ramat Rachel), Israel

1992 4th – Palma de Mallorca, Spain

1996 5th – Tokyo (Rissho University), Japan

2000 6th – Lugano, Ticino, Switzerland

2004 7th – Port Elizabeth, South Africa

2008 8th – Sao Paulo, Brazil

2012 9th – Timisoara, Romania

In 2012 Council appointed a working party, chaired by the then RSAI President Jean-Claude Thill, to review the world congress policy. The working party made a number of recommendations, including holding the world congress every two years. Consequently, a 2014 world congress was organised to be held May 26-30 in Bangkok, Thailand. However, this congress had to be cancelled due to a military coup taking place just before the congress dates. Similarly, a 2016 world congress was organised to be held April 25-28 in Istanbul, but had to be postponed initially – and subsequently cancelled – due to safety concerns linked to terrorist activity in Turkey. It is clear

that this very unfortunate sequence of events was impossible to foresee during planning of the last two congresses, given that both host cities had a longstanding reputation of being safe destinations for global events.

To meet its objectives and to ensure that its membership receives the services it expects from the organization, RSAI is now committed to running a successful world congress in 2018.

### **Criteria for a successful 2018 world congress**

1. Most importantly, the world congress should aim to have significant participation from members of Sections of all four supra-regional organisations – ERSA, LACRSA, NARSC and PRSCO.
2. The conference should also endeavour to attract regional scientists resident in countries in which no RSAI Section has yet been established. Subsidies may be available to selected applicants for participation through RSAI's "Building Bridges" programme.
3. RSAI's long-run objective is to organise a world congress with 1000 participants or more at least once every four years. However, given the limited planning time available of 12-20 months before the 2018 congress, there is no expectation of such a large congress in 2018 (although proposals with that goal will be considered). Instead, the event is expected to attract 300-500 participants.
4. The 2018 World Congress may be held as a standalone event. Alternatively, proposals may suggest to organise it jointly or "back-to-back" with another event. Such a joint or back-to-back event could be an RSAI Section meeting, a supra-regional congress, or an event held jointly with other organisations with similar objectives or networks.
5. The proposed dates of the congress must be such that they do not clash with other events that aim to attract the same regional science community, unless a joint conference is envisaged.
6. The conference should be held at an easily accessible location in a globally accessible city.
7. Accommodation should be available at the conference venue (when the conference is held at a hotel or convention centre). Alternatively, a range of affordable accommodation should be available within 15 minutes walking from the venue.
8. The congress should include plenary sessions of interest to the global scientific community. The overall conference theme and the selection of keynote speakers should reflect this. Of course, local perspectives and concerns may be interwoven with global perspectives and concerns.
9. Proposals should include initiatives to encourage participation from developing countries and from other countries in which no RSAI Sections have yet been established. RSAI can assist financially in meeting this objective through its "Building Bridges" programme but other funding initiatives (e.g. subsidies for participating postgraduate students) are also encouraged.
10. The programme should include one or more workshops for professional development of emerging scholars and postgraduate students, who may not be in a position to contribute a full paper to the formal scientific programme.
11. The working language of the congress is English but proposals may include arrangements for simultaneous translation of plenary sessions where this is deemed to be desirable.
12. Proposals should include a risk assessment regarding contingencies that could impact on the viability and success of the congress. Ways in which potential risks can be managed should be outlined.

### **Conference Organisation**

1. RSAI establishes a 2018 World Congress Executive Committee (WCEC18) which will have oversight over all aspects of the world congress. In accordance with Article 5, Section 3 of the RSAI Constitution, this committee is chaired by the RSAI Executive Director. Other members of WCEC18 are the chair of the Local Organising Committee (see below), the President of RSAI, who chairs of the Scientific Programme Committee (see below),

and two other Council members. WCEC18 co-ordinates the various tasks and has overall responsibility for the scientific and financial success of the congress.

2. WCEC18 will establish a Scientific Programme Committee (SPC), which will be chaired by the President of RSAI. Besides the chair, the five-person SPC will consist of one senior scholar from each of the four supra-regionals. SPC will select offered papers and ensure the scientific quality of the programme. This committee may call upon a much larger number of RSAI scholars to assist in selecting papers for presentation.

3. The RSAI Supra-Regional, Section or Member submitting the world congress proposal will appoint a Local Organising Committee (LOC) and appoint its chair. The LOC is responsible for all logistical aspects of the congress and arrangements with local suppliers. The RSAI Office and the LOC will draw up a full budget for the congress and recommend a schedule of registration fees to WCEC18.

4. RSAI Office will provide the website on which all congress information can be found and downloaded, and the portal through which abstracts, papers, registrations and the programme can be managed.

5. For the services it provides, RSAI Office charges a commission equal to 20% of all registration fees received. The remaining registration revenue is transferred to the legal entity representing the LOC. Any anticipated sponsorship monies will be included in the budget.

6. The RSAI supra-regional, section or member institution which makes the world congress proposal underwrites the financial viability of the congress. The disbursement of any funds held by the LOC after the congress has been held is a matter of negotiation between the parties concerned, with negotiations being co-ordinated by WCEC18.

7. All arrangements for the organising of the World Congress will be formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU will be signed by the President of RSAI, the Executive Director, the Chair of the LOC and the person representing the legal entity through which the LOC operates.

### **Application Process**

1. Proposals should address each of the 12 criteria for hosting the 2018 world congress outlined above. However, it is understood that some of the information provided by the congress proposers (such as names of suggested keynote speakers, sponsorship, etc.) will be tentative at the time the proposal is submitted.

2. Proposals should include a list of the key people involved in organising the congress, a draft congress plan (including dates, location and schedule), a detailed draft budget (including a schedule of registration fees) and a suggested range of accommodations and charges.

3. The acceptance of a proposal by RSAI Council does not constitute a binding agreement between the two parties. The subsequently drawn up MOU, which is guided by the proposal, will constitute a binding agreement.

4. Proposals should be submitted by email to [rsai@apdr.pt](mailto:rsai@apdr.pt) by Friday December 16, 2016, 23:59 GMT.

5. A decision regarding the 2018 World Congress will be made by Council on or before Friday January 20, 2017, 23:59 GMT.

### Annex 3b – Synthesis of the Congress Applications and Votes by the Selection Committee

Section	Contact person	Venue	Proposal Dates	Participants												Total
Regional Science Association, India (RSAi)	Sumona Banerjee	Goa, Economics Department at BITS Pilani - K. K. Birla Goa Campus, India and/or an Hotel in Bogmallo Beach, Goa.	8-11 January, 2018 or any other in 2018.	Expected 750 participants (Breakeven 326)	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	3	4			41
Sociedad Argentina de Economia Regional (SAER)	Pedro Elosegui	Buenos Aires, CCK Cultural Center, Argentina	April 25-28th, 2018	Expected to attract at least 500 participants.	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	5			38
Mexican Regional Science Association (AMECIDER)	Serena Eréndira Serrano Oswald	Mexico City, or else, either Chichen Itza, the Maya Museum or Isla Mujeres if the congress takes place in Cancun, Mexico	22-27 May 2018	Expected 890 participants	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	4	3			26
Italian Association of Regional Science (AISRe)	Thomas Streifeneder	Bolzano/Bozen, The European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy	4-7 April 2018 // 2-5 May 2018 // 22-26 May 2018 // 11-15 September 2018	Expected 300 participants	0	2	4	0	1	2	2	2	1			14
Portuguese Regional Science Association (APDR)	Iva Miranda Pires	Lisbon, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences – UNL, Portugal	4-6 July 2018	We estimate a number of participants between 400 and 600	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	2			11

## Annex 4: Regional Science Policy and Practice



### Editorial Report – May 2017

#### Introduction

Following a selection process chaired by Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, President of RSAI, the RSAI Council approved unanimously by on-line votes the new editorial team of RSPP for 2017 to 2019.

This report details the journal situation in May 2017 and includes the external recognition of the journal, the presentation of the internal indicators, and the actions taken by the editorial board.

#### External recognition of the journal

Regional Science Policy and Practice has finally received a CiteScore in Scopus of 1.17. The Journal of Regional Science has 3.16, Regional Studies 2.46, Papers in Regional Science 1.27 and Annals of Regional Science 0.91. This is a very good score for RSPP, achieved by the former editorial team, reviewers and authors coordinated by Michael Carroll. Many thanks and congratulations.

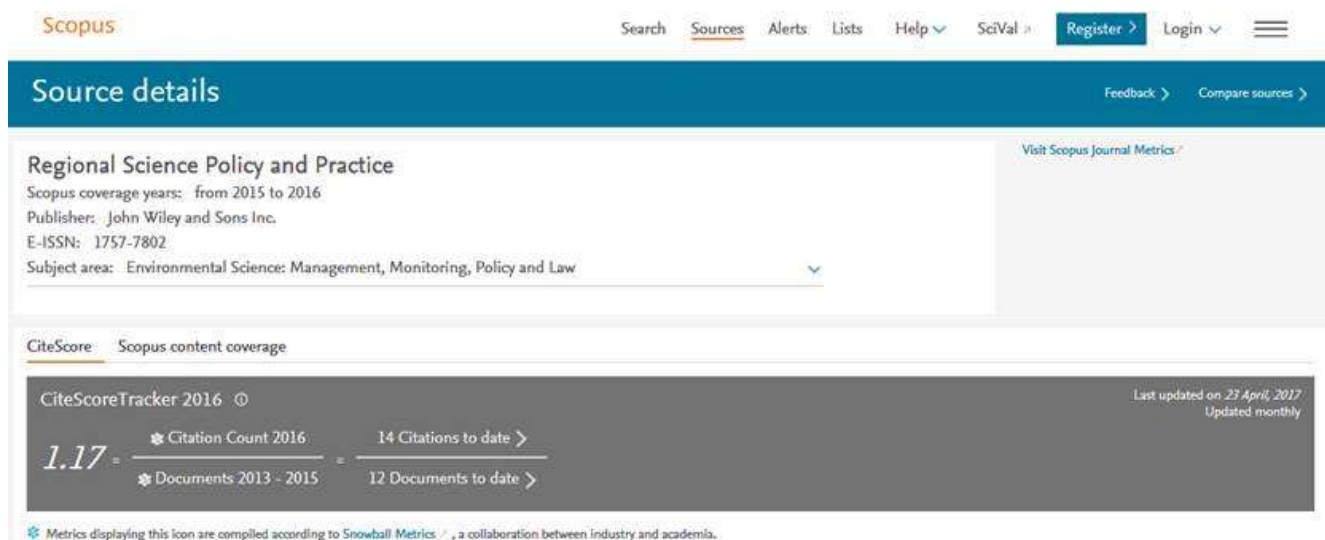


Figure 1: Scopus Indicators of Regional Science Policy and Practice

According to Grace Ong from Wiley, *RSPP* is still undergoing evaluation by Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters) for an impact factor. The evaluation is likely to conclude at the end of 2017 at the earliest and the most important thing while the evaluation is in progress is to ensure that the publication of the issues are on schedule.

According to Google Scholar, citations on Regional Science Policy and Practice are growing but stabilizing since 2014. We will continue to track this interesting indicator.

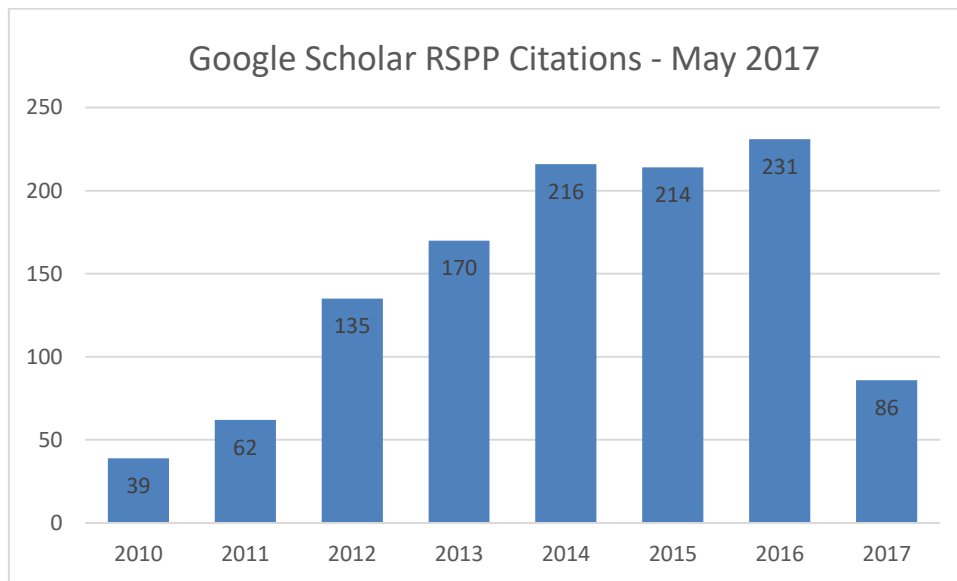


Figure 2: Google Scholar RSPC Citations – May 2017

### Editorial Statistics

From Wiley Report of 2016 it is clear that the number of downloads to RSPC in the period 2008 to 2016 has increased; 8% in 2016 compared with 11% across all Wiley Journals in Geography.



Figure 3: Number of Downloads from 2008-2016 (Wiley Report of 2016)

The same report also indicates that the number of pages and articles per year decreased from 2012 to 2016.

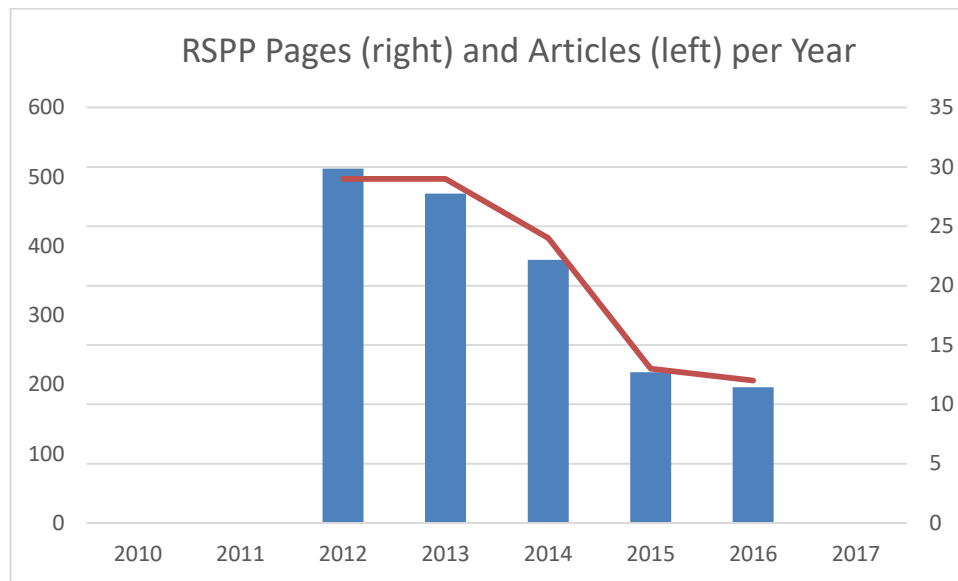


Figure 4: RSPP Pages and Articles per Year (Wiley Report of 2016)

The Editorial team proposed to reverse this trend and grow from 12 articles and 196 pages in 2016 to around 60 articles, 6 issues and 900 pages in 2019.

#### **Actions taken by the editorial board**

Since March 31<sup>st</sup> the Editorial Team has seen 10 submissions, rejected 2, suggested minor revisions in 1, requested major revisions on 7 and published the first issue of 2017 with 3 articles coming from the editorial work of the previous team. 13 more articles are waiting for the first appraisal but we are receiving only 3 submissions per month.

We challenged the Editorial Board to propose Special Issues for the next three years. So far, there is an agreement for six Special Issues:

1. Andre Torre and Livia Madureira- Innovation in rural areas.
2. Peter Nijkamp - Origins and futures of regional science.
3. Andrea Székely - Walled territories.
4. Carlos Azzoni and Vargas - Regional science in South America.
5. Neil Reid, Alessandra Faggian and Giulia Pezzi - Local entrepreneurship and tourism: policies and practices in peripheral areas.
6. Budy Resosudarmo and Geoffrey Hewings – Spatial and Social Justice.
7. Artur Gil – Space Data to Space Issues

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Patricio Aroca, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile; Jaime Bonet, Banco de la Republica de Colombia, Colombia; Eduardo Haddad, Departamento de Economia – FEA-USP, Brazil; Neil Reid, University of Toledo, USA; Vicente Royuela, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain; Emmanouil Tranos, University of Birmingham, UK; Tiago Freire, University of Camberra, Australia; Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, University of Azores, Portugal.



## **Annex 4b: RSPP Annual Paper Award**

### RSPP Annual Paper Award

#### For the Best Paper in Regional Science Policy and Practice

##### 1. Goal

The Award recognizes annually a scientist who have demonstrated creativity, merit and prospective effectiveness through the publication of a paper of remarkable quality in Regional Science Policy and Practice.

##### 2. The Award

2.1 The award recognizes and honours practitioners, policy makers and scientists that with their work, decisions and research helped the development of peoples and places.

2.2 The Prize is annual and awards the best paper published two years before of Regional Science Policy and Practice.

2.3 The award selects only one paper per year.

2.4 The Award involves the payment of 750 €, one plaque and certificates for the authors.

##### 3. Jury and Process for Recommending the Award

3.1 In the first quarter of each year, the Editor in Chief of Regional Science Policy and Practice identifies the list of up to three (3) papers published two years before that have highest citations until the end of the previous year.

3.2 The Editor-in Chief of Regional Science Policy and Practice will then send the papers for appraisal to the jury composed by the Editor in Chief, one editor and three Fellows proposed by the Editor-in-Chief to the Council

3.3 The Jury will appraise and rank the papers in a meeting in person and/or by email/teleconference in March to select the paper to receive the Award.

3.4 The Editor-in-Chief of Regional Science Policy and Practice 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, LACRSA, ERSA, PRSCO) meetings or the RSAI World Congress to receive the Award.

## **Annex 4c: RSPP Annual Referee Award**

### RSPP Annual Referee Award

#### For the Best Referee Report in Regional Science Policy and Practice

##### 1. Goal

The Award recognizes annually a referee who have demonstrated the capacity to improve the scientific quality of the paper published in Regional Science Policy and Practice through the advice of the referee report.

##### 2. The Award

2.1 The award distinguishes and honours referees that with their anonymous advice helped the development of regional science, policy and practice.

2.2 The Prize is annual and awards the best paper referee report of papers published in two years before of Regional Science Policy and Practice.

2.3 The award selects only one referee report per year.

2.4 The Award involves the payment of 250 € one plaque and certificates for the referee.

##### 3. Jury and Process for Recommending the Award

3.1 In the first quarter of each year, the Editor in Chief of Regional Science Policy and Practice identifies the list of up to three (3) papers published two years before that have highest citations to the date. Each one of the Editors of Regional Science Policy and Practice choose one referee report of the selected papers, which they deem as suitable for consideration for the RSPP Referee Award.

3.2 The Editor-in Chief of Regional Science Policy and Practice will then send the report and the respective submission to a Jury comprising the Editor-in Chief, one Editor and Three Fellows.

3.3 The Jury will appraise the referee reports in a meeting in person and/or by email/teleconference in March to select the paper to receive the Award.

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