

 **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
 For many years the Association has offered its members the opportunity to obtain at reduced prices subscriptions to approximately 10-12 regional science journals other than *Papers in Regional Science*, which all dues paying members receive. Toward the end of the calendar year, which is also the end of an RSAI membership year, the RSAI Headquarters Office mails membership renewal forms for the upcoming year to all Section officers and to all members who pay their dues individually. On these forms the extra, optional journals are listed. Whereas some RSAI Sections offer their members only the basic RSAI membership, other sections offer their members the optional journals when they pay their RSAI membership dues. Recently, some publishers of these other journals have begun invoicing RSAI members directly for subscription renewals, to the great (and vocal) consternation of many members. We regret this turn of events, over which we have no control. But since we have insufficient staff at RSAI Headquarters to assume the burden of additional correspondence with publishers concerning double payments for journal subscriptions that some members are making, we must urge members **not** to respond to invoices of publishers if they have already subscribed to these optional journals via RSAI. We also urge section officers to remind their RSAI members not to respond to these invoices if they subscribe to these journals through RSAI.

**RSAI MOURNS STOLPER**  
 Professor Wolfgang F. Stolper died on March 31st at the age of 89. Renowned as a trade theory and development economist, Stolper was also a friend and supporter of regional science and aided the publication of August Loesch's book on location theory in English. Stolper participated in the Heidenheim Loesch Tage and received the Ehrenring of Heidenheim City.

 **AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS**

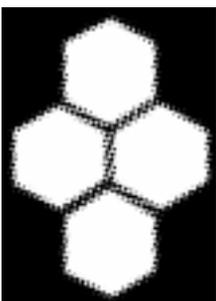
**HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR ISARD**  
 Professor Walter Isard has been nominated as *Docteur Honoris Causa* of the University of Geneva (Switzerland) for his fundamental work in Regional science and Peace Science. He will be awarded the doctorate on June 7th at the University of Geneva, together with Dr. Koffey Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations. It is Isard's 6th honorary degree.

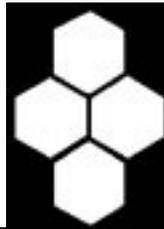
**NIJKAMP APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
 HM Queen Beatrix has appointed Professor Peter Nijkamp as President of the governing board of the Netherlands Research Council, the government agency that allocates public research funds in the country. Nijkamp will assume the presidency on June 1st but will retain his chair at Free University on a part-time basis.

**FOTHERINGHAM AWARDED FELLOWSHIP**  
 A. Stewart Fotheringham, Professor of Quantitative Geography at the University of Newcastle, has been awarded a Fellowship from the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Science at Stanford University. Nominations for Fellows are solicited from senior university administrators in the US and from previous Fellows. Once nominated, the chances of being awarded a Fellowship are 1 in 100. Only 50 Fellowships are awarded each year.

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**3RD STEVENS FELLOWSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED**  
Jung Won Song, doctoral student in the Department of Urban Planning at the University of California-Los Angeles, has been selected the winner of the competition for the third annual Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science. The title on his dissertation proposal is "The Historical Geography of Innovation and Localized Spillovers of Technological Knowledge." He will receive a sum of \$20,500 for one year of progress on this topic.

### FELLOWS OF THE RSAI TO BE RECOGNIZED

RSAI Council has adopted a resolution to identify as *Fellows of the RSAI* a small number of members of the Association who have made important contributions to the field of regional science. For details of the resolution, see item 3 in the minutes of the Monterey meeting, below. The inaugural Fellows, who will be recognized at the North American Meetings in November, are the recipients of the Founder's Medal: Walter Isard, Martin Beckmann, Jean Paelinck, and David Boyce. Members of the RSAI are invited to apply to become Fellows or nominate any other eligible member of the Association by sending a letter in support of nomination, a detailed CV, and list of 3 references to David Boyce, at [dboyce@uic.edu](mailto:dboyce@uic.edu).



### COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE

#### OFFER OF JOURNAL AND BOOK COLLECTION

Professor Harold F. (Bill) Williamson Jr., is retiring and wishes to donate his collection of regional science journals and books to an interested institution or scholar. He may be contacted at the Dept. of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 214 David Kinley Hall, Urbana, Illinois 61801. e-mail: [billw@uiuc.edu](mailto:billw@uiuc.edu).

#### JOURNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The review *Geographie, Economie, Societe* will henceforth appear as a quarterly Editions Elsevier publication. The editorial policy and editorial committee will remain unchanged. Subscriptions obtained through *Alternatives Economiques* will be automatically transferred, whereas new subscriptions may be obtained directly from Editions Elsevier, Service abonnements, 23, rue Lionois, 75724 Paris Cedex 15, Tel.: 33 (0) 71 72 46 46; Fax: 33 (0) 71 72 46 74. e-mail: [clientservice@elsevier.fr](mailto:clientservice@elsevier.fr).

The Spanish Regional Science Association (AEER) has launched a new journal on regional analysis and policy: *Investigaciones Regionales*. It is conceived of as a forum for the publication of qualified contributions on territorial problems, mainly within Spain and Latin America. The contents of the issues will be divided into four sections: articles, notes, debates and policy, and book reviews. The texts will normally be published in Spanish. Editor Prof. Juan R. Cuadrado will be assisted by an editorial

board and a scientific international council. Paper submissions will be reviewed by two external referees. Contributions related to territory (regional and urban aspects, transport, environment, territorial planning, regional and local financing, sustainability, etc.) will be welcome. Research carried out on geographical, economic, political, sociological fields, etc. will be published according to the interdisciplinary nature of Regional Science. Inquiries may be addressed to the Journal's Secretary: Dr. Ruben Garrido-Yserte, INVESTIGACIONES REGIONALES, Facultad de CC. Economicas, Universidad de Alcala, Plaza de la Victoria 2, E-28802, Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain. More details and instructions for authors can be found at [http://www2.alcala.es/investigaciones\\_regionales/](http://www2.alcala.es/investigaciones_regionales/).

#### RECENT BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF RSAI

Feldman, Maryann P., and Massard, Nadine, *Institutions and Systems in the Geogrpahy of Innovation*, Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2002.

Hewings, Geoffrey J.D., Sonis, Michael, and Boyce, David (Eds.) *Trade, Networks, and Hierarchies*, Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 2002.

Maggioni, Mario, *Clustering Dynamics and the Location of High Tech Firms*, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag, 2002.

Sutari, Vinod, *The Dynamics of New Firm Formation*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002.



#### CONFERENCE NEWS REPORTS

##### MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, MONTEREY, FEBRUARY 17, 2002

Present: Bailly (Vice President and At-Large), Batey (Long-Range Planning Committee), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Getis (At-Large), Gibson (Long-Range Planning Committee), Haynes (Long-Range Planning Committee), Hewings (President and NARSC), Madden (At-Large), Poot (PRS Pacific Editor), Waldorf (NARSC). Regrets: Bade (ERSA), Dewhurst (At-Large), Johansson (ERSA), Kohno (PRSCO), Quigley (PRSCO), Rees (NARSC), Reynolds-Feighan (ERSA), Rossi (At-Large), Serrano-Moreno (PRSCO).

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Hewings.

2. The minutes of the Charleston meeting were accepted as distributed. The proposed agenda was revised to move up discussion of the proposed resolution on Fellows of RSAI.

3. Resolution on Fellows of RSAI: The following resolution came (moved and seconded) from the President's committee on identification of Fellows of RSAI that had met in Charleston: i) (Purpose) The purpose of identifying Fellows of the RSAI is to recognize a small number of members of the Association who have made important research and scholarly contributions to the field of regional science, broadly construed. ii) (Procedure) Members of the RSAI are invited to apply to become Fellows, and are selected by a vote of the current Fellows. The vote of the Fellows will be organized and administered by the most recently inducted Fellow (or, in the case of several, by a small committee of that cohort selected by lottery). Once constituted, the Fellows may adopt nomination and voting procedures consistent with the purpose described above. iii) (Number of Fellows) The number of members eligible for selection as new Fellows in any year shall be no more than five percent of the RSAI membership on December 31 of the previous year, less the number of living Fellows at the time of the election. iv) (Transition) By adoption of this resolution, the RSAI Council shall name the initial membership of Fellows. This membership consists of the living past recipients of the Founder's Medal of the Association. These are: Walter Isard, Martin Beckmann, Jean Paelinck, and David Boyce. The first set of Fellows will select the second set of Fellows from among all persons nominated by any member of RSAI, excluding existing Fellows. v) (Review) Five years from the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the RSAI will establish a committee of three members to review the implementation of this resolution and to recommend changes, as appropriate. No more than one member of this review committee will be chosen from the Fellows of the Association.

Discussion: Getis inquired if the purpose was not to recognize lifetime achievement. Hewings replied affirmatively but added the qualification that the Fellow designation was to be made in recognition of purely scholarly achievement. He added that Council would have oversight but not influence decision making of the Fellows. Founder's Medal winners are a logical first group of fellows. Poot asked if there would be any special rights, privileges, or duties of Fellows. Hewings stated that the designation was an honorific only. Gibson queried if the number of annual inductees was limited. Hewings: no. Batey asked if the acronym of Fellows of RSAI should be FRSAI. Haynes suggested two amendments to the resolution: that the second item be revised to read: "Members of the RSAI are invited to apply to become Fellows, or may nominate any other eligible member of the Association, ..." and that an additional item (item vi) be added: "A fellow so designated may refer to himself or herself as a Fellow of RSAI or FRSAI."

Decision: Getis's motion for approval of the resolution as amended carried with unanimity.

4. President's remarks: Hewings observed that significant changes in the structure of the Association were in the works. He reported that the December meeting in Brazil drew over 200 participants. Most participants were young, although less than 30 were female. Hewings also noted that the formation of a Chilean section was imminent.

Discussion: Bailly noted that there would be an IGU meeting in Durbin in August that would provide an opportunity to reconnect with South African regional scientists.

5. Executive Director's report: Donaghy reported that discrepancies in mailing costs to RSAI in the last two years, noted in the treasurer's report presented at the meeting in Charleston, were due to a delay in the billing for mailing services by the mailing center at UIUC. He reminded Council that future meetings were scheduled for Dortmund on August 30th at 9:00 AM and November 14th in San Juan at 1:00 PM. The time for the Council meeting at the Acapulco PRSCO meeting (July 2-5, 2003) remains to be set.

6. Report from the Chair of the LRPC: Reporting in place of Kohno, Batey began by remarking that the Long-Range Planning Committee had discussed four issues at its meeting on the previous day: renewal of the printing agreement with Springer-Verlag (S-V), relaunching the Association in its 50th year, replacing of the Executive Director, and revising the structure of the Association. Batey reminded the Council that RSAI had entered into a commercial partnership with Springer-Verlag (S-V) to print the Papers in Regional Science in 1998. It is time to discuss renewal of this contract. Batey identified as the main items for negotiations with S-V: the number of pages per volume (600 pages is the desired number), format options for members (electronic, hard copy, and CD ROM), availability of back issues in the form of CD ROM, size of the payment to RSAI to subsidize editorial work, and the length of the contract (a two-year contract term is sought). Florax interjected that there was also a short-term issue: a special 50th anniversary issue planned for the North American meetings of RSAI in Philadelphia in 2003. Batey noted that plans were underway for a 50th anniversary celebration to begin in November 2003 and continue over the next 12 months at such venues as the World Congress in Port Elizabeth in 2004. A major part of the rationale is the need for the Association to reach outwards to areas not presently represented. In so doing, the Association will need to revise its structure to accommodate new developments. Batey observed

that Donaghy will have completed his second 3-year term as Executive Director in December 2002 and will be stepping down at that time. The LRPC is vetting candidates for the role, which will be a challenging one as the Association continues to make important structural changes. Batey concluded his report by remarking that the LRPC deemed this a good time to reconsider the administrative structure of the Association. He noted that RSAI membership arrangements had become quite complex and needed to be rethought. While uniformity cannot be imposed on a bottom-up organization, inefficiencies must be contained. How membership services are delivered must be addressed, as must the structure of the RSAI Council, in view of the increasingly spotty regional representation at Council meetings. Since only a small proportion of scholars active in regional science are members of RSAI, there is considerable scope for increasing the membership base. The LRPC will meet with section officers to consider how best to improve collection and service delivery. Whatever future state the Association assumes, the transition will be difficult.

Discussion: Hewings observed that all the points Batey had made were interrelated. He noted that the headquarters' role can be transformed, but that the Association should be prepared for alternatives. Hewings invited nominations for Executive Director (ED) be made to Batey and added that who became the next ED would be particularly critical, since it would be this person who would manage the transition of the Association to its new arrangement. Getis asked if there were any names on the table. Batey replied that three nominations had been made. Batey indicated that there was a need to return to the issue of renewal of the printing contract with S-V and asked Council to authorize the publications committee of himself, Donaghy, Florax and Hewings to negotiate the items he had delineated in his report.

Decision: Council granted the authorization sought.

7. Report from the Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science: Florax reported that Jessie Poon has made a smooth transition to the North American editorship. Manuscripts for this year are adequate. Submissions are up in the Pacific and are being received with increasing frequency from Spain and Portugal.

Discussion: Getis inquired whether and how editors of different journals are dividing papers for the special 50th anniversary issues. Florax replied that historically there has been little coordination between editors of regional science journals on anything; coordination on the 50th anniversary issues is possible but remains to be organized.

Old business: Bailly reported that Walter Isard would be awarded an honorary doctorate on June 7th in Geneva. He noted that at the end of January 2003, members of RSAI will be able to meet with governments ministers at the international planning meeting in France. Poot observed that the number of RSAI members outside North America may well rise and fall with the exchange rate of local currencies against the US dollar.

9. New business: Hewings identified three issues that require Council's attention: 1) where to bring South American and South African sections into the Association; 2) how to develop closer working relationships with the Indian regional science association; and 3) how to reorganize the RSAI Council so that it functions better as a representative decision making body in RSAI.

Discussion: Getis suggested that one way to deal with the first issue would be to change the nomenclature to reflect better configurations that are emerging. Another plan would be to bring new sections from South America and South Africa into existing conference organizations (NARSC, ERSA, and PRSCO) until there is a critical mass to form new conference organizations. Hewings suggested that representatives of the new sections might be invited to attend the next Council meeting to contribute to the discussion.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

## 2ND NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE ROMANIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

On April 4 – 5, 2002 the Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest hosted the Second National Symposium of the Romanian Regional Science Association (RRSA), which concentrated on "Regional Development and European Integration". It has proved a great interest in various regional science domains, the 92 papers included in the programme being structured by section as follows: regional strategies and policies, opportunities and threats in the process of European integration, regional statistics and forecasting, institutions and regional development, regional labour markets, regional models in agriculture in a European perspective, regional co-operation for supporting tourism development, sustainable regional development. On behalf of the Regional Science Association International Council and the European Organizing Committee of the Regional Science Association, Angelo Rossi sent an extremely interesting and challenging address, which was presented to the participants at the Opening ceremony.

The Proceedings of the First National Symposium, edited by Daniela Constantin, the president of the

RRSA, have been published and launched on the occasion of this second symposium as well. The preface is signed by Geoffrey Hewings and Peter Nijkamp, who have also offered their kind support to establishing and consolidating the RRSA.

The Romanian Regional Science Association has been set up in 2001, being formally recorded in the National Register of Associations and Foundations as an independent professional organisation. At present it counts more than 70 members representing a wide range of institutions: universities from Bucharest and other Romanian cities, research institutes, ministries, county councils, regional development agencies, etc. The RRSA can be reached at [arsr@k.ro](mailto:arsr@k.ro)

## REMINDERS

### SPATIAL ECONOMETRICS WORKSHOP, JUNE 14, 2002, TOULOUSE

A workshop on spatial econometrics will be held at the University of Toulouse on June 14th, 2002. For information and registration go to <http://www.univ-tlse1.fr/GREMAQ/Statistique/Workshop/index.htm>. Or contact Christine Thomas at [cthomas@cict.fr](mailto:cthomas@cict.fr).

### 7TH PRSCO SUMMER INSTITUTE AND 4TH IRSA CONFERENCE, JUNE 20-21, 2002, BALI

The Indonesian Regional Association (IRSA) is preparing the 7th Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) Summer Institute, which will also be the 4th IRSA International Conference, entitled "Decentralization, Natural Resources, and Regional Development in the Pacific Rim." This institute/conference will be held in Bali on June 20-21, 2002 and will include presentations of selected papers on a number of themes. Among others, these will include decentralization and regional finance, regional economy and planning, resource and environmental management, institutional development, population and urbanization, agriculture and community development, transportation, as well as industrial development and trade. For more information about the institute/conference, please see <http://www.irsanaraindra.or.id>.

### 9TH NATIONAL MEETING OF APDR, JUNE 27-29, 2002, LISBON

The Portuguese Section of ERSA, APDR, is organizing its 9th National Meeting, to be held in Lisbon on June-27-29, 2002. The languages of the meeting are Portuguese, Spanish, French and English. This year the meeting will focus on the relationship between the new economy and regional development. Challenges to regional economies created by globalization and appropriate policy responses will be discussed. For more information on the program and accommodations, please go to <http://www.apdr.pt/Encontro2002> or contact APDR - IX Encontro, Apartado 3060, 3001-401 Coimbra, Portugal, tel: (+351) 239 820 533, fax (351) 239 820 750, e-mail: [apdr@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:apdr@mail.telepac.pt).

**9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT  
ADVANCE IN RETAILING AND SERVICES SCIENCE,  
AUGUST 16-19, 2002, HEIDELBERG**

The announcement of the 9th International Conference on Recent Advances in Retailing and Services Science, which will be held in the Heidelberg Marriott Hotel (Heidelberg, Germany) on August 16-19, 2002, may be found at <http://www.bsk.tue.nl/urb/CallForPapers.html>.

**42ND ERSA CONGRESS, AUGUST 27-31, 2002  
DORTMUND, GERMANY**

The German Speaking Section of RSAI and the Faculty of Spatial Planning of the University of Dortmund will host the 42nd ERSA Congress on August 27-31, 2002 at the University of Dortmund, Germany. The congress, titled "From Industry to Advanced Services: Perspectives of European Metropolitan Regions," will focus on the structural change and the economic perspectives of the Ruhr region as one of the biggest metropolitan areas in Europe. The conference program will feature papers on regional competitiveness, sectoral changes and new markets, innovation and new technologies, locational analysis, labor markets, demographic trends, environment and sustainability, urban and metropolitan areas, rural and peripheral areas, transportation, regional and urban planning, regional policy, European policy, and methods of spatial analysis.

**BAD RADKERSBURG TO HOST TWO EVENTS ON  
"REGIONAL POICIES IN EUROPE"**

The Institute of Geography and Regional Science will present two events of an annual series on "Regional Policies in Europe"--the Summer University and the International Symposium--in Bad Radkersburg, Austria this September. The Summer University program, "New Ways of Cross-Border Cooperation," is designed as a know-how-transfer institute for putting research results into practice. The program will feature cooperation among political authorities, administrative officials, experts in economics and social studies, and representatives of the media and non-profit organizations. The three program modules are: "Achieving Synergies through Economic Cooperation across Borders" (Sept. 2-6), "Key Tools and Techniques for Successful Cross-Border Cooperation," (Sept. 9-13), and "Cross-Border Cooperation through Partnership and Participation Models (Sept. 15-19). The International Symposium, which follows the Summer University, will deal with cultural bridges across borders, cross-border clusters and networks, social dynamics of cross-border cooperation, the value of the individual, local, or regional identities, and political spaces as transnational entities. Theoretical approaches will be illustrated with good-practice examples. The keynote address, "The Importance of Cross-Border Cooperations for the Enlargement of the European Union," will be presented by Dr. Erhard Busek (Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Brussels, Belgium.) A limited number of fellowships for partial funding are available for participants from Central and Eastern European Countries. Information on the final

program, fees, and fellowships is available at <http://www.uni-graz.at/geowww> or from [regi-sommerunit@uni-graz.at](mailto:regi-sommerunit@uni-graz.at). The registration deadline for both events is June 30th.

**3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISCRETE  
CHAOTIC DYNAMICS IN NATURE AND SOCIETY,  
SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2002, TOKYO**

The Third International Conference on Discrete Chaotic Dynamics in Nature and Society (DCDNS3) will be held at Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, on September 9-13, 2002. For more information please go to <http://dcdn3.tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp>.

**22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RESER,  
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2002, MANCHESTER ENGLAND**

The Centre for Research in Innovation and Competition will host the 22nd International Conference of RESER, the European Network of Economic and Spatial Service Research in Manchester, England September 26-27. The theme of the conference will be "Services and Innovation: understanding innovation--its structures, processes, and outcomes--in services and service activities." Papers will be organized in the following streams: measurement challenges, organizational and technological innovation, impacts of innovation, the roles and position of services in innovation systems, and policy for services innovation. For information on conference facilities, registration fees, the scientific committee, keynote speaker, and similar issues please contact [Ian.Miles@man.ac.uk](mailto:Ian.Miles@man.ac.uk).

**2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
URBANIZATION, DIGITAL ECONOMY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY,  
OCTOBER 11-13, 2002, WUHAN, CHINA**

For information on this conference please contact Manas Chatterji ([mchatter@binghamton.edu](mailto:mchatter@binghamton.edu)) or Kaizhong Yang ([ykz@urban.pku.edu.cn](mailto:ykz@urban.pku.edu.cn))

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT  
MANAGEMENT, PEACE ECONOMICS AND  
DEVELOPMENT, OCTOBER 18-20, 2002, KRAKOW,  
POLAND**

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**CALLS FOR PAPERS**

**49TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF THE  
REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL,  
NOVEMBER 14-15, 2002, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

The 49th annual North American Meetings of the RSAI will be held at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino in historic San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 14-16, 2002 (all day Thursday through Saturday). Colleagues interested in presenting a paper at these meetings should use the Abstract Submission Form on the NARSC web site:

[http://www.narsc.ORG./Abstract\\_Submission\\_Form.html](http://www.narsc.ORG./Abstract_Submission_Form.html). Abstracts should not exceed 200 words long. The paper's title should be included along with the postal address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of each author. The author(s) who will be attending the meeting should be identified. The submission of abstracts by June 15th is strongly encouraged. By submitting an abstract, one also agrees to serve as a discussant and/or session chair during the conference. Participants are strongly encouraged to organize a session in their field of interest. Anyone who is interested in organizing a session, being a session chair, or being a discussant, is encouraged to contact Michael Lahr ([lahr@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:lahr@rci.rutgers.edu)) as soon as possible for more information. Attendees are encouraged to register for the conference and reserve a hotel room as soon as possible. Through June 15th, the conference fee will be \$130. After June 15th and prior to October 15th, the fee will be \$160. After October 15th, the fee will be \$185. Conference registration is possible at the following web site: [http://www.narsc.ORG./Conference\\_Registration.html](http://www.narsc.ORG./Conference_Registration.html). Through October 15th, the NARSC room rate at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino is \$150 per night, plus an 11% room tax. The conference rate is good for three days prior to and after the conference. For information about contacting the hotel, see <http://www.narsc.ORG./photel.html>.

#### 28TH AECR MEETING, NOVEMBER 27-29, 2002, MURCIA

Under the title *Sustainable Development in the Europe of the Regions*, the 28th meeting of the Spanish Regional Science Association (AECR) will be held in Murcia on November 27-29, 2002. The organizing committee invites papers on water administration and its problems, new proposals of the financial sector, processes of desertification and environmental degradation, the tourism sector and rural tourism, new technologies and territorial surroundings of small and medium size corporations, territorial impacts of European integration, financing and taxation of the local administrations, efficient provision of public decentralized services, processes of decentralization and urban changes, recent migratory processes, and techniques of regional analysis. Paper contributors are encouraged to draw the broader implications for society and the environment of their research findings in these topical areas. For more information go to <http://www.ctv.es/USERS/aecr>, or contact [aecr@ctv.es](mailto:aecr@ctv.es).

#### SPECIAL ISSUE OF RURDS ON EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS WITH CGE MODELS

Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models have been used extensively over the past 25 years to analyze government policies in both developed and developing countries. Advances in methodology and computation techniques have allowed researchers to use CGE models for studying the potential impacts of trade agreements of NAFTA and the WTO, the Japan-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, global environmental

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