
MINUTES

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING BANDUNG

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 11H00 to 13H30 | 2013

Jean-Claude Thill welcomed the members of the RSAI Council. The meeting registered the presence of 6 of the 15 members of the RSAI Council which is less than 50 %.

In Section 8 of RSAI Constitution it is said that

“If the number of voting Council members at any meeting of the Council is less than 50 percent of the total voting membership of the Council any decisions taken shall not be considered final until they have been: (a) submitted by the Executive Director to the full Council in written form and approved by ballot, or (b) formally voted upon at the next meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present.”

Therefore all the motions made and seconded by the members present will be submitted to Council as a whole for approval by email. Motions are underlined in the present minutes. Vote tallies will be reported after formal email vote. .

1. Apologies (JCT)

Council members present: Jean-Claude Thill (President, Councilor at large), Jouke van Dijk (ERSA), Tomaz Dentinho (executive director, Councilor at large), Jichung Yang (PRSCO); Paul Dalziel (PRSCO), Richard Shearmur (RSAmericas) and Tomaz Dentinho (Executive Director, Councilor at large).

Apologies from Council Members: Andres Rodriguez-Pose (ERSA), Gunther Maier (ERSA), Patricio Aroca (PRSCO), Eduardo Haddad (RSA), Neil Reid (RSA), Amit Batabyal (Councilor at large), Rachel Franklin (Councilor at large), Daniel Czamanski (Councilor at large) and Johan Lundberg (Councilor at large).

Ex-officio members present: Yoshiro Higano (Past-President and LRPC).

Apologies from ex-officio members: Roberta Capello (Editor of PIRS), David Boyce (Archivist); Rui Luís (Treasurer), Eduardo Haddad (book Review Editor), Mike Carroll (Editor of RSPP), Alessandra Faggian (RSA Editor of PIRS), Paul Elhorst (ERSA Editor of PIRS), Takatoshi Tabuchi (PRSCO Editor of PIRS), Yoshitsugu Hayashi (PRSCO Editor of PIRS).

Guests: Peter Nijkamp (LRPC) and Hiroyuki Shibusawa (PRSCO Executive Director).

M-I. RSAI Council acknowledges the apologies.

Motion M-I was approved via email by all the councilors.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (JCT)

Jouke van Dijk suggested striking a two-line paragraph before motion n^o IX because of its redundancy.

M-II. Minutes of Ottawa Meeting (November 2012) are approved as amended by Jouke van Dijk.

Motion M-II was approved via email by all the councilors.

3. Report of LRPC (YH)

Yoshiro Higano said that the LRPC meeting followed the points of the RSAI Council agenda more relevant for the LRPC:

- Point 4 of the Agenda: RSAI Executive Director Appointment 2014-2016. The LRPC discussed the process to follow for this appointment/reappointment.
- Point 7 of the Agenda: General Principles and Guidelines for RSAI Fellows. The LRPC endorsed the proposal of Peter Nijkamp that clarifies the process of selection of RSAI Fellows.
- Point 8 of the Agenda: Sleeper Sections & Universal Membership. The LRPC recommended the idea that the payment of membership fees can be done for 1, 2, 5, 10, or 20 years taking into account the convenience for the sections and the members.
- Point 9 of the Agenda: RSAI Publications. The LRPC endorsed the proposal that there should be defined terms for the RSPP editor's mandate and that an ad hoc evaluation committee should be created to assess the performance of the editor and his team. The evaluation must be consistent with the mission of RSPP, as approved by Council. The ad hoc committee will submit a recommendation to Council.
- Point 11 of the Agenda: World Congress. The LRPC restated Council's earlier position that the World Congress should be in Shanghai or Beijing in late May or early June, 2014.
- Point 14 of the Agenda: RSAI Awards. The LRPC supports the creation of a Jean Paelinck award targeted to select the best researchers in regional science methodologies. The LRPC also suggested that such award should be discussed with the supranationals.

M-III. The report of the LRPC was acknowledged.

Motion M-III was approved via email by all the councilors.

4. President's Report (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that there have been regular meetings, by Skype, with the Executive Director. Furthermore other work and progress have been done on the following items:

- Affiliation of China. Jean-Claude Thill reported that Chinese colleagues from Mainland China and Taiwan asked for a delay of six months to get an agreement on institutional relations between the two research groups within RSAI.
- World Congress. Jean-Claude Thill informed that there has been a lack of agreement on the place of the Congress in China since Chinese colleagues suggested a location that does not fit with the RSAI objectives for the World Congress of 2014.
- Relations with the publisher of PIRS and RSPP, Wiley. Jean-Claude Thill informed Council that, according to lawyer's advice, the contract cannot be denounced until 2018. He also said that, although in Ottawa Council there was the prospect for a contract two or three times better with a new publisher; nevertheless the break of the contract with Wiley by RSAI may lead to litigation. Finally he said that RSAI is trying to renegotiate some points of the current contract.

Jouke van Dijk remarked that a risk of 50000 £ loss in court is not a big issue regarding the prospects of a much better deal with another publisher. Jean-Claude Thill pointed that the contract with Wiley-Blackwell is very generic and that RSAI never had a lawyer during the negotiation of the contract; nevertheless he thinks that RSAI will have a better deal within the terms of the contract. Richard Shearmur said that we learn from our mistakes. Jean-Claude Thill remarked that by the end of the contract with Wiley-Blackwell in 2018 there should be a call for publishers; by now we must pressure them to stimulate the downloads and to put RSPP in the list of journals with impact factor. Jichung Yang asked why RSAI did not continue with Springer. Jean-Claude Thill responded that the change occurred because Wiley provided services to collect membership fees, but we do not need those services since we do them by ourselves at this time. Jichung Yang said that most of the members have access to the journals through their own universities. Yoshiro Higano informed that the membership and subscription fee is a rule of the association. Jouke van Dijk informed that many universities do not have access for the issues until one year after publication. Jean-Claude Thill informed that access is more limited in some countries.

Jean-Claude Thill said there will a meeting between the editors, RSAI President and Executive Director, and Wiley representatives in Palermo to improve the deal within the scope of the contract and discussed operational issues. RSAI will try: a) to reduce the limit for the normal subscription fee from 4000 to 3000; b) to allow the access by RSAI members to more regional science journals published by Wiley; and c) to have much clearer estimation of the shared profits. Richard Shearmur proposed a motion to support the President to secure a better deal with Wiley-Blackwell.

M-IV. RSAI Council acknowledges the world accomplished by President Thill on behalf of RSAI.

Motion M-IV was approved via email by the councilors with one abstention

5. RSAI Executive Director Election 2014-2016: Nomination Committee (JCT)

Tomaz Dentinho, executive director, left the room for the discussion on the nomination of the Executive Director for the period 2014-2016. Council briefly deliberated on the performance of Dr. Dentinho as Executive Director for the past 2 years. Given the strong performance experienced, the following motion was made and seconded:

M-V. RSAI Council reappoints Tomaz Dentinho for a three-year term starting January 2014 as Executive Director of RSAI.

Motion M-V was approved via email by the councilors with one abstention

6. Report and Accounts of 2012 (JCT/TPD)

Tomaz Dentinho explained that in 2012 RSAI achieved a net surplus of 14461 €. Nevertheless most of the work of secretariat was secured by the Portuguese Regional Science Association during 2012 and the numbers do not include the payment of subscription fees of 27.572,72 made to Wiley in January 2013. See Annex 1, produced by the Executive Secretariat with the accountant and reviewed by the auditor José Pinheiro.

Richard Shearmur asked about the net results with Wiley-Blackwell. Tomaz Dentinho informed the Council that, based on the accounts of 2012, the margin for both journals is negative since

although there is a profit share of 17.682,47 €, the editorial expenses were 21.795,46 € and the subscription fees, paid only in 2013 but not included in the 2012 accounts, were 27.572,72 €.

Finally Tomaz Dentinho indicated that there are sections that do not have paying members; there are sections that have comparatively few members relative to the population of the respective areas of influence.

Jean-Claude Thill informed Council that there will be a Budget for 2014 proposed in Palermo and to be approved by RSAI Council in Atlanta. The following motion was made and seconded: Jean-Claude Thill proposed the approval of the 2012 Accounts.

M-VI. Council approves 2012 accounts as presented in Annex 1.

Motion M-VI was approved via email by all the councilors

7. General Principles and Guidelines for RSAI Fellows (PN)

Peter Nijkamp, member of the LRPC reported that there had been a long discussion on the selection process of RSAI Fellows. A careful analysis has led to the conclusion that the selection system is not protected regarding coalition strategies and also it is not transparent to RSAI members. To avoid this in the future, Peter Nijkamp and Manfred Fischer propose to amend the selection rules so that they are less prone to manipulation and better serve the principles of the Fellowship Program. The document in Annex 2 describes the expectations placed on Fellows upon election. These general principles and guidelines have been fully vetted by Fellows themselves. The new rules will be evaluated after three years.

Jean-Claude Thill pointed out that RSAI Council in Palermo should look into: i) the appointment of the committee of 3 RSAI fellows for staggered 3-year terms; ii) the liaison between RSAI fellows and RSAI Council. The following motion was made and seconded:

M-VII. Council approved the new General Principles and Guidelines for RSAI Fellows as described in Annex 2.

Motion M-VII was approved via email by all the councilors

8. Sleeper Sections and Universal Membership (JCT/TPD)

Jean-Claude Thill reported that several RSAI sections do not pay their universal membership dues. Argentina is a new and very small section; RSAI gave it several months to comply. We have also other sections that have not paid for some time: i) The Indonesian Section said that it will look at the profits of the Bandung Conference and will provide RSAI with a list of members and corresponding dues; ii) President Thill has discussed the matter with CRSA-T, which will comply shortly; iii) Malaysian Section does not report its activities; iv) Association dues follow a different tradition in Korea. Jichung Yang indicated that Koreans can pay but they are more used to lifetime fees; for instance the Economics Society has a lifetime fee of 500 Euros. Paul Dalziel said that we can have a system adapted to Korea. Jean-Claude Thill said that membership fees of NARSC are collected through the NARSC conference. Tomaz Dentinho suggested that when membership fees are collected in the conferences it is better to pay membership fees for two years to avoid big annual changes in the list of members. Richard Shearmur said that there is a Canadian Section that has no direct relations with RSAI

concerning the payment of the fees. Jean-Claude Thill explained that NARSC pays for the Canadian members that go to NARSC Conference or are members of CRSA-ACSR.

Paul Dalziel expressed support for collecting membership fees by RSAI secretariat can be more flexible in terms of collection period, allowing for payment frequencies of one year, two years, five years and ten years. The following motion was made and moved:

M-VIII. Starting immediately, the payment of RSAI membership fees can be made for one year, two years, five years, ten years or twenty years, as requested by sections.

Motion M-VIII was approved via email by the councilors with one vote against

9. Individual membership status and fees (JCT/TPD)

Jean-Claude Thill informed that there is a need to have a status of individual members. The proposal is that individual membership fee is 50 Euros per year for normal members and 20 Euros per year for students under 33 years old.

Jichung Yang asked if those who want to attend conferences without presenting papers can also be members. Jean-Claude Thill clarified that the option for accepting or not participants in the conferences that do not present a paper or a poster is an issue for the conference organization to decide.

Paul Dalziel supported the proposal and Jouke van Dijk seconded it.

M-IX. Individual membership fee is set at 50 Euros per year for normal members and 20 Euros per year for students under 33 years old. Individual membership is limited to two consecutive years for individuals living in a country where there is an established RSAI section. Individual members receive the same benefits as universal members.

Motion M-IX was approved via email by the councilors with one vote against and one abstention.

10. RSAI Publications (JCT)

Papers in Regional Science (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that the Impact Factor of PIRS went from 1.4 to 1.5 which is also a compliment to the editorial team that finished in 2012. Jean-Claude Thill also reported that Roberta Capello is happy with the editorial office in the Azores. Finally he said that he is studying several operational changes on the journal, which will be discussed with the Editor in Chief. One of these ideas is to move book reviews to the RSAI web site.

Jouke van Dijk said that the Book Review Section is just a few pages and they can do no harm to the journal.

Regional Science Policy and Practice (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the council that there was no term for the RSPP editorial team. Council requested last year that Mike Carroll files a progress report with Council and seeks reappointment beyond 2013. President Thill appointed an ad hoc committee formed of

Jacques Poot, Andres Rodriguez-Pose (Committee Chair), Janet Kohlhase, Mark Partridge and Jean-Claude Thill to evaluate the journal and the performance of the editorial team since the journal was launched and evaluate the strategy of the editorial team for the next 3-6 years. This committee will discuss the report produced by Michael Carroll and will report to the Council in Palermo. The aim is to have RSPP indexed and with a high impact factor and it has to be visible within the policy arena.

The following motion was made and seconded:

M-X-1. RSAI Council approves the appointment of an ad hoc RSPP Evaluation Committee, its composition, its mission, and the timeline for reporting to Council.

Motion M-X-1 was approved via email by the councilors with two abstentions.

RSAI Newsletter (JCT)

Regarding the RSAI Newsletter Jean-Claude Thill said that Eveline van Leeuwen and Graham Clarke are stepping down and there is a need for a new team.

Jouke van Dijk suggested that there should be a call for applicants and a decision to be made in Atlanta. Jichung Yang seconded.

M-X-2. A call for editors of the RSAI Newsletter must be made in a timely manner so that a final decision can be made in Atlanta.

Motion M-X-2 was approved via email by the councilors with one abstention.

Amendment to Publisher Contracts (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that the expected amendment to RSAI contract with Wiley involves: i) an increase of the editorial expense payment from 15% to 18%; ii) an increase in profit sharing from 50% to 55%; iii) and increase in travel expenditures of 500 pounds; iv) a real cash support of \$3000 for the promotion of RSAI journals (for instance for a RSPP sponsored session with keynote speakers); v) an offer of free access to other regional science journals published by Wiley such as Growth and Change, Journal of Regional Science, Economic Geography and others.

M-X-3. Council supports efforts of President Thill to enhance the financial and non-financial terms of our publishing contract with Wiley-Blackwell.

Motion M-X-3 was approved via email by the councilors with one abstention.

Other Publishing Activities (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed Council that there is a project to create a new journal on regional issues in emerging economies that could use some of the best papers already in the journals and proceedings produced by the sections. There is a publisher interested but it involves costs so there is a need to find funding. The Asian Development Bank has been approached. Jean-Claude Thill indicated that the goal is to have an indexed journal. Close collaboration with national sections will be essential to the success of this project. A proposal will come to Council

once the financial hurdles are overcome. It will be critical that this new journal completes PiRS and RSPP.

Paul Dalziel seconded by Richard Shearmur endorsed the proposal to create a new journal for emerging economies aimed at being indexed with a good impact factor. The following motion was made and seconded:

M-X-4. RSAI Council approves the principle of creating a new journal for emerging economies and supports the Presidency to get the required funding for the project.

Motion M-X-4 was approved via email by the councilors with two votes against and one abstention.

11. Sections Recognition and Development (JCT)

RSAmericas (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed the Council that Eduardo Haddad and Patricio Aroca and some other RSAI members from Mexico and Spain will participate in a Conference on Local Development that will take place in Cuba in November, just before the Conference in Atlanta. He also reported that there are other developments in the Caribbean.

- **ERSA (TPD)**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho reported that there are contacts from Armenia to promote workshops and training courses on regional science and to create a section. He also remarked that Daniela Constantin has reported good developments towards the creation of a section in Bulgaria and eventually in Serbia.

- **PRSCO (JCT)**

Jean-Claude Thill said that the creation of a section in China depends on the naming of the section in Taiwan and both sides agreed to put on hold their negotiations with the anticipation that on-going political developments across the Strait of Taiwan will make things easier.

Hiroyuki Shibusawa said that there will be a PRSCO Summer Institute in Ecuador in 2014 and hopefully there will be a regional science section there soon.

- **Morocco (PN)**

Peter Nijkamp said that the moment is right for significant developments of regional ideas in Africa; there is a great opportunity and that it is very important to commit at this time. There is an important movement going on in Morocco that should be supported by France, Spain, Italy and Portugal. Also it is important to reflect on the structure of RSAI so it can respond to the challenges in new parts of the world.

M-XI. Council acknowledges the information shared on section development around the globe.

Motion M-XI was approved via email by all the councilors

12. World Congress (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill informed that there is no agreement on the place of the Congress in China since Chinese colleagues suggested a location that does not fit with the RSAI objectives for the World Congress of 2014. RSAI's objectives are achievable only if the Congress takes place in a world city such as Shanghai or Beijing. Therefore, he concluded, there is a need to find an alternative location for instance in Tokyo or Kyoto in Japan, Seoul in Korea, Hong Kong or Singapore.

Yoshiro Higano said that time is running out to have a major conference next year in Japan and suggested Seoul in Korea. Jichung Yang said that he will inquiry about the possibility of Seoul to host the World Congress in 2014. The following motion was made and seconded:

M-XII. RSAI Council restates that the World Congress should be in a world city and supports the Presidency to identify a venue no later than July.

Motion M-XII was approved via email by all the councilors.

13. Procedures for Recognition of new RSAI sections (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill reported the work done by Rachel Franklin and Johan Lundberg to clarify the procedures for the recognition of new RSAI sections (Annex 3). The idea is to have an application structure (Motivation, Dimension, Legal Status, Plan and Financial Plan) that will be assessed by the Council.

Paul Dalziel proposed that the RSAI Council should adopt the document for the next two years and after that it should be evaluated.

M-XIII. RSAI Council approves the procedures for recognition of new RSAI sections (Annex 3) under the condition that they should be evaluated and adapted after two years.

Motion M-XIII was approved via email by all the councilors.

14. Promotion and Recognition of Regional Science Education (JCT)

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho reported that regional science education, and particularly the process of recognition of regional science degrees did not receive much support from the Council. Taking into account that it is important to inform students on available schools of regional science, an initiative is proposed to publicize them on the RSAI web site. So far, a handful of schools have agree to be featured and to have provided basic information on a trial basis, based on the template of Annex 4. The criteria for a school to be listed are: a) One or more PhD programs in the scope of regional science; b) A minimum of three regional science scholars who are members of RSAI; c) A minimum of three PhD theses in regional science in the last five years; d) A positive report approved by the RSAI President, Vice-President and Immediate-Past-President.

Support for this initiative was provided by Council members present.

M-XIV. RSAI Council approves the principle of featuring Regional Science schools on the RSAI Web site and the criteria for announcing Regional Science Schools (Annex 4).

Motion M-XIV was approved via email by all the councilors.

15. RSAI Awards (JCT)

Kohno Award

Tomaz Dentinho informed that there were four candidates and that the Selection Committee and, through email, the members of the Council, selected Bod Stimson to receive the 2013 Kohno Award. He also informed that Bod Stimson will receive the award at the ERSA Congress in Palermo.

M-XV-1. Council acknowledges the information on the Kohno Award 2013.

Motion M-XV-1 was approved via email by all the councilors.

Peter Nijkamp Award

Tomaz Dentinho informed that there were no candidates for the Peter Nijkamp award. Jean-Claude Thill said that it is necessary to clarify the amount of the support provided to award recipients and suggested that the award should be at maximum 750 Euros to participate in one of the major international RSAI conferences. The following motion is made and seconded:

M-XV-2. The maximum cash value of the Peter Nijkamp Award is 750 Euros granted to participate in one the major international RSAI conferences.

Motion M-XV-2 was approved via email by all the councilors.

Dissertation Award

Tomaz Dentinho informed that there is no information on the Dissertation Award.

- **Beckmann Award**

Jouke van Dijk reported in an email from the 8th of May 2013 18:40 that:

The jury consisting of Masahisa Fujita, Jean Paelinck, Roberta Capello and myself choose the article "Social networks and regional recruitment of foreign labour: Firm recruitment methods and spatial sorting in Denmark" by Torben Dall Schmidt and Peter Sandholt Jensen published in Volume 91, Issue 4, November 2012, Pages: 795-821 as the winner of the Martin Beckmann Prize as the best paper published in Papers in Regional Science in 2012. Motivation: Based on the criteria a. originality of the topic b. theoretical foundations c. appropriate methodology and d. empirical relevance the jury concluded unanimously that your paper was the best paper. It examines the interesting and complex issue of social networks in regional recruitment and inflows of foreign labor. Using both cross-section analysis and panel data analysis in Denmark, the paper successfully shows the importance of regional social networks and spatial sorting in the recruitment and inflows of foreign labor. The paper is innovative in empirical study on a new and complex issue of international importance.

Torben Dall Schmidt and Peter Sandholt Jensen would like to receive the Beckmann Prize in Palermo.

M-XV-3. The jury is thanked for its contribution and Torben Dall Schmidt and Peter Sandholt Jensen are congratulated for receiving the award.

Motion M-XV-3 was approved via email by all the councilors.

16. Future Strategic Planning Meeting (JCT)

Jean-Claude Thill said that there is a need for a Strategic Planning Meeting to make a forward looking into the future structure and functioning of RSAI. Such meeting should involve the LRPC, Council, as well as leaders of the supraregional organizations. That meeting or the conversations around the theme will lead to a document to be approved by the Council. LRPC should develop a proposal in Palermo which then will be debated by the Strategic group.

M-XVI. RSAI Council supports the idea of a Strategic Planning Meeting to look into the future structure and functioning of RSAI and produce proposals to be assessed by the RSAI Council.

Motion M-XVI was approved via email by all the councilors.

17. AOB

None other issue was raised by councilors and the meeting was adjourned.

Date of next meeting (11H00-13H00, Friday, 30th August, 2013, Palermo, Italy)

Annex 1: Reports and Accounts of 2012 (Synthesis)

Jean-Claude Thill, President of RSAI

The institutions of RSAI were designed to be inclusive and to foster engagement and continuity in leadership. 2012 was marked by several important events, including the end of Yoshiro Higano's presidency, the first full year of having the secretariat based in Portugal, the selection of a President-Elect, and the selection of a new editor-in-chief for Papers in Regional Science. These events occurred smoothly and are testament to the maturity of our organization. RSAI held a successful World Congress in Timisoara, Romania, in addition to successful regional conferences around the globe. Scholarship of our community is strong and vibrant, and RSAI continues to be instrumental in fostering this creativity. While our membership remains by and large steady, we have also been active at organizing affiliated section in emerging countries. This strategy of worldwide presence is importance to our future and will be pursued. At the same time, it is imperative that we assess the performance of our current programs and activities to maintain vibrancy across our community in concert with the financial and human resources available to us. This will be an important task for 2013.

Note from the Executive Director

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, Executive Secretary of RSAI

2012 was the first full year with RSAI secretariat based in Angra do Heroísmo, Portugal. Along 2012 there were three Council Meetings in Timisoara, Bratislava and Ottawa which minutes are available through RSAI webpage. There were elections for the RSAI Council, for President Elected of RSAI and for the Editors of Papers in Regional Science. Two numbers of the RSAI Newsletter were published by Evelyn Leuven and Graham Clarke and distributed in RSAI Conferences. RSAI journals experienced a steady increase from 58,726 downloads in 2011 to 60,546 in 2012 for Papers in Regional Science and from 4,528 in 2011 to 5,797 in 2012 for Regional Science Policy and Practice. The work of regional scientists was acknowledged by RSAI awards, new sections are being developed in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe and the number of enrolled members expanded from 3450 to 3888 although much more can be involved. The net profit of the association was 14.461,02 € and the bank account grew from 200.598,68 € in December 2011 to 209.634,10 € in December 2012. The 2nd RSAI Summer Course took place in São Miguel Island, Azores with Geoffrey Hewings (Illinois), Vicente Royuela (Barcelona) and José Pedro Pontes (Lisbon). There was a strong support from Elisabete Martins from the secretariat of the Portuguese Regional Science Association for the enrollment of RSAI members and for the organization of the 2nd RSAI Summer Course. The membership enrollment was possible due to the strong support from the RSAI Sections and Supra-nationals and the advice of the Council and the Presidency. Many thanks.

1. RSAI Council Members

- ❖ In 2012 four new RSAI Council Members were nominated or elected:
 - i) - Andres Rodriguez Pose, elected by the RSAI Council in November 2012 for Vice President in 2014 and nominated by ERSA as RSAI Councilor for 2013-2015,
 - ii) Jichung Yang nominated by PRSCO as RSAI Councilor for 2013-2015;
 - iii) Richard Shearmur nominated by RSAmericas as RSAI Councilor for 2013-2015;
 - iv) and Tomaz Ponce Dentinho elected-at-large as RSAI Councilor for 2013-2015.

Table 1. –RSAI Council Members in 2013

	Name	Member	Period	Email
1	Jean-Claude Thill	President Vice President Councilor at large	2013-2014 2012 2012-2014	Jean-Claude.Thill@uncc.edu
2	Andres Rodriguez-Pose	ERSA Representative President Elected Vice – President	2013-2015 2013 2014	a.rodriguez-pose@lse.ac.uk
3	Jouke van Dijk	Ersa Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	Jouke.van.Dijk@rug.nl
4	Gunther Maier	Ersa Representative	2011-2013 2008-2010	gunther.maier@wu-wien.ac.at
5	Jichung Yang	Prsco Representative	2013-2014	jcyang@snu.ac.kr ;
6	Patrício Aroca	Prsco Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	paroca@ucn.cl
7	Paul Dalziel	PRSCO Representative	2011-2013	Paul.Dalziel@lincoln.ac.nz
8	Eduardo Haddad	RSA Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	ehaddad@usp.br
9	Neil Reid	RSA Representative	2012-2014	neil.reid@utoledo.edu
10	Richard Shearmur	RSA Representative	2013-2015	richard.shearmur@ucs.inrs.ca
11	Amit Batabyal	Councilor at large	2012-2014	aabgsh@rit.edu
12	Rachel Franklin	Councilor at large	2012-2014	rachel_franklin@brown.edu
13	Daniel Czamanski	Councilor at large	2012-2014	danny@czamanski.com
14	Johan Lundberg	Councilor at large	2011-2013	johan.lundberg@econ.umu.se
15	Tomaz Dentinho	Executive Director ERSA Representative Councilor at large	2011-2013 2010-2012 2013-2015	tomazdentinho@uac.pt

- ❖ The persons that leave the Council are:
 - i) Yoshiro Higano, RSAI President for 2011-2012, becomes ex-president and member of the Long Range Planning Committee;
 - ii) Mark Partridge after two terms as RSAmericas representative;
 - iii) Alessandra Faggian after one term as Councilor at large and is now appointed as co-editor for RSAmericas of Papers in Regional Science;
 - iv) Tomaz Ponce Dentinho that completed his term as ERSA representative and was elected as Councilor-at-large.

Table 2. –RSAI Council Members in 2012

	Name	Member	Period	Email
1	Yoshiro Higano	President Prsco Representative Prsco Representative	2011-2012 2004-2006 2007-2009	higano@jsrsai.envr.tsukuba.ac.jp
2	Patrício Aroca	Prsco Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	paroca@ucn.cl
3	Paul Dalziel	Prsco Representative	2011-2013	Paul.Dalziel@lincoln.ac.nz
4	Eduardo Haddad	RSA Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	ehaddad@usp.br
5	Neil Reid	RSA Representative	2012-2014	neil.reid@utoledo.edu
6	Mark Partridge	RSA Representative	2010-2012 2007-2009	Partridge.27@osu.edu
7	Jouke van Dijk	Ersa Representative	2012-2014 2009-2011	Jouke.van.Dijk@rug.nl
8	Tomaz Dentinho	Executive Director Ersa Representative	2011-2013 2010-2012	tomazdentinho@uac.pt
9	Gunther Maier	Ersa Representative	2011-2013 2008-2010	gunther.maier@wu-wien.ac.at
10	Jean-Claude Thill	President Vice President Councilor at large	2013-2014 2012 2012-2014	Jean-Claude.Thill@uncc.edu
11	Amit Batabyal	Councilor at large	2012-2014	aabgsh@rit.edu
12	Rachel Franklin	Councilor at large	2012-2014	rachel_franklin@brown.edu
13	Daniel Czamanski	Councilor at large	2012-2014	danny@czamanski.com
14	Johan Lundberg	Councilor at large	2011-2013	johan.lundberg@econ.umu.se
15	Alessandra Faggian	Councilor at large	2010-2012	faggian.1@osu.edu

2. RSAI Publications

- ❁ The journal Papers in Regional Science is available in 3,810 institutions worldwide via the Wiley-Blackwell license. Papers in Regional Science increased the number of downloads from 58,726 in 2011 to 60,546 in 2012, a rise of 3%. (Wiley Blackwell Report 2012)
- ❁ Regional Science Policy & Practice in 2,697 institutions worldwide via the Wiley-Blackwell license. Regional Science Policy & Practice increased from 4,528 in 2011 to 5,797 in 2012, a rise of 28% (Wiley Blackwell Report 2012).
- ❁ Total subscriptions revenue has increased from £100,399 to £105,236 (by 5%). Non-subscription income to the journals has dropped due to a reduction in Electronic Backfile income. This decrease is expected as sales of backfiles reach saturation in the market. Total income to the journals has thus fallen by 2% in total, to £120,642. Total amount now payable to the RSAI (after the £16,500 already paid to editors in 2012) is £12,396 (\$19,583) (Wiley Blackwell Report 2012).
- ❁ Roberta Capello was elected by the Council as the new editor in chief of Papers in Regional Science. The co-editors appointed by Roberta Capello and approved by the

RSAI Council in Ottawa were - Yoshitsugu Hayashi, Takatoshi Tabuchi, Alessandra Faggian and Paul Elhorst and – as book editor – Eduardo Haddad.

- ❖ Michael Carroll, continues as editor-in-chief of *Regional Science Policy and Practice*. The co-editors are Neil Reid, Terry Clower, Juan R. Cuadrado-Roura, John Madden, John Madden and James E. Rowe as book editor.
- ❖ RSAI Newsletters edited by Eveline van Leuven and Graham Clarke published two issues that were distributed in ERSA and RSAmericas Conferences of 2012.

3. RSAI Awards

- ❖ Arthur Getis received the Founder's Medal Award at the 9th World Congress in Timisoara, Romania, May 2012. Arthur Getis is a Distinguished Professor of Geography, Emeritus, at San Diego State University.
- ❖ Jean-Claude Thill was the winner of the 2012 Kohno Prize. Jean-Claude Thill is currently the Knight Distinguished Professor of Public Policy in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at UNC Charlotte.
- ❖ The winners of the Martin Beckmann Prize 2012 were Michael Fritsch and Holger Graffoth for the paper "How sub-national conditions affect regional innovation systems: The case of the two Germanys", published in Volume 90 Number 2 June 2011.
- ❖ The Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award was attributed to Luis Armando Galvis from CEER - Banco de la Republica, Colombia. The thesis on "Convergence, inequalities and innovations in the knowledge economy" was supervised by Prof. Dr. Geoffrey Hewings.
- ❖ In 2012 the winner of the RSAI dissertation prize was Carlianne Elizabeth Patrick for his work "Essays in Economic Growth and Development Policy". She was supervised by Prof. Dr. Mark Partridge.
- ❖ In 2012 new RSAI Fellows were elected: Brian J.L. Berry, The University of Texas at Dallas, USA; Ronald E. Miller, University of Pennsylvania, USA; Stuart S. Rosenthal, Syracuse University, USA; and Yves Zenou, Stockholm University, Sweden.

4. Development of new sections

- ❖ In 2012 RSAI promoted the creation of new sections and the development of existing ones. Important meetings were taken in Morocco and China.

- ❖ In 2012 there was the creation of the Ibero-American Regional Science Network in Mexico involving delegates from Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Portugal and Spain.

5. Universal Membership

- ❖ In 2012 RSAI secretariat began to register directly the list of members and respective registration fees interacting with RSAI sections. There are now 3888 RSAI members from 3450 in 2011, 3571 in 2010 and 3660 in 2009. The data base was corrected from non-active members and from members that were supposed to be long life members and were not.

6. RSAI Accounts of 2012

- ❖ In 2012 RSAI achieved a net surplus of 14461,02 €. Nevertheless most of the work of secretariat was secured by the Portuguese Regional Science Association during 2012.
- ❖ The margin for both journals is negative since although there is a profit share of 17.682,47 €, the editorial expenses are 21.795,46 € and the subscription fees, paid only in 2013, are 27.572,72 €.
- ❖ The numbers of the membership fees are self-explanatory; there are sections that do not have members enrolled, there are sections that have relatively few members relative to the population of the respective areas of influence.

ACCOUNTS FROM JANUARY 2011 TILL DECEMBER 2012	
BILLING SOFTWARE LICENSE	145,00 €
ACCOUNTING & AUDITING	1.798,00 €
RSAI LEAFLETS	670,35 €
COST OF TRANSFERENCES AND CURRENCY CORRECTION	1.386,90 €
OTHER COMMON	45,73 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	2.500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	16.773,30 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	5.022,16 €
SUPPORT TO NEW SECTION (CHINA)	8.017,14 €
RSAI AWARDS	2.768,93 €
SUPPORT TRAVEL FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1.194,76 €
AUTONOMOUS ACTIVITIES (SUMMER COURSES, CONFERENCES)	5.650,05 €
TOTAL COSTS	45.972,32 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	8.052,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	6.220,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2.370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	2.367,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION (1)	4.147,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION (2)	
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	1.870,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1.540,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1.404,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	1.247,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION (3)	
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	760,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	206,00 €
MEMBERSHIP UK & IRELAND SECTION	674,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	660,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	940,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION (4)	
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	350,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	299,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	230,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	332,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	169,40 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIAN SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP LITHUANIA SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP MALAYSIAN SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION (5)	
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION (5)	
CORRECTION	-129,64 €
PIRS AND RSPP 2011 PROFIT SHARE	17.682,47 €
AUTONOMOUS ACTIVITIES (SUMMER COURSES, CONFERENCES)	9.100,00 €
TOTAL REVENUES	60.490,23 €
INCOME TAX FOR THE PERIOD	56,89 €
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	14.461,02

(1) ARSC section paid in 2012 the two years membership fees

(2) The Italian Section paid 1980 € in late 2011

(3) The Spanish Section paid 5230 € in late 2011

(4) The Turkish Section paid 380 € in late 2011.

(5) Sections without active members.

Annex 2: General Principles and Guidelines for RSAI Fellows

A. General Principles and Guidelines for RSAI Fellows

1. RSAI fellows are distinguished scholars with a proven and recognized research record in the field of regional science during a considerable part of their scientific career. Such honorary members of the RSAI are appointed after a careful nomination and selection procedure, based on a broad consultation of the RSAI membership.
2. The RSAI fellowship is a world-wide sign of scientific recognition that is bestowed on a regional scientist with outstanding research credentials in his/her field. The RSAI fellowship does not imply any obligation to the Association, although it is expected that fellows on a voluntary basis will serve the scientific objectives of the RSAI whenever possible or appropriate.
3. Regional science has over the past decade witnessed a great increase in scholarly interest and scientific publications all over the world. To create a vital Association, it is therefore critical that senior members - and, in particular, RSAI fellows – act as a role model, in particular for a younger generation. The RSAI membership should have the highest expectations on – and appreciation for – its fellows, given their past seminal research contributions.
4. RSAI fellows may contribute to the fulfillment of the goals of the Association by offering a scientific service or incentive to its members through various means, such as:
 - Organization of a fellows’ meeting at any conference venue, where a major RSAI conference is taking place (ERSA, NARSC, PRSCO, World Conference). This could be a socializing meeting (e.g., a luncheon or late afternoon drinks) or a substantive meeting (e.g., an exploratory venue addressing future research strategies or topics).
 - Organization of dedicated panels or focused fellows’ sessions at any major international or supraregional RSAI meeting with the aim to reflect on new methodologies or promising approaches in research.
 - Organization of early-bird (breakfast) meetings, luncheon meetings or late afternoon drinks meetings with a small group of young researchers, based on an open subscription/application system, in which informal presentations (5-10 minutes) are held by young researchers (‘meet the professor’ meetings).
 - Organization of a solid pre-conference special session at any major RSAI conference, with a balanced mix of seniors (in particular, RSAI fellows) and juniors (‘rising stars’), where fellows and rising stars present recent research work (in the long run, even joint senior-junior research work could be foreseen).
 - Organization of short ‘next gen’ training courses, prior to any major conference.

- Organization of a voluntary ‘Foster Fellow Plan’, in which an RSAI fellow is willing to adopt for a period of (let’s say) one year a selected young researcher from a different country – of course, in consultation with his/her supervisor – with the aim to provide network contacts or scientific guidance, or perhaps to start a joint research project.
- Organization of an RSAI column by a fellow in any issue of the RSAI Newsletter (of course, after consultation of the Newsletter editors).

Any meeting or panel at conferences needs to be done in consultation with the conference organizers.

5. There is a need to strengthen the external visibility and scientific profile of RSAI fellows:
 - Any newly appointed RSAI fellow should be explicitly mentioned in the RSAI Newsletter, including a brief bio-sketch.
 - The home institution of any newly appointed fellow should receive a letter from the RSAI president, mentioning the importance and honour of this scientific recognition for the fellow concerned.
 - The RSAI fellowship list and its procedures should be administrated by the RSAI director, but most executive activities should be undertaken by RSAI fellows themselves (*‘noblesse oblige’*).
 - To ensure a viable and effective RSAI fellows’ action strategy, a light management of all activities planned and executed is needed. To that end, it is pertinent that from each major region (Europe, Pacific, Americas) one or two coordinator-fellows are appointed who initiate, coordinate and organize RSAI fellow activities during forthcoming major international conferences in their region. It is also desirable to appoint one fellow who can act as a liaison to both all RSAI fellows and the RSAI council (c.q. membership).

B. Nomination and Selection Protocol of RSAI Fellows

1. Each RSAI member - except RSAI fellows – is entitled to nominate candidates for the RSAI fellowship, but self-nominations are not allowed. Each nomination has to be done through a standard concise nomination form that follows a systematic template, which can be downloaded from the RSAI website.
2. A nominee has to be RSAI member (or a member of any section recognized by the RSAI) and to meet the qualifications mentioned in Annex A.
3. The selection of new RSAI fellows takes place only once a year, but nominations can be sent in at any time and will be considered for a given selection round, if they have been received before a given deadline. A nomination has a maximum life of two years.
4. All nominations will be put on a list supplemented with non-elected candidates for the RSAI fellowship who were on the short list from the previous year.
5. The short list will be screened by the RSAI fellows selection committee (in consultation with the RSAI director). This committee comprises 3 RSAI fellows appointed by the RSAI Council for a period of staggered 3-year terms. The selection committee has to

seriously consider all available information on the candidates and can remove candidates (unanimous vote) who do not qualify.

6. The selection committee can also decide to reduce the list of nominated RSAI members to a manageable number, so that candidates can be selected with a qualified majority. This short list should normally not contain more than 10 to 12 names.
7. The short list is next circulated to all RSAI fellows, who have the exclusive right to vote for (a maximum of) 3 candidate-fellows. No ranking of candidates is allowed.
8. The selection committee can put an upper ceiling on the maximum number of candidates to be selected in a given year, if circumstances dictate so.
9. A vote of at least 1/3 will normally mean election, unless that would exceed the ceiling.
10. The selection committee informs the RSAI Director of the final selection results, who will communicate these results to the selected RSAI fellows, the RSAI Council, and the home institutions of the newly appointed fellows.

C. Standard Nomination Form for RSAI Fellows

1. Factual bio-data on candidate, including a proof for RSAI membership
2. Professional career of candidate (max. 100 words)
3. Substantive contribution to regional science (max. 200 words)
4. Path-breaking publications on regional science (max. 5)
5. Signs of international scientific recognition (max. 50 words)
6. Reasons for nominating the candidate (max. 50 words)

Annex 3: New RSAI Sections

New RSAI sections

Background

To retain its position as the worldwide leading organization of scientists and practitioners in regional science, RSAI has the ambition to take the lead and promote regional science in parts of the world not yet covered by RSAI sections. We strive to welcome scientists and practitioners in the regional science community in parts of the world not covered by existing RSAI sections to the RSAI. RSAI has the ambition to disseminate regional science scholarship through its journals and, through its sections, organize congresses, workshops, and other meetings in parts of the world not yet covered by RSAI sections in order to spread regional science and recruit both scientists and practitioners to the field of regional science. Therefore, RSAI welcomes initiatives to form new RSAI sections. In order to facilitate the formation and long-term viability of new sections, some initial financial support may be available from the RSAI central office to these new sections. Specific details are outlined below.

Applications

Time schedule

1. Deadline for applications: August 1 each year.
2. The RSAI council will evaluate applications at its next scheduled meeting and will decide either to reject the application right away or invite the applicants to make an oral presentation at a subsequent meeting of Council.
3. After the oral presentation the RSAI council makes a final decision.

Applications should be organized as follows:

1. Background (max 1 page)
2. Motivation for a new RSAI section and prospective relationship to the relevant supra-regional organization. (max 2 pages)
3. Estimate of the number of new members expected within 1 year and within 3 years of the establishment of the section (max 1 page)
 - a. Graduate students
 - b. Professors
 - c. Practitioners
4. Organization and legal status (max 2 pages)
5. Planned activities during the first 3 years (workshops, congresses, meetings, networking) (max 2 pages)
6. Financial plan for the first 3 years including the financial support asked for from RSAI. A brief plan for how the financial support from the RSAI could be repaid. (max 1 page)

Evaluation criteria

Each application is treated individually. The main evaluation criteria are:

- The justification for formation of a new section in the region from RSAI's perspective.
- The prospective internal organization of the new section.
- Evidence that the new section will integrate successfully into the existing RSAI structure
- The number of potential new RSAI members in the region – students, professors, and practitioners
- The estimated ability for the new section to organize workshops, congresses, meetings and to create a member network
- The financial plan

Annex 4. Promotion of Regional Science Education

1) Example

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Programs and Degrees in Regional Science

Name of the Program	Web link
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Doctoral Dissertations in Regional Science in the last five years

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Students Awards in Regional Science

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2) Criteria for Assessing Regional Science Educational Programs

- One or more PhD programs in the scope of regional science
- A minimum of three regional science scholars who are members of RSAI
- A minimum of three PhD theses in regional science in the last five years.
- A positive report by RSAI President, Vice-President and Immediate-Past-President.