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 **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

IN-COMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a great honor for me to be the President of RSAI, and I trust I will be able to serve the Council and all of the members of the association well during my two years as President.

The regional science community of scholars and practitioners is a truly unique organization providing a wide range of national and sub-national, supra-regional and international forums for interaction with colleagues from across several disciplines with a concern for matters spatial, from theoretical and methodological to applied and policy perspectives. Personally I have found regional science during my career to have provided not only the most stimulating of intellectual environments, but also the opportunity to develop many wonderful friendships with people across the world and the opportunity to work collaboratively on research with many people.

I first became involved in regional science in 1971 as a young academic in my late 20s when Alex Kerr, the founder of the Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association, asked me to join a group of economists, geographers and engineers from universities and the CSIRO to help form a new local association. I served on the Council of ANZ RSA for a long period from 1975 to 1987, and was President for three years, 1980-82. My first international participation in regional science was in 1976 when I went to the North American meeting. In 1981, Kevin O'Connor and I organized the first PRSCO meeting to be held in Australia (at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast). I was to serve on the PRSCO Council from then until 1991. Ever since I have tried to get to as many regional science conferences as I can. I particularly look forward to being able, over the next two years, to attend all the supra-regional meetings and as many local meetings as possible.

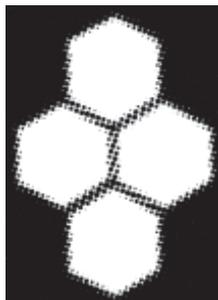
January 2005 represents a landmark for RSAI as from that month the new universal membership arrangements start operating. Over the next year or so, progressively the members of up to 30 local and national regional science associations will become integrated into RSAI. 2005 also is the year when Blackwell commences a partnership with RSAI which will see the Papers in Regional Science and the RSAI Newsletter go on-line. The Secretariat has already been successfully transferred from Urbana to Leeds.

Out-going President Antoine Bailly deserves special recognition for having driven these developments. The outcome will be the evolution of RSAI into a formidable international association with potentially over 4,000. Antoine is a very distinguished geographer (with an outstanding publications record writing in both English and French languages) and a former President of the University of Geneva. He has used all of his formidable leadership and negotiating skills to drive this transition for RSAI. His presidency marks the beginning of a new global era for regional science. Thank you, Antoine.

In addition, it is important for us to recognize the collaborative efforts of Graham Clarke, our Executive Director, and Kieran Donaghy, our immediate past Executive Director, and the staff at the Urbana Office, in achieving the transition of the RSAI Secretariat from Urbana to Leeds. Of course, many of our colleagues have been significant players in planning for and facilitating the important steps in this evolution of RSAI, including a number of past presidents through their role on the Long Range Planning Committee.

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The RSAI Council now faces the challenge of developing new initiatives to enhance services to members which our widely expanded and more diverse membership has a right to expect from an effective international association. We encourage you to provide us with ideas in this regard. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Council will be specifically addressing this issue over the coming year.

Robert Stimson

FELLOWS HONORED AT SEATTLE NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS

Four members of the RSAI were recently honored with the Fellows Award. They are: Luc Anselin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; J. Vernon Henderson, Brown University; Peter Nijkamp, Free University, Amsterdam; and John M. Quigley, University of California, Berkeley. They were presented Fellow Award plaques at the 51st North American Meetings in November 2004.

In November 2001, the RSAI Council initiated the RSAI Fellows Award to honor as a highly select group of members of the Association, who have made important scholarly and research contributions to the field of regional science. The inaugural Fellows were the living recipients of the Founder's Medal at that time: Walter Isard, Martin Beckmann, Jean Paelinck, and David Boyce. In 2003 four Fellows were elected by the inaugural Fellows, and recognized at the 50th North American Meetings in Philadelphia: Masahisa Fujita, Geoffrey J. D. Hewings, Tony E. Smith, and Jacques Thisse. The Fellows recognized at Seattle were elected by the 2003 Fellows, as provided by the procedure established by Council.

Members of the RSAI are invited to nominate any member of the Association for consideration for the Fellow Award in 2005 by sending a short letter of nomination, a detailed CV and publication list, and a list of three supporting references, with email addresses, to Luc Anselin at anselin@uiuc.edu. The nominator may be one of the references. Self nominations are also appropriate. Please note that detailed letters of recommendation are not requested at this time, but may be requested later. A list of current members of the RSAI may be found at <http://www.rsai.org> under Membership Information.

For full consideration for the current selection process, nominations should be received by January 31, 2005.

NOMINATION FOR COUNCILLOR AT LARGE

The RSAI Council has nominated John Madden to run for a second three-year term as Councillor-at-Large. John Madden is Deputy Director and Associate Professor of the Centre of Policy Studies, Monash University, Australia. He has been an active member of RSAI for many years, and is a past president of the Australia and New Zealand Section of the Association (1999-2000). Professor Madden is completing one term of Councillor-at-Large of RSAI (2002-2004) and is on the editorial board of the Papers in Regional Science. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Tasmania in 1990 and his re-

search interests center on CGE modeling, economic impact analysis, public policy analysis, and fiscal analysis. Enclosed (in hard copies of the newsletter) is the ballot sheet for election of Councillor at Large, which also allows for a write-in candidate. Please return the ballot sheet to the new RSAI headquarters in Leeds, UK, by January 31, 2005. Members who have elected to receive the electronic (PDF) version of the Newsletter should cast their ballots by sending an e-mail message to RSAI Executive Director, Graham Clarke at rsai@leeds.ac.uk indicating their vote, also by January 31, 2005.



AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

WILLIAM H. MIERNYK RESEARCH EXCELLENCE MEDAL

Beginning 2005, the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University will sponsor an award for scholarly achievement in honor of Dr. William H. Miernyk, founder and first Director of the Institute. The William H. Miernyk Research Excellence Medal (the Miernyk Medal) is intended to be awarded annually at the Southern Regional Science Meeting for the best solely-authored SRSA conference paper written and presented by a scholar within five years of the award of his or her doctorate. A stipend will accompany the Miernyk Medal.

William H. Miernyk earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in economics from the University of Colorado, followed by master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Harvard University. Dedicated to research, he also discovered a love of teaching that would stay with him throughout his entire professorial career. Miernyk taught economics at Harvard, Northeastern University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Colorado before being recruited to West Virginia University to establish the Regional Research Institute. He originally committed to only a temporary stay at WVU, but found the area so appealing that he abandoned his plans to return to Colorado.

Perhaps best known for his widely distributed and well-received *The Elements of Input-Output Analysis* (1965), his interests and contributions to knowledge have focused on a much broader set of topics within and beyond regional science. His research interests have included such topics as pollution abatement, energy prices, unemployment, labor force participation, and migration in the Appalachian states. He has served as a consultant for, among many others, US Senate committees, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and The World Bank. Known for his critical insight, rigor, and excellence in research, his writing is clear and concise. In addition to numerous contributions to the academic literature, Miernyk extended his sphere of influence to the general public through weekly columns in the *Charleston Gazette*.

To be eligible for the Miernyk Medal, authors must submit their papers for panel review to the Director of the Regional Research Institute (RRI) at WVU by January 14 for the upcoming SRSA meeting, normally held in April. Members of the panel

will include Dr. Miernyk and the current Director of the RRI, along with three additional referees selected by the RRI Director. First year panel members will serve one, two, and three year terms. Panel members named in subsequent years to replace outgoing referees will serve three year terms. In the event that Dr. Miernyk should be unable to participate on the review panel, an additional panel member will be selected from among the current officers of the SRSA.

The Miernyk Medal competition is open to any Ph.D. recipient no more than five calendar years beyond the date on which his or her degree was awarded. SRSA membership is strongly encouraged but is not a requirement. Consistent with the definition of research, the winning paper will report the diligent and systematic enquiry and discovery of facts or principles relating to a topic of interest to regional scientists. The winning author must be a consensus choice of the panel.

For more information, please contact:

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BARRY M. MORIARTY STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Annually, Southern Regional Science Association awards a prize to the student submitting the best paper in the area of Regional Science. The following qualifications apply:

- * The student must be enrolled full-time at an accredited academic institution sometime during the year following April, 2005;
- * The student must be sponsored by a member of SRSA; and
- * The winning student is expected to present the paper at a session of the 2005 Meetings of the Association in Arlington, VA, April 7-9, 2005, using the award to defray costs of attending.

Papers must be double-spaced, no more than 25 pages in length, and written in the style of the *Review of Regional Studies*. The cover page should include: the paper's title; the author's full name, address, and telephone and FAX numbers; similar information for the sponsor; and an abstract of 100-150 words.

Five copies of the paper must be submitted by January 5, 2005, to:

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M. JARVIN EMERSON STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Mid-Continent Regional Science Association announces the M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition for our 2005 conference (April 7-9) in Arlington, Virginia. All students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs as of January 1, 2005 are eligible. Student papers dealing with all aspects of regional development, including cultural, physical and economic processes, are welcome. The deadline for submission is January 5, 2005. The first place winner will receive \$150 and the M. Jarvin Emerson Award. The winning entry will also be published in the Association's journal, *The Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*. Second place winners will receive \$100. Notification of acceptance for presentation of the submitted paper will be by January 28, 2005. First and second place winners will be announced at the MCRSA conference. Only papers authored solely by students (i.e., no faculty co-authored papers) will be eligible for the competition and resulting publication. A paper submission implies agreement that the winning paper will be published in *The Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*. Due to the publication opportunity that is part of this competition, submitted papers should not be concurrently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Papers must be submitted electronically by e-mail. In addition to the electronic copy of the paper, competitors also must mail or fax a copy of their student ID and the publication agreement form available at the MCRSA web site. To get information about the competition, go to the MCRSA web site at www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa. Click on the annual conference and the student paper competition links. Or, please contact David Sorenson at david_sorenson@augie.edu

BENJAMIN H. STEVENS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN REGIONAL SCIENCE FOR 2005-2006

Graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in North America are encouraged to apply for the Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science, administered by the North American Regional Science Council of the Regional Science Association International (NARSC-RSAI). This Fellowship, in support of thesis research in Regional Science, is awarded annually in memory of Dr. Benjamin H. Stevens, an intellectual leader whose selfless devotion to graduate students as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend had a profound impact on the field. Regional Science is a multidisciplinary field concerned with the theory and method of urban and regional phenomena. Regional Scientists use theoretical frameworks and methods of the social and other sciences, as well as develop new ones specifically for regional analysis and policy.

Eligible students should have completed all degree requirements except for their dissertation by the time the Fellowship commences. A requirement of the Fellowship is that the recipient has no duties other than dissertation research during the Fellowship, though the recipient may hold other fellowships concurrently. Applications from students working in any area or any Ph.D. program are welcome as long as their dissertation research addresses a question in Regional Science.

The Fellowship consists of a stipend in the amount of \$24,000 (U.S.), for a twelve-month period. Applications for the 2005-2006 Fellowship should be addressed to the committee chair, Professor Michael L. Lahr (address below), and postmarked by February 15, 2005. An application consists of five sets (5 sets) of the following materials:

1. A curriculum vita of no more than two (2) pages in length.
2. A statement in twenty (20) pages or less explaining the questions and issues to be addressed, the approach to be used, and the product expected from the thesis research. The 20-page limit is inclusive of references, but exclusive of tables and figures. This text should be in 12 point or larger font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins; references may be single-spaced.
3. The candidate's graduate transcript for all graduate study. Unofficial copies are acceptable.
4. A confidential letter from the thesis supervisor (plus four copies) sealed in one envelope, and signed across the seal by the supervisor. In the letter the supervisor should assess the quality and significance of the proposed dissertation research, specify the current state of progress toward the candidate's degree and provide a commitment by the thesis supervisor to obtain a tuition waiver for the candidate for the year of the Fellowship. A condition of the Fellowship is the granting of a tuition waiver for the year of the Fellowship by the host institution.

Applications should be mailed to: Professor Michael L. Lahr, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University, 33 Livingston Avenue, Suite 400, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1982 USA. Applicants are strongly encouraged to send an e-mail to lahr@rci.rutgers.edu when they post their materials. Questions may be sent by e-mail to: lahr@rci.rutgers.edu. For information about NARSC, go to: <http://www.narsc.org/>. For information about RSAI, go to: <http://www.rsai.org>.

THE WILLIAM ALONSO MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE WORK IN REGIONAL SCIENCE: ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE THIRD ALONSO PRIZE

The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Work in Regional Science was established by the Council of RSAI on November 11, 1999. The objective of the Prize is to stimulate scholars in the field to undertake innovative work in the spirit of Dr. William Alonso. The Prize will be awarded biennially to one or more scholars who have published innovative academic work (in English language) in recent past in a refereed journal or a comparable publication. The First Alonso Prize was awarded to Masahisa Fujita and Paul Krugman in November 2002, and the second Alonso Prize to Jacques-Francois Thisse in November 2004. The Prize will be awarded at the occasion of North American Regional Science Meetings every other year.

Any member of RSAI may nominate a scholar who has produced one or more eligible works during the recent past. The nomination will be accompanied by a short statement concerning the reasons of nomination as well as the nominated academic work itself. Nomination for Third Alonso Prize should be made on or before May 15, 2005 to any of the

members of the Prize Committee. The awardee for 2006 will be announced in November 2005, and the award will be given in November 2006.

Eligibility - Any scholarly work that has been published in a refereed journal or book in the English language in the recent past, regardless of the country of residence of the author or the location of the publisher, is eligible for consideration of the Prize. Publication through the Internet will be considered if there is a refereeing process. A Ph. D. dissertation, before its publication in its entirety or in part in refereed medium, is not eligible. The recent past will be interpreted as the past 3-10 years.

1. Innovativeness - The work introduces an innovative concept or an approach for understanding of human or organizational activity or behavior in space.
2. Expected Impact on Future Academic Development - The extent of the impact the work will likely have on the development of the academic studies in the respective field.
3. Completeness - The work should be completed as an academic work in the sense that meaningful conclusions are derived.

The selection will be made by the Prize Committee comprising:

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RSAI DISSERTATION AWARD TO SJOERD BEUGELSDIJK

The RSAI presented its annual Dissertation Competition Award at the North American Meetings in Seattle to Dr. Dr. Sjoerd Beugelsdijk for his work "Culture and Economic Development". Dr. Beugelsdijk received his Doctorate from Tilburg University, and was supervised by Prof. Noorderhaven.

The Association invites the submission of dissertations completed in 2004/05 in the field of Regional Science to the annual competition. Two copies of the dissertation and a letter of nomination from the research supervisor should be sent to Professor Antonio Paez, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton ON L8S 4K1, Canada. For further information, please contact Prof. Paez at paezha@mcmaster.ca.

2ND REIMUT JOCHIMSEN PRIZE TO HENNING SICHELSCHMIDT

The Second Reimut Jochimsen Prize has been awarded to Henning Sichelschmidt, Senior Economist, Kiel Institute for World Economics, Kiel/Germany, for his paper on the topic "European Infrastructure Policy: The Infrastructure Policy of the European Community with Respect to the New Orientation of the Structural Funds."

The Reimut Jochimsen Prize was created by the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank to recognize outstanding contributions of scholars to the advancement in institutional, personal and material infrastructure research. The papers submitted have been evaluated by a Reading Committee consisting of Friedel Fleck, President of the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank, and of three scholars formerly related to Professor Jochimsen, namely Professors Walter Buhr, University of Siegen, Udo E. Simonis, Science Center Berlin for Social Research, and Peter Treuner, University of Stuttgart.



COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

MINUTES OF RSAI COUNCIL MEETING: PORTO, AUGUST 2004

Present: Antoine Bailly (chair), Carlos Azzoni, Franz-Josef Bade, Roberto Camagni, Roberta Capello, Graham Clarke, Raymond Florax, Yoshiro Higano, John Madden, Phil McCann, Jan Oosterhaven, Jacques Poot, Aisling Reynolds-Feighen, Robert Stimson, Brigitte Waldorf (and Judy Cornish, Blackwells)

1. Apologies: Peter Batey, David Boyce, Manas Chatterji, Kieran Donaghy, Lay Gibson, Kingsley Haynes, Geoff Hewings, Gideon Horn, Jessie Poon, John Quigley, Jorge Serrano, Jean-Claude Thill.

2. Minutes of last meeting: accepted

3. Matters arising: none

4. President's remarks: Antoine Bailly opened the meeting by congratulating Raymond Florax and Brigitte Waldorf on their new jobs at Purdue University and welcoming Jan Oosterhaven as new ERSA rep (Paul Cheshire will also join the Council for 2005-2007). He expressed his regret that Beth Carbonneau was not able to make the journey to Porto due to family commitments. Antoine reported that the principle of universal membership now seemed well accepted across the World. He thanked Judy Cornish and Blackwells for their huge support throughout the transition period. The names of the 4 new RSAI fellows were also available to be reported: Vernon Henderson, Luc Anselin, Peter Nijkamp and John Quigley. Council offered its warmest congratulations to these new Fellows. Luc Anselin has agreed to chair next year's group of nominees. All RSAI members will be encouraged (through the newsletter and Web) to send nominations to Luc. Finally, Antoine announced that this was his last meeting as Chair

and that Bob Stimson would Chair the Seattle meeting.

5. Report of Executive Director

Graham Clarke reported that all RSAI monies (with the exception of the special Fellowship endowment and some miscellaneous accounts) had now been transferred to the UK bank account. He also explained that he was progressing with research into the possibility of charitable status in the UK/Europe. A full application depended on materials being sent from Illinois (which was in hand). He also reported that more Sections had agreed to join RSAI under the new universal membership proposals. There were still many individual Sections to chase up but a fuller report was promised for Seattle. Congratulations to the Brazilian Section for paying in cash at the meeting!

Graham then reported on the information he had received on the sub-committees set up at recent Council meetings. Kieran Donaghy had sent information on prizes but a full discussion on these was postponed until Kieran could be present (hopefully in Seattle). The committees to look into the constitution and to review membership of Council reported that discussions were under way but no concrete proposals had been formulated as yet. John Quigley (in absentia) and Yoshiro Higano reported on their thoughts relating to the 2008 World Congress. This item will appear under section 7 of the minutes.

Finally, Graham requested that Council agree to the appointment of a UK based treasurer to support the new Leeds office (and to support Andrew Krmenc who it was hoped would continue to monitor the remaining US endowments). He proposed Dr Dimitris Ballas (Department of Geography, University of Sheffield) and this was unanimously agreed by Council. Congratulations Dimitris.

6. Papers in Regional Science

Raymond Florax reported on the continuing improvement of paper submissions to 'Papers'. He also reported that there had been an excellent discussion on the future of the journal at the recent Editorial Board meeting. Before dealing with specific issues Judy Cornish (Blackwells) gave a summary of their new marketing proposals. These were very well received. The main discussion points then revolved around:

- i) the poor submission rates to 'Papers' from geographers
- ii) the importance of universal membership for accessing as many regional scientists as possible
- iii) the possibility of abstracts being available in languages other than English
- iv) the importance of investing in new software to support the electronic submission and handling of papers by the editors and the tracking of the status of that paper (by authors) within the refereeing process
- v) the need to consider a restructuring of the workload of editors to reflect subject matter as opposed to the geographical location of the authors
- vi) the need to consider whether Blackwells should handle routine requests for permissions to reproduce materials within 'Papers'

Council agreed to expenditure related to item iv) and that Blackwells should handle all routine enquiries. It also agreed to resurrect the journal sub-committee to propose future changes to Council. The membership of that sub-committee would be Raymond Florax, Graham Clarke and Peter Batey. Finally, it was agreed to support the idea of a future special edition of 'Papers' devoted to a strong geographical theme (possibly GIS).

7. Long-Range Planning Committee:

Graham Clarke reported on the most recent LRPC meeting (on behalf of Chair, Geoff Hewings). The meeting was largely focused on the 2008 World Congress and the relationship between RSAI and the Regional Studies Association. It was agreed that the next LRPC meeting would be devoted to the issue of increasing services to members.

Both LRPC and Council discussed the report by John Quigley and Yoshiro Higano relating to the 2008 World Congress. It was noted that there had been 4 offers to host the 2008 Congress: Art Getis (San Diego), Kingsley Haynes (Washington), Carlos Azzoni (Brazil) and Dr Pathak (India). Council unanimously agreed that the purpose of the Congress should ideally be to support regional science in new and/or expanding areas. Thus, Council thanked Art and Kingsley (in absentia) but voted to award the congress to the Brazilian Section. Carlos Azzoni thanked Council for its support and offered Sao Paulo as the local venue. This was agreed. To encourage the Indian Section, it was agreed that they would be invited to host an international symposium in India in 2006. If this was successful then there may be the opportunity to host a future PRSCO meeting (providing the Indian Section agreed to join PRSCO: at least whilst the future of the Supra regions was being discussed and evaluated). Bob Stimson and Peter Nijkamp both agreed to help any local organizing committee given their considerable research interests in India. Graham agreed to relate this news to Manas Chatterji as the Indian representative on Council.

The LRPC also reported that it had discussed the idea of building stronger links with the Regional Studies Association. Informal discussions had begun within a UK context and the UK Council members agreed to discuss and consider future long-term possibilities for collaboration on a more global basis.

8. Date of next council meeting: Friday 12th November 17.30 in Seattle

9. AOB

Graham Clarke asked all Council members to think about their ideal website and e-mail Graham with ideas for design and content asap.

Graham Clarke, September 2004

MINUTES OF RSAI COUNCIL MEETING: SEATTLE,
NOVEMBER 2004

Present: Bob Stimson (chair), Franz-Josef Bade, Graham Clarke, David Boyce, Kieran Donaghy, Raymond Florax, Lay Gibson, Yoshiro Higano, Gideon Horn, Aisling Reynolds-Feighen, Andrew Krmeneč, Jessie Poon, John Quigley, Jorge Serrano, Jean-Claude Thill, Yasuhide Okuyama, Heinrich von Baer, Brigitte Waldorf.

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2. Minutes of last meeting: accepted

3. Matters arising: Graham Clarke noted that there had been a very positive response from the Indian Section regarding the hosting of a future international workshop. Peter Nijkamp and Manas Chatterji are now working closely with the Indian Section on this matter. The most likely date will be January 2006 in Bangalore.

4. President's remarks: Bob Stimson formally welcomed everyone and thanked out-going President Antoine Bailly for all his hard work. He outlined that we needed to make some key decisions today relating to the transition process and the constitution. He also thanked all those persons who had worked on the transition committee for all their considerable efforts.

5. Report of Executive Director

Graham Clarke reported on progress with transition issues. He listed the following Sections as having formally agreed to universal membership: British and Irish, Croatian, Dutch, French speaking, German speaking, Greek, Israeli, Italian, Nordic, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Turkish, Canadian, Mid-Continent USA, Southern USA, Western USA, Northeastern USA, Mid-Continent USA, Australian and New Zealand, Japan, China-Taiwan and Brazil. He thanked the officers of each of these sections for their cooperation and support. There would be further discussions with the remaining Sections that had not yet formally committed to universal membership. Jorge Serrano noted that some sections feel that many of their members are not sufficiently fluent in English in order to benefit from RSAI publications and information services (Web, Newsletter etc). Bob Stimson noted this was a problem and one for the Council to consider in more depth at a future meeting. Raymond Florax noted that at least future volumes of Papers in Regional Science will have abstracts in English, Spanish and Japanese. Graham Clarke then reported that in order to progress to the next stage in the application of charity status for RSAI (from its new European base) Council needed to nominate a Board of Trustees. After some discussion Council suggested that Graham Clarke should approach suitable candidates directly, drawing upon British and Irish members in particular (as the charity would be UK based). This would also be necessary to maintain charity status in the USA (with a suitable number of US trustees required).

The next issue debated was that of the constitution. Franz Josef Bade had made some suggestions on behalf of the

Constitution Committee and Graham Clarke had met with Kieran Donaghy to discuss changes required to take account of the move to Blackwells and universal membership. It was noted that most changes would be straightforward and Graham Clarke/Kieran Donaghy would circulate new versions by e-mail to Council members for comments. However, two additional issues needed some debate. First, the constitution requires that we have a more formal finance committee to oversee the accounts and the financial management for the Executive Director. It was agreed to reform this Committee: Bob Stimson, Antoine Bailly, Yoshiro Higano and Jean-Claude Thill would make up this group with Graham Clarke reporting directly to it. This would meet formally in Tokyo at the next PRSCO meeting. The second issue was whether Council wished to reintroduce the idea of an informal members meeting at future RSAI conferences. This was felt to be a good idea and would be tried out in Tokyo.

Graham Clarke then reported the state of play regarding Council members. It was recommended that John Madden serve a further three years as Councillor at Large. This was agreed. Representing ERSA, Jan Oosterhaven and Paul Cheshire were due to replace Aisling Reynolds Feighen and Franz Josef Bade. Maureen Kilkenny was duly elected for another year to serve as a NARSC member. PRSCO agreed to nominate a new member to replace John Quigley. Bob Stimson thanked all out-going Council members for their dedicated and loyal service to RSAI. The next newsletter would carry details of the nomination process for a new Deputy President (President elect) and for new Councillors-at-large. Graham Clarke thanked Lay Gibson for keeping records on individual terms of office.

Graham Clarke then invited Andrew Krmeneč to report on the accounts.

6. Papers in Regional Science

Raymond Florax was pleased to report that the special golden anniversary edition of Papers ('50 years of regional science') had been published in 2004 with a variety of excellent papers on the history of the discipline and the historical development of many different methodologies widely used in regional science. He then reported on the continuing improvement of paper submissions to Papers. There had been 80-90 submissions over the last 12 months. The transition from Springer to Blackwells was going very well and the first Blackwells produced volume would appear in March/April 2005. The increased RSAI membership list would make the Papers the most widely circulated Regional Science publication. He also reminded Council that the editors had decided to move from a geographical mode of operation (with editors dealing with submissions from their own Supra regions) to one based on subject matter. Finally Raymond presented the new editorial board for approval, which included 19 new members. This was approved.

Graham Clarke then reported on the recommendations of the Publication Sub-Committee. It was suggested that Jessie Poon and Brigitte Waldorf be re-elected for further two year periods. This was agreed. It was also suggested that a new European editor be elected to the editorial team (as Raymond Florax had moved to the USA). This was agreed and the nomination of Jouke van Dijk was duly accepted.

7. Report on PRSCO Summer Institute in Chile

[Before this item Bob Stimson asked David Boyce to update Council on the status of the new Fellows. David reminded the meeting that this year's winners were Vernon Henderson, Luc Anselin, Peter Nijkamp and John Quigley. He noted that these awards were to be presented at the conference luncheon on Saturday 13th November. Luc Anselin would take over from Tony Smith as the coordinator of the nominations and elections for next years Fellows. David Boyce also reported that as archivist he had removed a number of interesting documents from the Illinois Office for safe keeping].

Bob Stimson then invited Heinrich von Baer to report to Council on the PRSCO Summer Institute held in Chile (for the first time). Heinrich gave a very interesting presentation on regional science and regional issues in Chile and noted that the interest in regional science in Chile was developing rapidly. Bob Stimson and Jorge Serrano both offered votes of thanks to Heinrich. Graham Clarke noted the great work that PRSCO was doing in trying to open up regional science in new areas of the World. Thanks to Yoshiro Higano in particular who has spent much time on this and it was reported that he was also discussing possible new Sections with colleagues in Malaysia and Bangladesh.

8. Long-Range Planning Committee:

Graham Clarke reported on the most recent LRPC meeting (on behalf of Chair, Geoff Hewings). The meeting was largely focused on the transition issues reported above. Graham also reported that it was hoped that a paper on universal membership and the supra regions would be available for discussion in Tokyo. Yoshiro Higano had made a start on this and would discuss this further with Peter Batey and Graham Clarke. There were no further new items for discussion.

9. Date of next Council meeting: An informal meeting of Council members would take place at the Western Regional Science Meeting in San Diego in February. However, next official RSAI Council Meeting will be Tuesday 26th July at 17.00 in Tokyo.

10. AOB: None.

Graham Clarke November 2004

REMINDERS

44TH WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 23 - 26, 2005, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

The Western Regional Science Association will host the 44th annual meeting during February 23-26, 2005, at Hyatt Regency Islandia, San Diego, California. The conference will begin with registration, an opening session, and a reception on Wednesday afternoon, February 23. Paper sessions will be held all-day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 24, 25, and 26. The return of WRSA to San Diego after a decade-long gap is generating a lot of excitement. Don't miss out!

ARRANGEMENTS INFO.: We urge you to make your travel and hotel reservations immediately, and to pre-register. The WRSA room block could fill early, before the February 2 cutoff date, and this year the special rate only applies for reservations made before the cutoff!

The pre-registration form and a link to make your hotel reservation on-line are up on the website accessible at: <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>

For more information, please contact:

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WORKSHOP ON SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS, APRIL 8 - 9, 2005, KIEL, GERMANY

Spatial interdependencies are of increasing relevance in economic theory and empirical research. At the same time, the methodological toolbox for identifying and exploring spatial interdependencies is expanding dynamically. The workshop aims at bringing together economists and econometricians to promote fruitful discussions of current achievements in, and future challenges for the theoretical and empirical analysis of economic interdependencies in space. The workshop will serve as a platform for presenting and discussing current theoretical research on spatial econometric methods and current empirical research on spatial economic structures and processes.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.uni-kiel.de/ifw/konfer/spatial-econometrics.htm>,
or contact: Eckhardt Bode, (ebode@ifw-kiel.de), Dirk Dohse (ddohse@ifw-kiel.de), or Rüdiger Soltwedel (soltwedel@ifw-kiel.de).

CALLS FOR PAPERS

44TH SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING AND 36TH MID-CONTINENT REGIONAL
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 7-9,
2005, ARLINGTON, VA

The Southern Regional Science Association is teaming with the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association to host their annual conferences April 7-9, 2005 in Arlington, Virginia. This is to announce the call for regular papers and to encourage students to participate in the paper competitions.

Information can be found at the Associations, respective Web sites:

Southern Regional Science Association
<<http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/>>
Mid-Continent Regional Science Association
<<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa>>

The SRSA/MCRSA meetings will be bigger and better than ever, and remain a great buy among professional and academic association meetings. Early registrants will enjoy a reduced meeting registration fee for members of either Association of \$160 and \$210 for non-members. In addition, a special reduced fee for students will once again be in effect. The full student registration fee is \$40.00.

The meeting will take place at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia, a 3 Star Hotel within easy walking distance of Georgetown and just two blocks from the Washington Metro system. We're getting a great rate (\$165 per night) at one of Washington's premier meeting establishments with easy access to all the sights of the nation's capitol.

All persons wishing to submit an abstract or session proposal are encouraged to do so electronically via e-mail to Cynthia Rogers at crogers@ou.edu by December 17, 2004.

The joint meetings also offer students two opportunities to participate in student paper competitions, the SRSA's *Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Paper Competition* and the MCRSA's *M. Jarvin Emerson Memorial Student Paper Competition*.

Strongly encourage your students to enter the paper competition. It's a great learning experience and the odds of recognition are favorable for good work. Additional details can be found at the Associations' Web sites.

The SRSA and MCRSA are organizations consisting of an interdisciplinary membership from academic and other public and private organizations. The MCRSA is interested in using the tools of regional science to help solve applied problems in rural and urban areas at the local, state and national levels. The SRSA seeks to foster research and discussion focusing on the region including the application of tools, methods and theoretical frameworks specifically designed for regional analysis.

Please feel free to contact John Leatherman if you have questions about participating in the SRSA's 44th and the MCRSA's 36th Annual Conference.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL GROWTH AGENDAS, MAY 28-31, 2005, AALBORG, DENMARK

This conference is the tenth in the Regional Studies Association's international series of events, and it comes at a time when great changes are unfolding in Europe, both in terms of regional development and regional policy. The meeting takes place in Aalborg, at the heart of a Danish region that has had to reinvent itself by innovative use of traditional social skills in new areas of economic activity. The conference location is itself very much part of a wider European picture. Enlargement is an ongoing process which affects development prospects in different ways across Europe. Moreover, integration poses a major challenge to the policy certainties of the past: the Structural Funds are set to change, the options available to national and regional actors are being transformed.

The conference explores the new agendas for regional growth, taking a critical look at options, trends and fashions, in regional development, both in terms of how development is perceived and understood, and the policy measures attempting to promote particular forms of development. In short, the conference will focus on the intersection between economic and socio-cultural trends on the one hand, and public policy and politics on the other.

The conference broadly follows the structure of previous events with a number of plenary presentations interspersed with several parallel gateways, many of which will run throughout the conference.

Those interested in contributing to the conference are invited to submit an abstract (between 400 - 800 words), giving the relevant Gateway and FULL CONTACT DETAILS by December 31, 2004. Abstracts must be sent to the Regional Studies Association at the address given below or via the website so that they can be logged and author contact details registered for the receipt of further information. If accepted your abstract will form your submission to the conference volume.

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Tel: +44 (0)1323 899 698 Fax: +44 (0)1323 899 798
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Website: www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk

15TH INTERNATIONAL INPUT-OUTPUT CONFERENCE,
JUNE 27- JULY 1, 2005, BEIJING, CHINA P.R.

The International Input-Output Association and the Chinese Input-Output Society announce that the Fifteenth International Input-Output Conference will be held on June 27- July 1, 2005 at the Renmin University in Beijing , China P.R. The Renmin University will be entrusted with the operation of the conference.

Goal of the Conference

The goal of the conference is to promote and stimulate the exchange of ideas among economists, government officials, engineers and managers with interests in input-output analysis and related methods worldwide. Thus, we invite thematic topics related to any aspect of input-output analysis and computable general equilibrium modelling. This includes economic theory; issues of policy and strategy such as growth and development or energy and the environment; all aspects of models, methods, and analytical frameworks; applications at the global, national, regional and local levels; the use of input-output analysis in new areas including interdisciplinary research and the collection of data and compilation of input-output tables.

We hope attendees will develop a number of sessions relating to China . Its recent dramatic economic surge and related economic challenges have attracted considerable interests among researchers, policy makers, etc. We anticipate they may include rural development, income and regional disparities, globalization and growth, innovation and technology diffusion, transportation planning, energy and environmental issues, water management, and other timely and vital to researchers, policymakers, and analysts everywhere.

Travel Grants and Leontief Memorial Prize

There are limited funds for up to five travels grants to young experts from non-OECD member countries of up to US\$2,000 each. Authors who wish to apply for travel grants should submit their full papers to the Head of the Scientific Program Committee by 31 December, 2004 . The submission of full papers by 31 December, 2004 is also needed for the third Leontief Memorial Prize for the best conference paper of young authors. Conditions of the travel grant and the Leontief Memorial Prize can be found on the website of the IIOA: http://www.iioa.org/conf/15_conference.html

Further information is available on the website : <http://www.applstats.org.cn/I&O/i&omain.htm>

35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RSAI BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION, AUGUST 17-19, 2005, WARWICKSHIRE, ENGLAND

The RSAI British & Irish Section invites the submission of Abstracts to be considered for the 2005 Annual Conference program. Conference themes are listed below; however, quality papers in all areas of regional science are welcome.

Abstracts of approximately 500 words should be submitted (preferably by e-mail) to the Secretary at the address below

as soon as possible and by January 31st 2005 at the very latest. Authors will be notified of the committee's decision in March 2005. For any further information regarding the conference please also contact the Secretary Dr Dimitris Ballas, Secretary RSAI:B&IS, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, Winter Street, Sheffield S10 2TN e-mail: d.ballas@sheffield.ac.uk ; Tel: +44 (0) 114 2227923; Fax: +44 (0) 114 279 7912

45TH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. AUGUST 23-27, 2005, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

It is our great pleasure to herewith announce the 45th ERSA conference, to be held in Amsterdam from August 23 to 27, 2005. The conference web site is now open, and can be found at <http://www.feweb.vu.nl/ersa2005>. It gives all relevant conference information insofar as currently available, including an overview of conference themes, and of the dates and deadlines that apply. You can use the web site now for submitting your abstract (abstract submission is open until January 31, 2005), and at a later stage, to submit your paper, register for the conference and book a hotel.

We warmly invite RSAI members and non-members to the conference. We look forward to receiving your abstracts, which will be the essential building blocks for a stimulating conference program.

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For RSAI Newsletter, material should be received by the editors no later than December 1 for the January issue, April 2 for the May issue, or July 1 for the August issue.

We have also started a new medium of delivering news items. *Monthly Regional Science News Update* is an email newsletter that provides you up-to-date information related to the regional science field. In order to receive this monthly email updates and other regional science related communications, you need to join the listserv (regsc-l), maintained by the Regional Research Institute, at <http://www.rri.wvu.edu/listservinfo.htm>

- Yasuhide Okuyama

APPENDIX

REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL 2003 BALANCE SHEET (Prepared by the RSAI Treasurer)

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank	\$98,164.00
Account Receivable	<u>0.00</u>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	98,164.00

Investments

Busey Securities	182,271.00
University of Illinois Foundation	<u>39,430.00</u>
<i>Total Current Investments</i>	221,701.00

Inventory

2,932.00

Fixed Assets

Furniture and Equipment	25,483.00
Depreciation Allowance	<u>(24,598.00)</u>
<i>Total Book Value</i>	885.00

Prepaid University of Illinois Accounts 5,017.00

Total Assets **328,699.00**

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Prepaid 2004 Memberships	\$0.00
2003 Expenses Liability	0.00
Extra Journal Subscriptions	<u>707.00</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	707.00

FUNDBALANCE

Fund Balance at January 1, 2003	\$263,752.00
Retained Earnings	55,029.00
Net Income 2003	<u>9,211.00</u>
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>327,992.00</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **328,699.00**

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