

## MINUTES

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### RSAI COUNCIL MEETING BARCELONA

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FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER, AT 14:00, 2011

#### 1. Apologies

Council members present: Yoshiro Higano (Chairman), Roberta Capello, Graham Clarke, Tomaz Dentinho, Jouke van Dijk, Mark Partridge, John Caruthers, Alessandra Faggian, Gunther Maier, Eduardo Haddad, Johan Lundberg.

Ex-officio members present: Michel Carroll and Jean Claude Thill

Invited members: Richard Kelly (Executive Director of ERSA), Hiroyuki Shibusawa (Executive Director of PRSCO), Joaquim Guilhoto (São Paulo RSAI Conference, 2008), Marilen Pirtea, Carmen Babaita, Simona Biriescu and Daniela Constantin (Timisoara RSAI Conference, 2012).

Apologies from Council Members: Patricio Aroca (also Executive Director of RSAmericas), Sam Ock Park, Paul Dalziel and Danni Shefer.

Apologies from ex-officio members: David Boyce, Charlie Karlsson, Rui Luís, Phil McCann and David Boyce

#### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

I - Minutes of Seoul Meeting (July 2011) were accepted by all members of the Council.

#### 3. Report of the LRPC

Roberta Capello reported the outcomes of the meeting of the LRPC, focusing following topics that were commented by the councilors:

- World Conference in Timisoara (Romania):

Roberta Capello, Yoshiro Higano, Graham Clarke and Tomaz Dentinho had a meeting with the Local Organizing Committee (2-9-2011, 13H00, Barcelona) where it was agreed the specific designs for the Plenary Sessions, the composition of the Scientific Committee to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, the management of the parallel sessions and the marketing of the Timisoara Conference.

It was also reinforced the idea from Seoul's LRPC that RSAI World Conferences held in less central places (Port Elisabeth, São Paulo and Timisoara) should move to more central places and, eventually, with more frequency (2 years instead of 4).

- RSAI/RSA relationships:

After the meeting with British and Irish Section (30-8-2011, 9H30, Barcelona), planned in Seoul, two conclusions were reached: - there is a need to stop asymmetric cooperation between RSAI and RSA; - and supranational associations or sections should not allow activities of competing associations. Cooperation is possible in the future in activities that neither of the associations would do otherwise as for example a scientific meeting with EUROSTAT to address the issue of regional indicators and data availability.

- UN NGO status:

The LRPC suggested that a working team composed by Antoine Bailly, Peter Batey and Mark Partridge will reassess the possibilities for RSAI to have a UN NGO status.

- Replacement of RSAI Council Members:

There are four RSAI Councilors at large that finish their term by the end of 2011 – Roberta Capello, Graham Clarke, Sam Ock Park and Danni Shefer. Since Jean Claude Till will become next President (2013-2014) and Vice-President in 2011, he can become RSAI Councilor either as elected at large until the RSAI Council in Miami or nominated by RSA Americas.

Roberta Capello asked the Council to analyze and consider the proposals and ideas of the LRPC.

#### 4. Selection of RSAI Councilors-at-large

Tomaz Dentinho informed that, based on the decision of the Council in Seoul, all RSAI members were asked to present proposals to be analyzed in the present Council of Barcelona so that the election should run afterwards. The nominations to RSAI Councilors-at-Large were: Amit Batabyal, Daniel A. Griffith, Rachel Franklin, Dan Rickman, Jean-Claude Thill and Daniel Czamanski.

Jouke van Dijk asked if it would be possible to have an extra time for the RSAI members to nominate candidates since most of the candidates are from NARSC. Tomaz Dentinho reported that one call was made to all members and one extra call was made to the boards of the sections and supranational associations.

II - The Council agreed to accept all the nominations and asked the Executive Director to proceed with the election so that the new councilors at large for 2012-2014 can be known by November 9-12, 2011 (RSAI Council in Miami).

#### 5. World Conference 2012

Roberta Capello welcomed the Local Organizing Committee of the 2012 RSAI World Conference (Timisoara, May 9-12, 2012).

Dr. Simona Biriescu reported that the software of the Conference is already in place with the support of Gunther and asked the Council Members to ask questions based on the information distributed.

Roberta Capello explained that three Plenary Sessions have been planned: i) One with Manfred Fisher and Bob Stimpson, ii) One Round Table on the Effects of Globalization and the Location Patterns of Foreign Direct Investment with Peter Nijkamp, Geoffrey Hewings and one more expert from Romania; iii) and a third Round Table on Cohesion Policy organized by Phil McCann and two other experts.

Eduardo Haddad suggested that the deadline for the abstracts should be after the RSAmericas Conference in Miami and the date of 21<sup>st</sup> of November was established.

Gunther Maier proposed that a Special Session should be organized on Real Estate Investment on East European Countries. Jouke van Dijk suggested that the theme of Real Estate Investment should be addressed in a Plenary Session. Mark Partridge followed argued that some global expert should be invited to the theme. Roberta Capello indicated that such theme could be included in the Plenary Session related to Foreign Direct Investment. John Caruthers appointed the name Paul Waddell from UC Berkeley. Roberta proposed that the talk on Real Estate could be included in the first day of the Program and a fourth Plenary Session.

Daniela Constantin thanked the Council for all the support of the RSAI Council

Yoshiro Higano closed the point after requesting any further question or comment.

## **6. RSAI/RSA relationship**

Based on the information of the LRPC, Gunther Maier, Roberta Capello, Mark Partridge, John Caruthers, Richard Kelly, Graham Clarke, Alessandra Faggian and Jouke van Dijk expressed their ideas and views on the issue.

III -The RSAI Council agreed that the strategy is 1) to cooperate at the scientific level with RSA; 2) no longer allow RSA the opportunity to market their association in RSAI conference domains, 3) RSAI should promote a better coordination with RSAI-sections and RSAI-supranational associations in which regards marketing of RSAI and interaction with other associations.

## **7. New sections development:**

Yoshiro Higano said that the creation of RSAI in China will be established along 2012 with the organization of three RSAI events: 1) One for March 2012, organized by China University of Geosciences; 2) Another, for July 2012 organized by the Renmin University, under the name of 12<sup>th</sup> PRSCO Summer Institute as decided by PRSCO Council Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. 3) A third Conference will take place in November, promoted by the existing Chinese Regional Science Association (CRSA) now led by Dr. Shen under the supervision of Prof. Yang, that are much more interested in promoting an inclusive RSAI section in China. Mark Partridge, Jean-Claude Thill expressed that there is a need to have a plan by November in RSAI Council of Miami, on how to organize a RSAI Section in China involving all the groups.

IV - RSAI Council agreed that RSAI presidency will officially invite the Chinese Regional Science Association (CRSA) (current President is Prof. YANG Kaizhong and Executive Director is Dr. SHEN Tiyan) to organize in November 2012 - and in cooperation with other Chinese regional science scholars - the Fifth International Conference of RSAI in China with the theme "Regional Science and Sustainable Regional Development".

Eduardo Haddad informed the Council that the Brazilian Section is helping the Ecuador to organize a large meeting for the first semester of 2012. He also reported that the Mexican Section and the Brazilian Section will have their own meetings.

Richard Kelly reported that the Polish Section is changing its organization and the Lithuanian section, although with many individual members, had no participants in Barcelona.

## **8. Publication reports:**

a) Papers in Regional Science

Jouke van Dijk reported that PIRS maintains its production on schedule.

b) Regional Science Policy and Practice

Michael Carroll informed the Council that the number of pages of RSPP will increase 500 in 2011.

Yoshiro Higano informed that had asked Peter Nijkamp to organize the editorial teams for the special issues on China of PIRS and RSPP, suggested by the RSAI Council of Seoul.

## **9. RSAI Awards**

a. Peter Nijkamp award

Roberta Capello reported that there is considerable work done the Committee established in Seoul for the Peter Nijkamp formed by Roberta Capello, Patricio Aroca and Paul Dalziel. But also said that the process is not formally in line with what is established <http://www.rsai.org/>. After some exchange of ideas a decision was taken.

V - The Council agreed unanimously that the process initiated in Seoul should continue because it does not hinder the spirit of the award and it is important that the first award be attributed in 2011.

b. Dissertation Awards

Gunther Maier informed the RSAI Council that one of the thesis proposed for the 2011 dissertation award was not in English and the rules do not require so. For the 2011 dissertation award the problem was overcome but the lack of rules in terms of language can create major problems in the future.

VI - The Council agreed unanimously that, for the future, dissertation awards should be selected only for dissertations written in English.

**10.Executive Director matters:**

a. RSAI Summer Courses

Tomaz Dentinho informed that the application for financial support of 2<sup>nd</sup> RSAI Summer Course to be held in Macau (26<sup>th</sup> of March till 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2012) was send to Macau Foundation. He also informed that – in line with the scientific committee of the course - the call for participants will be open soon even without the financial approval, to secure a good selection of candidates. There can be adjustments according to the available funds.

Tomaz Dentinho informed also that a 3<sup>rd</sup> RSAI Summer Course is in preparation for the Azores (São Miguel Island) from the 1<sup>st</sup> till the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 in cooperation with EU-USA Atlantis Program.

b. Proposals to negotiate with Wiley Black Well

Tomaz Dentinho informed the Council on the ADDENDUM to the contract between RSAI and Wiley Blackwell concerning the enrolment of RSAI members and the payment fees per RSAI member subscription of PIRS and RSPP. Jouke van Dijk highlight that the fees should not be updated automatically with the Consumer Price Index in the UK.

VII - The Council agreed on the proposed Addendum without the automatic revision of journal fees according to the Consumer Price Index in the UK.

c. Draft Budget for 2012

Tomaz Dentinho informed the Council that, according to the data provided by Dimitris Ballas, RSAI Receipts and Payments grew in nominal terms from 2004 till 2009 reaching around 35000 £ per year. Since 2009, receipts decreased slower than payments creating a negative margin that can reach 11000 £ in 2011. Based on the accounts of former years and respective structure Tomaz Dentinho also proposed a draft design of RSAI Budget for 2012 (see Table below).

<b>Euros</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Executive + Treasure + Web manager</b>	6250
<b>Web</b>	2500
<b>Accounts</b>	1705
<b>Newsletter</b>	2330
<b>PIRS</b>	10795
<b>RSPP</b>	10795
<b>Supports</b>	2273
<b>Total Payments</b>	36648
<b>Total Receipts</b>	37231
<b>Margin</b>	583

VIII - The Council agreed to include the approval of the Budget for 2012 on the Miami RSAI Council.

**11.AOB**

No further businesses were appointed.

**12.Date of next meeting (Miami, Florida, US)**

Miami, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

8H00–9H30 – Long Range Planning Committee;

16H30–18H00 – RSAI Council Meeting.

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, RSAI Executive Director, September 2011, Angra do Heroísmo.