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 **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

PRESIDENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Organisational Change In RSAI: Towards Universal Membership

Dear RSAI member,

Changes to the structure of RSAI membership are now underway. At the Philadelphia Council Meeting the new categories of membership were proposed and accepted. For existing members, there will be the opportunity to stay with hard copy journal at roughly current prices or to opt for cheaper membership categories where more services are provided on-line. The changes have largely come about due to the increase in the number of scholars wishing to join the regional science community, especially in South Africa, South America and Asia. However, it was felt that it is currently difficult to join the international community of regional scientists for two major reasons. First, the regional science community is fragmented with some sections committed to international membership, others not. Second, the cost of joining can be prohibitively high. The current membership fee of \$60 prevents many individuals joining both their sections and the RSAI. Many scholars in the regional science network believe that there would be great benefits of having a large-scale membership with an increasing amount of services provided centrally and universally across the World. Our vision is to see all individuals and sections included in the World family of regional science. Excellent support for this vision has come this year from the 3 main supra-regions: ERSA, PRSCO and NARSC, who have all supported the RSAI Council by voting for the principle of universal membership. However, to bring about universal membership it was realised that one category of membership service was not sufficient. There needed to be a more accessible category of membership, priced at the minimum level possible. At the same time, we wanted to ensure a good level

of service. The proposal below shows three new membership categories and the services provided for each.

CATEGORY A

Members receive the following services directly from Blackwells:

- The printed (hard) copy of PiRS
- Reduced rate subscriptions to other Blackwell journals, including Journal of Regional Science, along with contact details for the relevant publishers.
- Access to a new, sophisticated RSAI website, (as described later).
- Newsletter (printed version)
- Reduced rates at RSAI conferences
- Access to list of members

Proposed membership fee: 65 Euros

Category A, reduced rate - as above, but at nearly half the price of a full-member. The reduced rate would be offered to members in the developing world and students.

Proposed membership fee: 35 Euros

This is very much the existing situation. Those members wishing to retain existing levels of service will be encouraged to join category A.

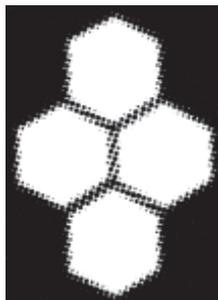
CATEGORY B

Members receive the following services directly from Blackwells:

- Electronic copy of PiRS
- Reduced rate subscriptions to other Blackwell journals, including Journal of Regional Science,

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along with contact details for the relevant publishers.

- Access to a new, sophisticated RSAI website, (as described later).
- Electronic version of Newsletter
- Reduced rates at RSAI conferences
- Access to list of members

Proposed membership fee: 30 Euros

Category B, reduced rate - as above, but at nearly half the price of a full-member. The reduced rate would be offered to members in the developing world and students.

Proposed membership fee: 20 Euros

This is the new option for individuals to take electronic materials rather than hard copy and pay less for their membership.

CATEGORY C

Members receive the following services administered by their own RSA Section or Supra-region:

- Electronic copy of PiRS
- Reduced rate subscriptions to other Blackwell journals, including Journal of Regional Science, along with contact details for the relevant publishers.
- Access to a new, sophisticated RSAI website, (as described later).
- Electronic version of Newsletter
- Reduced rates at RSAI conferences
- Access to list of members

Proposed membership fee: 10 Euros

THIS IS A SECTION ONLY MEMBERSHIP RATE.

Currently, all section committees are being asked to discuss this rate (and its implications) with its members. For category A and B memberships, Blackwells will deal directly with members on an individual basis. For category C membership, sections or supra-regions will be required to send Blackwells an annual list of e-mails and addresses of members, to collect subscriptions (as most currently do) and to send the total monies (the category C 10 Euro subscriptions) for all their members. Blackwells will then provide a list of passwords for electronic access. In addition, those sections wishing to join RSAI under category C membership now need to decide whether they wish to provide this service for their members directly or to work through the Supra-region (if they are currently linked to a Supra-region).

We understand regional science has always been a bottom-up organisation. Although we very much hope that colleagues not currently RSAI members will now join RSAI we accept that some individuals will not wish to and this proposal cannot be mandatory in any sense. However, we believe this is an attractive package and it is possible to save a great deal of money (either directly through the lower fees on offer compared with the existing rate or through the removal of per capita conference registration taxes).

We would now ask you to discuss these proposals within your sections and within your supra-region (if appropriate). We have a unique opportunity to unite all regional scientists around the World - let's grab it!!

Antoine Bailly, President
Graham Clarke, Executive Director

STIMSON ELECTED TO VICE PRESIDENT AND McCANN ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Robert Stimson, Professor of Geography and Planning at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, has been elected to the Vice Presidency of RSAI (and to the At-Large council seat). Philip McCann, Reader in Regional Economics at the University of Reading, U.K., has also been elected to the At-Large seat on the RSAI council. The term of appointment is three years. Congratulations to Professor Stimson and Professor McCann, and many thanks to Professor Art Getis and Professor Angelo Rossi for their service as At-Large councils to the Association.

GEOFFREY HEWINGS AS HONORARY DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BURGUNDY

Geoffrey Hewings of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA and the Director of the REAL (Regional Economics Laboratory Application) received an Honorary Doctoral Degree of the University of Burgundy, on Friday October 3, 2003, in Dijon, France. Louis de Mesnard, Professor at the University of Burgundy and Affiliate Research Professor at the REAL, made the speech promoting the nomination of Geoffrey Hewings.

Geoffrey Hewings plays a central role in the scientific community of Regional Science while being mainly the pivot of the RSAI, serving as Executive Director for almost two decades and then President until recently.

Geoffrey Hewings is one of those which made known in the United States and in the Anglo-Saxon world the French School of Regional Science, particularly the works of Regional Science and Structural Analysis of François Perroux, Raymond Courbis, Claude Ponsard and Roland Lantner. The main research effort of Geoffrey Hewings was directed towards the modeling of the systems economic either urban, or regional or interregional. His list of work is particularly long with nearly 160 publications in the most prestigious reviews in Regional Science. Most of its works are based on econometric input-output models developed for several metropolitan areas and states of the United States like several areas of Brazil, Colombia, Indonesia and Japan. His theoretical work remains directed towards the questions of economic structure, with the concept of Field of Influence, developed in collaboration with Michael Sonis and of structural change, topic on which he joins the works of Louis de Mesnard.

Geoffrey Hewings is also the director and co-founder of the REAL (Regional Economics Applications Laboratory), cooperative joint venture between the University of Illinois and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, one of the more

significant world laboratories in the field. Within REAL there are many doctoral students, many of them become scholars and specialists in Regional Science in many countries throughout the World. The REAL collaborates or accommodated several researchers from Dijon like Catherine Baumont, Cem Ertur, Julie Gallo (now in University of Bordeaux IV, France) and Louis de Mesnard.

This Doctoral Honorary Degree does not only do credit to Geoffrey Hewings but also to the University of Burgundy and the whole French research in Regional Science. It should be a pledge of an increased collaboration in this field between Dijon and the REAL, France and the United States, the ASRDLF and American associations that are part of RSAI.



AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

MOSS MADDEN MEMORIAL MEDAL TO JOHN PARR

In September 2000 the British & Irish Section of the RSAI announced that the Moss Madden Memorial Medal would be awarded on an annual basis to the members of the Section who author the best article published in a regional science journal in a calendar year. The Moss Madden Memorial Medal for 2002 was awarded to Professor John Parr of the University of Glasgow at the 2003 Annual Conference Dinner in St. Andrews, Scotland.

FIRST EUROPEAN PRIZES IN REGIONAL SCIENCE AWARDED TO PROFESSORS IN DUTCH UNIVERSITIES

The first European Prizes in Regional Science have been awarded by the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) to professors Peter Nijkamp, of the Free University of Amsterdam, and Jean Paelinck, formerly of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

The European Prize in Regional Science was created to recognize the outstanding contribution of scholars to the advancement in regional science and in related spatial area studies. The first European Prizes in Regional Science were awarded based on the recommendation of an independent jury of six eminent regional scientists from the US, Great Britain, Austria, Japan, Switzerland, and Israel. The awarding ceremony took place on the 28th of August at the annual European Congress of Regional Science in Jyväskylä in Finland.

The fact that the Jury chose to award the first prizes to Nijkamp and Paelinck is not only a tribute to them, but also testimony of the strength of regional science in the Netherlands, whose depth and quality of researchers in the field make the country one of the world leaders in the knowledge and analysis of spatial economic phenomena.

THE SECOND WILLIAM ALONSO MEMORIAL PRIZE TO JACQUES THISSE

The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Works 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 works in the spirit of Dr. William Alonso. The Prize will be awarded annually or periodically 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 Selection Committee has chosen to award the 2003-2004 prize to Professor Jacques Francois Thisse of the Louvain Catholic University, Belgium. His work is innovative, voluminous, and has had a great impact on regional science. A brief statement cannot possibly cover the full range of his work, which covers the subjects of firm location, public facility location, spatial competition, agglomeration of firms and households, and other related topics. In particular, he was one of the first regional scientists to introduce game theory and industrial organization theory into location theory, and he introduced discrete choice theory into location theory and spatial economics.

ISARD AWARD TO GEOFFREY HEWINGS

At the annual North American Meetings of the RSAI, the "Walter Isard Award for Lifetime Achievement" is presented by the NARSC Council. It is named in honor of Walter Isard, founder of the Regional Science Association. The award pays tribute to regional scientists who have made significant theoretical and methodological contributions to the field of regional science throughout their careers.

Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, Professor of Geography, Economics, Urban and Regional Planning, and Director of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, was presented with the North American Regional Science Council's 2003 Walter Isard Award for his contributions to the field of regional science at the 50th Annual North American Meetings in Philadelphia, PA, November 2003.

BOYCE AWARD TO KIERAN DONAGHY

At the annual North American Meetings of the RSAI, the "David Boyce Award for Service to Regional Science" is presented by the NARSC Council. This award honors David Boyce, a prominent figure in regional science who promoted the Association for a number of years and was instrumental in its long term success. The award acknowledges the service contributions that members have made to regional science organizations.

Kieran Donaghy, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was presented with the North American Regional Science Council's 2003 David Boyce Award for Distinguished Service to Regional Science at the 50th Annual North American Meetings in Philadelphia, PA, November 2003.

HEWINGS AWARD TO AMITRAJEET BATABYAL

At the annual North American Meetings of the RSAI, the NARSC Council bestows the Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award. The award is named in honor of Professor Hewings, who over the years introduced numerous graduate students to regional science and mentored them as young scholars. The award recognizes distinguished contributions to regional science research by scholars who have recently completed doctoral studies.

Amitrajeet Batabyal, Arthur J. Gosnell Professor of Economics, Rochester Institute of Technology, was presented with the Geoffrey Hewings Outstanding Junior Scholar in Regional Science, 2003 at the 50th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International in Philadelphia, PA.

RSAI DISSERTATION AWARD TO JUN KOO

The RSAI presented its annual Dissertation Competition award at the North American meetings in Philadelphia to Dr. Jun Koo for his work "When Technology Spillovers Are Localized: Importance of Regional and Industrial Attributes". Dr. Koo received his Doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was supervised by Prof. Harvey Goldstein.

The Association invites the submission of dissertations completed in 2002/03 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 K. Bruce Newbold, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton ON L8S 4K1, Canada. For further information, please contact Prof. Newbold at newbold@mcmaster.ca.

2004 BARRY M. MORIARTY GRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION

Annually, SRSA 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, 2003;
- * 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 2004 Meetings of the Association in New Orleans, LA, March 11-13, 2004, 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. Three copies of the paper must be submitted by January 5, 2004, to:

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Winner will be announced by March 1, 2004.

BENJAMIN H. STEVENS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN REGIONAL SCIENCE

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). The Fellowship is awarded annually for dissertation research in regional science 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.

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 of the amount of \$22,500 (U.S.), for a twelve-month period. Applications for the 2004-05 Fellowship should be addressed to the current committee chair, Professor David Boyce (address below), and post-marked by February 16, 2004.

An application consists of five sets of the following materials:

1. A curriculum vita of no more than 2 pages in length.
2. A statement in 20 pages or less explaining the questions and issues to be addressed, the approach to be used, and the product expected from the dissertation research. The 20 page limit is inclusive of references but exclusive of tables and figures. This item should be in 12 pt or larger font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.
3. The candidate's graduate transcript. An unofficial copy is acceptable.
4. A confidential letter from the dissertation supervisor (plus four copies) sealed in an envelope signed across the seal by the supervisor. The letter should include the supervisor's assessment of the quality and significance of the proposed dissertation research. It must specify the current state of progress toward the candidate's degree and a commitment on the part of the dissertation supervisor to obtain a tuition waiver for the candidate for the academic year of the Fellowship. A condition of the Fellowship is the granting of a tuition waiver for the academic year of the Fellowship by the host institution.

Applications should be mailed to: Professor David Boyce, 2149 Grey Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 USA. Applicants are strongly encouraged to send an e-mail when they post their

materials to dboyce@uic.edu. Questions only should be sent via e-mail to: dboyce@uic.edu

For information about NARSC, go to: <http://www.narsc.org/bapp.html>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWS OF THE RSAI FOR 2004

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

Members of the RSAI are invited to apply to become Fellows, or to nominate any other member of the Association, by sending a short letter in support of nomination, a detailed CV and publication list, and a list of three references to Tony Smith at tesmith@seas.upenn.edu. Please note that detailed letters of recommendation are not requested at this time.

For full consideration for the current selection process, nominations should be received by the end of March 2004.

2004 M. JARVIN EMERSON STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Mid-Continent Regional Science Association invites submissions to the 2004 M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition held in conjunction with the MCRSA's 35th Annual Conference scheduled for June 3-6, 2004 in Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting will take place at the Fluno Center for Executive Education, U.W.-Madison's award-winning executive training center. The conference information can be found at the Association's Website: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa>. (Please view with Internet Explorer or Netscape 6.0 or above.)

All students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs as of January 1, 2004 are eligible. Student papers dealing with all aspects of regional development, including cultural, physical and economic processes, are welcome. The first place winner will receive \$150 and the M. Jarvin Emerson Award. The winning entry also will be published in the Association's journal, the *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*. The second place winner will receive \$100. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2004.

The MCRSA meetings remain one of the best buys among professional and academic meetings. Early registrants will receive a reduced meeting registration of \$150. In addition, a special reduced fee for student will once again be in effect. The full student registration fee of \$75 includes both the meeting and 2004 membership. However, students who submit their paper for the 2004 M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition and have their paper accepted for presenta-

tion at the meetings will have their registration and membership fee waived.

Feel free to contact John Leatherman, MCRSA Secretary/Treasurer, if you have questions about participating in the MCRSA's 35th Annual Conference.

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FOUNDATION FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES 2004 ESSAY COMPETITION

In collaboration with the International Journal of Urban Regional Research and Blackwell Publishers, the Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies is organizing a fourth international essay competition for the best essay on urban and regional themes by young (under 35) scholars.

A prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the overall winner, three second prizes of £500 and three third prizes £250 will be awarded respectively to: 1) essays written in English by native English speaking authors; 2) essays written in English by non native English speaking authors; 3) essays written in French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Essays which reach the final round of judging but which are not awarded one of the first three prizes will receive Blackwells book prizes totalling £700. The first prize essay will be published in the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research subject to any changes required by the Editor and will be translated if necessary.

The essay should be no longer than 7,000 words (including footnotes and bibliography) and be sent with a 500-word maximum summary in English. Essays exceeding 7,000 words will be automatically excluded. Essays written in the following languages will be considered: English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. A note must be attached to the essay indicating the author's full name, address, university or workplace (if any), date and place of birth, nationality, e-mail, telephone and fax number(s), a short CV (maximum 100 words) and stating the essay's word length.

Essays must be sent by May 31, 2004 to nicoletta.carmi@unimib.it as an attachment (Basic Mime encoding) or by mail (winword file on diskette) to the following address: FURS Essay Competition, Fondazione Bignaschi, Via Olmetto 3, 20123 Milano, Italy.

Unsuccessful entrants in the previous competitions are encouraged to enter again, but may not submit the same essay. The essays will be read by two anonymous referees who will send their comments to Professor Enzo Mingione who will organize a final round of judging by a panel of three.

The results will be made public and communicated to entrants by December 31, 2004.

For further information please contact:

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2ND REIMUT JOCHIMSEN PRIZE

In memory of its former president and in honor of the renowned economist Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Reimut Jochimsen the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank will award a prize for the best paper on the topic on "European Infrastructure Policy: the Infrastructure Policy of the European Community with Respect to the New Orientation of the Structural Funds".

This announcement is addressed to authors who want to participate in the search for possibilities of creating an economically efficient, socially fair and ecologically sound infrastructure for the European economies. To be considered, papers should not exceed 40 pages. The prize sum is 5.000 euros, which may be split up.

Papers should be submitted in a standard electronic form (PDF, PS, Word document; 12 pt./1,5 space) to Professor em. Dr. Walter Buhr, University of Siegen, 57068 Siegen, Germany, by September 15, 2004. Collaborators of the members of the Reading Committee may not participate in the competition.

The papers will be judged by a Reading Committee consisting of the President of the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank and of three scholars formerly related to Professor Jochimsen.



COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

COMPUTERS & OPERATIONS RESEARCH SPECIAL ISSUE: CALL FOR PAPER

Now that the Regional Science conference in Philadelphia and the location modeling sessions have faded to a pleasant memory we would like to remind you that a special issue of Computers & Operations Research is planned. The editors will be pleased to consider all contributions that were presented in the "location" sessions at the conference as well as contributions from colleagues who were not able to participate in the conference. Papers in closely related areas such as spatial competition, nature reserve design, routing of pipelines, & similar topics are also eligible. In order to be able to participate in the special issue we need to receive a copy of your completed paper no later than February 29, 2004. Please email your paper to any of the three undersigned in either Word or .pdf format.

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REPORT

MINUTES OF RSAI COUNCIL MEETING: PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 2003

Present: Antoine Bailly (chair), Carlos Azzoni, Franz-Josef Bade, Peter Batey, David Boyce, Manas Chatterji, Paul Cheshire, Graham Clarke, Steve Deller, Kieran Donaghy, Adrian Esparza, Aisling Reynolds-Feighen, Raymond Florax, Art Getis, Lay Gibson, Kingsley Haynes, Geoff Hewings, Yoshiro Higano, Gideon Horn, John Madden, Yasuhide Okuyama, John Quigley, Jessie Poon, Jacques Poot, John Rees, Jorge Serrano, Rachel Smith (Blackwells), Robert Stimson, Jean-Claude Thill, Brigitte Waldorf.

1. Apologies: Roberto Camagni, Roberta Capello, Andrew Krmeneč, Angelo Rossi

2. Minutes of last meeting: accepted

3. Matters arising: none

4. President's remarks: Antoine Bailly reported on the work of the Transition Committee during the summer months and the meetings with Blackwells (see item 5). He emphasised that we needed to make decisions at this Council meeting in order to make progress with the transition. He welcomed Rachel Smith from Blackwells.

Antoine congratulated Robert Stimson (University of Queensland) on his election to the post of Vice-President.

5. Report of Executive Director:

5.1 Transition Committee: Graham Clarke outlined the proposal for the 3 types of membership and the suggested price structure. He emphasised that it was now important to agree the detail of this proposal so that the information could be sent to all section heads after the Philadelphia meeting. He also thanked Rachel and Blackwells for their hard work on the proposals [*Editorial*: the particular membership proposal discussed is listed under "PRESIDENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN" in this issue].

Graham Clarke expressed the hope that the price of 10 Euros (CATEGORY C) will be attractive to all individuals and sections that are currently not members of RSAI. He pointed out that although we would like to go even lower on price there are fixed costs associated with servicing each member's account. A lower price would mean we would lose money on each membership! However, for RSAI members we could remove the per capita fee/tax imposed at all regional science events provided that we got close to universal membership. This would provide a substantial additional saving for individuals and sections. Non-members, however, will still be liable for a fee of 25 Euros at regional science conferences.

There followed a wide-ranging debate. Peter Batey emphasised the support for the proposal from the long range planning committee.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the membership paper.

5.2 Timing of transition events: Graham Clarke and Antoine Bailly reported that feedback from sections and supra-regions was desired by 1st April 2004, in time for reporting at the World Congress in Port Elizabeth.

5.3 Outstanding service medal: Graham Clarke proposed a new medal for outstanding service to RSAI (not necessarily academic service). The meeting asked to defer until Port Elizabeth where a paper on existing medals could also be discussed.

5.4 Council members: Congratulations were offered to Phil McCann on his election to the RSAI Council. Art Getis and Angelo Rossi, retiring members, were thanked for their splendid service to the Council. Antoine reported that a special session for Angelo Rossi would be held at ERSAs conference in Oporto in August 2004.

6. Papers in Regional Science:

Raymond Florax reported that the Papers continued to attract good submissions. Everyone was particularly pleased to see how well the Golden Anniversary edition looked. Raymond was now engaging with Blackwells on the look and format of the journal from 2005 onwards. He was also making progress with organising the review process around subject area rather than geographical location of author(s)/reviewers.

The meeting unanimously voted to re-appoint Raymond Florax (European Editor, Editor-in-Chief) and Jacques Poot (Pacific Editor) and the President thanked them for their hard work.

7. Long-range Planning Committee:

Peter Batey reported on the most recent LRPC meeting. The LRPC had re-examined the Charleston paper (which recommended fundamental reform) and Peter was pleased to note that progress had been made on most issues. The most pressing need was now to examine the membership structure of RSAI Council to better reflect the growth of regional science across the World. In the short-term he recommended that more members could be co-opted to the Council. Antoine proposed that 3 new members be co-opted: Gideon Horn (South Africa), Carlos Azzoni (Brazil) and Manas Chatterji (India/China). This was unanimously agreed. In the long term it was recognised that more substantial reform may be necessary. A sub-committee to look into this issue was proposed and accepted. This would be made up of Peter Batey, Kingsley Haynes, Peter Nijkamp and Yoshiro Higano.

8. Port Elizabeth World Congress:

Gideon Horn outlined the provisional programme for Port Elizabeth, 14th-17th April 2004. Peter Batey reminded the meeting how successful an earlier symposium had been in Port Elizabeth. Various social events were also discussed, including a safari outing at the end of the Congress. The meeting wished the Congress all success.

9. RSAI in China & India:

Manas Chatterji reported that both sections were growing and wanted to be more a part of RSAI events. Council was asked to note the next Indian meeting in Darjeeling and Chinese

meeting in Beijing. Antoine reminded Manas that China needed to have official status and this was best achieved through integration into PRSCO. Geoff Hewings suggested that a few persons from India and China attend the Port Elizabeth meeting in order to understand what an international meeting is like (with the possibility that future World congresses may be held in those countries).

10. Election of Council members and restructuring of RSAI:

Antoine thanked Jorge Serrano for his interesting paper on this topic. He also noted that much of the contents of the paper had been reflected in Peter Batey's report on Council restructuring. Jorge announced he was pleased to see the setting up of a sub-group to address these issues.

11. Archivist report:

David Boyce reported that the archives had been especially useful in helping to prepare his history of regional science in the Golden Anniversary Issue of Papers in Regional Science. He had also passed some useful information to Trevor Barnes for a forthcoming article on the academic contribution of regional science

12. AOB:

12.1 Graham Clarke circulated the accounts prepared by Andrew Krmenc. The accounts looked healthy and reassured the Council that monies were available to help the restructuring process. Kieran Donaghy noted the additional expenditure needed for the golden anniversary issue of Papers in regional Science.

12.2 Carlos Azzoni reported the next meeting of the Brazilian section was June 20-22 in Belo Horizonte. All welcome!

Next council meeting: April 15th, Port Elizabeth.

Graham Clarke, December 2003

REMINDERS

WORKSHOP ON THE DYNAMICS OF FIRM LOCATION, FEBRUARY 5-6, 2004, GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

At the University of Groningen a two-day workshop (Nethur school) will be organized on "The Dynamics of Firm Location" in Groningen, The Netherlands. The school aims to provide a platform for interaction and discussion between young researchers and established scholars in the field of firm demography, notably in relation to the topic of location decisions by firms. Young scholars with an interest in firm migration, new firm formation and the location decision of firms are invited to present a paper. Please send an abstract before the 1st of December 2003 to Aleid Brouwer (a.e.brouwer@frw.rug.nl). The deadline for full papers is the 9th of January 2004. The number of places for presentation is limited, so a selection will be made if necessary.

The keynote speakers Phillip McCann, University of Reading and Simona Iammarino, University of Sussex, UK will introduce the topic and they will act as discussants of the other contributions. The program will offer abundant time for reflec-

tion on, and discussion of presented papers. As the focus is very much on the identification and discussion of common problems, we encourage the presentation of work in progress, but reflection on recently completed studies is welcome as well. Both days will be concluded with an open discussion. For more information see: <http://www.rug.nl/ursi/events/call>

Contact information:

Drs. Aleid Brouwer (a.e.brouwer@frw.rug.nl , + 31 50 363 8290)

43RD ANNUAL MEETING OF WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 25 - 28, 2004, WAILEA, MAUI, HAWAII

The conference will begin with registration, an opening session, and a reception on Wednesday afternoon, February 25. Paper sessions will be held all-day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 26, 27, and 28.

The WRSA Maui '04 Annual Meeting Program can be accessed at: <http://www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/wrsa.html>

If you plan to attend the conference and have not yet booked your room at the Wailea Marriott Resort, please do so immediately. Our block is almost full and the cut-off date is January 20.

For more information send e-mail to: plane@u.arizona.edu

43RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETINGS, MARCH 11-13, 2004 NEW ORLEANS, LA

The 43rd annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association will be held at the LePavillon Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana on March 11-13, 2004. The convention site is located right off the French Quarter and should provide an entertaining venue for a wide range of interests. The program committee welcomes papers on a wide range of topics including all aspects of regional modeling, international trade, resource utilization, environmental quality, GIS, transportation systems, tourism and recreation, economic impact analysis, urban and rural economic development, location of economic activity, land use planning and regulation, regional migration, labor markets, poverty and inequality, gambling and gaming, regional development issues and policy, and public finance and investment analysis.

In conjunction with the meetings, the SRSA also announces the Barry Moriarty Graduate Student Paper Competition with a deadline of January 15, 2004.

Check out the SRSA homepage for information about the SRSA, registration forms, membership forms, and the graduate paper competition:

<http://www.srsa.org> or <http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/>

Information about the LePavillon Hotel, "the belle of New Orleans," and the amenities near the convention site and in New Orleans can be found at:

<http://www.lepavillon.com/>

<http://www.nawlins.com/>

CALLS FOR PAPERS

RSAI WORLD CONGRESS 2004, APRIL 14-17, 2004, PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA

Every four years since 1980 RSAI has convened a World Congress. The 7th World Congress is scheduled to be held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Main conference theme is "Regional Science: from a micro and a macro perspective." Abstracts Deadline is 15 December 2003 (150 words). Please indicate, on the abstract, the preferred theme of your paper.

Dates and Registration:

Conference Date: 14-17 April 2004

Venue: PE Technikon, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Beachfront hotels: US \$110-\$120; Guest houses US \$40-\$50.

Registration Fees:

Early bird: 15 December 2003	US \$220
SADC Members:	US \$165
Registered Full-time Students:	US \$165
Late Registration: 31 January 2004	US \$240
Spouses: Official evening functions (per person per function)	US \$25

Fees are calculated on the ruling exchange rate and include conference teas, lunches, opening function (barbeque), conference dinner and a technical excursion. **It is now possible to pay fees by credit card** (details on the conference web site below).

Contacts:

Convenors: Profs Gideon Horn and Hendrik Lloyd
Conference Secretary E-mail: altab@petech.ac.za
Internet: www.petech.ac.za/rsai

About South Africa: Currently, South Africa is in a process of transitional change, facing major challenges in the field of urban and regional development, including housing, social equity, demography, labor and transport. The South African scientific community is keen to be part of global initiatives and is therefore pleased to host this prestigious world conference.

Port Elizabeth: The RSAI World Congress will be held in the friendly city of Port Elizabeth, a well known port city on the shores of the warm Indian Ocean. The city boasts excellent sport and recreation facilities and great accommodation with living costs that compare favorably with other major cities. With exciting opportunities for shopping, safaris, game park visits, water sports, historical outings and cultural events, PE (as it is known by locals) is a most suitable destination for delegates and visitors. The weather in April is exceptionally good and perfect for outdoor activities. Port Elizabeth is also the gateway to the picturesque Garden Route and is situated 500 miles (800km) from Cape Town.

35TH MCRSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 3-5, 2004, MADISON, WISCONSIN

The MCRSA will hold its 35th annual conference June 3-5, 2004, in Madison, Wisconsin, and you are cordially invited to be a part of this always enjoyable and productive professional meeting. The conference will be held from Thursday night June 3 (our reception with cash bar is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.) through 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, at the Fluno Center for Executive Education.

The MCRSA conference remains one of the best buys among professional and academic association meetings. Our \$150.00 fee includes hors d'oeuvres at the Thursday night reception, the Friday luncheon, break refreshments, and Saturday breakfast. Early registrants will enjoy a reduced registration fee of \$150.00 if the registration form and payment is received by April 30, 2004. A non-participating spouse's package (reception and meals) is \$75.00. In addition, a special reduced fee for students will once again be in effect. The full student registration fee is \$75.00 including both the meeting and 2004 membership.

To streamline the proposal review and conference planning process, all persons who wish to submit an abstract or session proposal must do so electronically via email by April 1, 2004. For abstract submission, please follow all the instructions on the following web page: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa/call_for_papers.htm To receive full consideration for inclusion in the conference, your abstract or session proposal must be submitted via email. Note that all presenters and co-authors who are attending the Annual Conference must pay the registration fee and be dues-paid members of MCRSA (this does not apply to non-attending co-authors).

Hotel Reservations: Fluno Center for Executive Education (608) 441-7106. MCRSA conference rate of \$135.00/night (single occupancy), \$155/night (double occupancy). To receive this rate, reservations must be made by May 1, 2004.

THIRD SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS WORKSHOP, JUNE 9, 2004, STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Following Toulouse 2002 and Dijon 2003, the Third Spatial Econometrics Workshop is organized by the Bureau d'Économie Théorique et Appliquée (BETA) at Strasbourg, Université Louis Pasteur. This conference aims to reinforce the interaction between well established and young researchers involved in spatial statistics and econometrics. Both theoretical and applied contributions are welcome. The invited keynote speaker is Professor Timothy Conley (University of Chicago). Professor James P. LeSage (University of Toledo) will be the concluding speaker.

Information related to this workshop and the call for papers is available as a PDF file by visiting the web site: <http://cournot2.u-strasbg.fr/sew/>. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2004. Contact person: Theophile Azomahou at: azomahou@cournot.u-strasbg.fr

7TH UDDEVALLA SYMPOSIUM 2004, JUNE 17-19, 2004,
FREDRIKSTAD, NORWAY

The 7th Uddevalla Symposium invites the submission of Abstracts to be considered for the theme: Regions in Competition and Cooperation, arranged around the subthemes:

1. Territorial Competition and Substitution Processes
2. Regional Cooperation and Competition in Border Regions
3. Inter-regional Cooperation
4. Entrepreneurship in a Regionalised World

The symposium is to be held in Fredrikstad, Norway, June 17-19, 2004. The 7th Uddevalla Symposium is arranged by the University of Trollhättan/Uddevalla, Sweden in cooperation with the Jönköping International Business School, Sweden, The Östfold University College, Norway and George Mason University, USA. More information are to be found at the website: www.symposium.htu.se. The Abstracts of approximately 800 words should be submitted by e-mail to Prof. Iréne Johansson, Co-ordinator of the symposia, irene.johansson@htu.se by February 29th, 2004.

THIRD MEETING OF BRAZILIAN ASSOCIATION OF
REGIONAL STUDIES, JUNE 20-22,
BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL

The third meeting of the Brazilian Association of Regional Studies will be held at Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, during June 20-22. The main themes of the conference are: Poverty, Human Development, and Regional Inequalities. Persons who wish to present a paper should submit the abstract by March 20, 2004 (and the full paper by May 20, 2004) through the conference web page (<http://www.aberpucminas.com.br/ingles/IIIencontro.html>), or send it to the conference organizer via email:

Prof. Joao Francisco de Abreu
Executive Secretary - ABER/BRAZIL
Email: jofabreu@pucminas.br

For more information, visit the web page of the Brazilian Association of Regional Studies at:
<http://www.aberpucminas.com.br/ingles/ingles.htm>

30TH INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS (IGC)
SPECIAL SESSIONS ON "MODELS FOR REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT", AUGUST 17, 2004,
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

The RSAI British & Irish Section and the Modelling Geographical Systems Committee of the International Geographical Union (IGU) invite the submission of abstracts for the special regional science sessions on "Models for Regional Development" of the International Geographical Union at the 30th IGC, which will be held in Glasgow between August 15-20. The special sessions are scheduled for the morning of August 17, 2004 (please note that there are morning flights from Glasgow to Cork on Wednesday, August 18, so you can also be in Cork in time for the annual RSAIBIS conference!). Abstracts of approximately 500 words should be submitted by e-mail to Graham Clarke (graham@geography.leeds.ac.uk)

by January 31, 2004. For more information, please visit: <http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/igc.html>

34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF RSAI BRITISH AND IRISH
SECTION, AUGUST 18-20, 2004, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
CORK, IRELAND

The RSAI British & Irish Section invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for the 2004 Annual Conference programme. Conference themes are listed below, however, quality papers in all areas of regional science are welcome.

Irish Regional Policy Dilemmas
Regional Income, Wealth and Local Labour Market Problems
Service Sector Growth in the Celtic Economies
Clusters, Competitiveness, Innovation and Regional Policy
Spatial Planning Methodology
Structure Fund Evaluation
Regional Socio-economic Inequalities and Health
Local Taxation in Europe: Present, Future and Alternatives
Sporting Events and Economic Development
e-Regional Science

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, 2004 at the very latest. Authors will be notified of the committee's decision in March 2004. For any further information regarding the conference please also contact the Secretary:

Dr. Dimitris Ballas, Secretary RSAI:B&IS
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Leeds LS2 9JT, UK
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e-mail: d.ballas@geography.leeds.ac.uk

44TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 25-29, 2004,
PORTO, PORTUGAL

44th European Congress of the European Regional Science Association will be held at University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, on the theme of "Regions and Fiscal Federalism."

The creation of a single market and the adoption of a common currency significantly changed the framework of regional development policy implementation in the European Union. Besides losing some powers to higher levels of a stronger "European Administration", national governments are bound to further decentralize, for efficiency reasons, to regional and local levels of government. These changes represent an opportunity to increase the relative importance of local and regional development policies but raise budgetary constraint problems. The difficult task of assuring the efficiency of the whole system while promoting equity among regions brings fiscal federalism and its connection with regional development to the front page of Regional Science agenda.

Porto Congress will adopt the model chosen for ERSAs 2003 Congress in Finland. Besides ordinary sessions, there will be a few refereed paper sessions (R-sessions). Papers for these sessions will have a tighter schedule and will be submitted

beforehand to a review process. Papers presented by young scientists (born after September 1st, 1971) may apply for the EPAINOS Award. Finally, abstracts should not exceed 500 words and must be submitted by January 16th, 2004.

More information regarding the conference can be found at: <http://www.apdr.pt/ersa/>

If you have questions about the conference, please send email to: apdr@mail.telepac.pt

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RESER,
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2004, TOULOUSE AND CASTRES,
FRANCE

The RESER conference has become the annual platform and meeting place for European researchers and policy makers working on services. RESER is an interdisciplinary European network of social scientists linked by a common interest in service industries, occupations and geographies.

Objectives and themes of the 2004 conference, "Information Communication Technologies and Service Relationship in the Global Economy: A Challenge for Enterprises and Societies in Europe." This year, the conference has obtained the support of the European Commission, DG Enterprise. Abstracts, 300 words, should be submitted to the organizers no later than January 30, 2004. For more details, please send email to: angelique.roux@iut-tlse3.fr

EDITOR'S NOTE

Any material you wish to post in RSAI Newsletter and/or RSAI Website should be submitted in electronic form (email, or email attachment, *i.e.*, text file, or conventional file format, *e.g.* Microsoft Word) to the respective editor as follows:

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(yaokuyama@mail.wvu.edu)

For RSAI Website: Randall Jackson
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Alternatively, material can be submitted to the RSAI Headquarters (rsai@uiuc.edu). 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 the 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
2002 BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank	\$79,383.00
Account Receivable	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	79,383.00

Investments

Busey Securities	172,546.00
University of Illinois Foundation	<u>39,430.00</u>
Total Current Investments	211,976.00

Inventory

4,235.00

Fixed Assets

Furniture and Equipment	25,483.00
Depreciation Allowance	<u>(24,060.00)</u>
Total Book Value	1,423.00

Prepaid University of Illinois Accounts

22,608.00

Total Assets

319,625.00

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Prepaid 2003 Memberships	\$0.00
2002 Expenses Liability	0.00
Extra Journal Subscriptions	<u>844.00</u>
Total Liabilities	844.00

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance at January 1, 2002

\$263,752.00

Retained Earnings

26,032.00

Net Income 2002

28,996.00

Total Fund Balance

318,781.00

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance

319,625.00

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