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 **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

GETIS AND ROSSI RE-ELECTED TO SERVE AS COUNCILLORS AT-LARGE

Arthur Getis, Professor of Geography at San Diego State University, and Angelo Rossi, General Director of the University of Applied Sciences of South Switzerland, have been re-elected to serve second terms as at-large representatives to the RSAI Council. They have the Association's gratitude for their past service and their willingness to serve an additional three years.

NEW STAFF AT HEADQUARTERS

Jimmie Duden, account technician, has retired after competently serving RSAI for over a decade. We wish her well in her retirement. The Association warmly welcomes Helena Karam-Shilts, whom we have been fortunate to retain as both an account technician and office support person.

 **AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS**

AWARDS CONFERRED AT THE NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF RSAI IN CHICAGO

RSAI presented the Barclay Jones Annual Dissertation Competition Award at the North American meetings in Chicago to Dr. Eric Pels for his dissertation "Airport Economics and Policy: Efficiency, Competition, and Interaction with Airlines." Dr. Pels received his Doctorate in the Department of Spatial Statistics, Free University, the Netherlands, where he was supervised by Professors Piet Rietveld and Peter Nijkamp. John Quigley, University of California Berkeley, and Andrei Rogers, University of Colorado, were presented with the Walter Isard Award for Lifetime Achievement; Mark Henry, Clemson University, and Jock Munro, Simon Fraser University, were presented with the David Boyce Award for Service to RSAI; and Maureen Kilkenny, Iowa State University, was presented with the Geoffrey Hewings Young Scholar's Award.

RSAI DISSERTATION CONTEST

The Association invites submission of dissertations completed in the field of Regional Science in 2000 to the annual dissertation competition. Two copies of the dissertation and a letter of nomination from the research supervisor should be sent to Professor Kenneth B. Newbold, School of Geography and Geology, MacMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario 4K1, CANADA.

 **COMMUNICATIONS & LITERATURE**

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Anna Nagurney has been awarded a Distinguished Chaired Fulbright in the Social and Economic Sciences at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. She will be at the University from March through June of 2002.

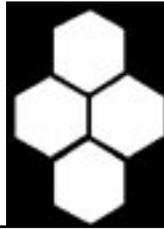
David C. Sweet, former Dean and Professor of Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and Chair of the Ohio Urban University Program, was named the sixth president of Youngstown State University and officially began his appointment on July 1, 2000.

A faculty Position in Carbon Cycle Science is now open at The Pennsylvania State University. As part of an Environmental Consortium effort, the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State University seeks applications for a tenure-track position to complement growing strengths in the area of carbon cycle science.

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Hiring is proposed at the Assistant Professor level, but exceptional candidates will be considered at a higher rank commensurate with qualifications and experience. A Ph.D degree and a commitment to high-quality research and teaching are required. Preference will be given to applicants with expertise in understanding carbon source-sink relations (e.g., land use/land cover change and remote sensing, ocean carbon cycle, land surface processes, oxygen and isotopic studies, atmospheric inversions), deliberate carbon sequestration/emissions reduction strategies (e.g., deep geological or oceanic storage, terrestrial storage, efficiency in fuel combustion, energy forecasting related to carbon emissions), or some combination. The successful applicant will be appointed in one of the following departments: Energy and Geo-environmental Engineering; Energy, Environmental and Mineral Economics; Geography; Geo-sciences; or Meteorology. Strong ties to the College's Energy and Environment Institutes are also encouraged. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of four references to Dr. William E. Easterling, c/o Ms. Deb Detwiler, EMS Environment Institute, Pennsylvania State University, 2217 EES Bldg., University Park, PA 16802. Applications received by December 1st will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

The Pennsylvania State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

RECENT BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF RSAI

Benko, G., Lipietz, A., eds., *La Richesse des Regions. La Nouvell Geographie Socio-economique*. Paris: PUF, 2000.

Suarez-Villa, Luis, *Invention and the Rise of Technocapitalism*. Lanham: Rowman&Littlefield, 2000.

NEW JOURNAL

Geographie, Economie, Societe (vol. 1, 1999) Address: SCOP-SA, Alternative Economiques, 12 rue du Cap Vert, 21805 Quetigny Cedex, FRANCE.



REPORTS

47TH NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF RSAI IN CHICAGO

The 47th North American meetings of the Regional Science Association International were held November 9 – 11 in Chicago, Illinois. The meetings featured 240 papers presented in 62 paper sessions. After a pre-conference day filled with meetings of the RSAI Council, North American Council, Southern Regional Science Council and PRSCO Council, the first full day of activities, Friday, began with the

Plenary Address by NARSC President, Ann Markusen. Her talk, entitled "Two frontiers for Regional Science: regional policy and interdisciplinary research," urged regional scientists to play a larger and more visible role in policy discussion and to recognize that regional science expertise is needed beyond our traditional spheres of research.

The meetings were held at the Midland Hotel situated just one-half block from LaSalle Street, in the heart of Chicago's renowned financial district. Paper sessions ran in blocks of 100 minutes, with no more than 9 sessions concurrent on either Friday or Saturday. By the close of the conference on late Saturday afternoon, more than 270 persons had registered with 30% hailing from other than North America. The meetings also attracted a sizeable student contingent. The hotel itself was in many respects an ideal venue. With only ten rooms configurable for conference activities, ours' was the only major event scheduled in the hotel for those three days. Program participants and guests enjoyed unopposed access to hotel amenities in an atmosphere truly conducive to scholarly exchange.

The 2000 North American meetings of the RSAI were hosted by the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association and Northern Illinois University.

MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, BARCELONA, SPAIN, AUGUST 29, 2000

Present: Bade (ERSA), Badija (LOC), Batey (Immediate Past President and ERSA), Cuadrado-Roura (Observer), Dewhurst (At-Large), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), van Dijk (Observer), Fisher (At-Large), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Hewings (Vice President and NARSC), Johansson (ERSA), Kohno (President and PRSCO), Parellada (LOC), Poot (PRS Pacific Editor), Quigley (PRSCO), and Rossi (At-Large). Regrets: Getis (At-Large), Kilkenny (At-Large), Rees (NARSC), Serrano-Moreno (PRSCO), and Stough (NARSC).

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Kohno.
2. The minutes of the Lugano meeting were accepted as distributed.
3. President's Report: On behalf of the Association, Kohno thanked Parellada and Badija and the rest of the LOC for their excellent work in organizing the Congress. He then suggested that the Association may wish to consider establishing a new category of membership for states or nations. He noted that other scholarly associations had such a category of membership and that it seemed to be helpful in attracting substantial contributions from national science foundations. He observed that a change to the constitution of RSAI might be necessary to accommodate the introduction of such a membership category.
4. Report of the LOC: LOC Chair Parellada commented on the program of the congress in general. He observed that the level of participation was quite high with more than 500

delegates and 350 papers. The Scientific Committee had established parallel sessions within each of the homogeneous thematic areas. Plenary sessions would be similar to keynote lectures. The program had been revised to account for discrepancies between abstracts accepted and papers received. He observed that it was not possible to produce prior to the congress a CD-ROM with all papers, since some were not available until the congress was underway. Parellada suggested that in future it may be advisable to consider for inclusion in the program only completed papers submitted to the Scientific Committee. He also suggested that the EPAINOS prize winner be chosen from young investigators presenting papers at the congress.

Discussion: Cuadrado-Roura observed that few young investigators had submitted papers for consideration of the EPAINOS prize. Fischer suggested that the paper selection process might be timed to coincide with the EOC meetings and remarked that the paper selection process suggested by Parellada went against past practices of European congress program committees. Dewhurst asked for opinions from non-Europeans. Quigley discussed the WRSA and PRSCO models of paper selection for programs, in which only completed drafts of papers were considered under the former and abstracts were considered under the latter. Bade suggested that the scientific committee might consider distinguishing between invited and submitted papers. Poot observed that to the extent one purpose of congresses was to attract neophyte scholars, the paper selection process should reflect the fact that funding for travel to congresses by such scholars is often withheld unless they are on the program. Bade reflected that it might be good to limit the number of submitted papers. Johansson opined that the scientific committee should ask itself how it can accept a large number of submissions of mixed quality but reward good contributions in a positive way. Hewings discussed the history of program development at North American meetings. In the early days, the 'same old crowd' was invited back each year, but young scholars were marginalized. He favors the requirement that everyone who presents a paper at North American (and WRSA) meetings must also discuss one. Fischer observed that opinion on the use of discussants at European congresses has moved between two poles in recent years. In his opinion, it is good to have both a section chair and a discussant. Cuadrado-Roura remarked that, while the goal of inclusiveness is laudable, there is potential for runaway growth in program size. So the question is how to keep congress programs manageable (in the sense of taking up no more than three days' time). Johansson observed that Hewings's remarks might be taken as a suggestion that papers presented by younger scholars should be discussed by senior scholars acting as mentors. Hewings noted that in fact this was what transpired at 'early-bird' sessions at North American meetings, before papers by Ph.D. students became incorporated directly in program sessions. Van Dijk stated that for him the biggest issue was how to get the LOCs to organize meetings at all when some sections are small and inactive.

5. Report of the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee: Batey commented on the World Congress in Lugano, noting that the LRPC was pleased with the venue, the size of the program, and level of participation. The Founder's Medal, which traditionally has been awarded at World Congresses, was conferred on David Boyce in recognition of his many contributions to the development of Regional Science. Batey observed that the Congress attracted 87 new members to RSAI and that we must now work to retain them. Reflecting also on the successful international symposium in South Africa in January, Batey suggested that scheduling international symposiums to fall between World Congresses, which are held every four years, might be a good idea. He noted that the LRPC would like to nail down a date for a symposium in Brazil and suggested that one or two organizers of the South African symposium be invited to Chicago to explore the option of putting on the next World Congress in South Africa.

Discussion: Dewhurst asked 1) if there was any fall-back position on World Congress sites, and 2) how new members of RSAI were brought in at World Congresses. Batey remarked that sites other than South Africa would be considered for the next World Congress. Donaghy commented that new members brought in at World Congresses were encouraged to join a section, if one was organized in the area they resided. Bade remarked that he had not observed an increase in the German speaking section after the Lugano conference. Rossi remarked that this was due to the fact that the new member list had not yet been passed on to RSAI headquarters. Hewings noted that negotiations on the Brazil symposium were proceeding and that a one and one-half day program, coinciding with that of another meeting, was under consideration. Rossi observed that attendance at the Lugano World Congress by more young people from developing countries could have been funded. He urged Council to appoint someone to solicit names of qualified scholars, noting that the web-site solicitation approach employed in Lugano did not succeed. Bade opined that international symposia create an unreasonable demand on scholars to produce papers. Poot observed that participation at the recent PRSCO Institute in Mexico City seemed to suffer from this demand. Batey remarked that the ERSA Summer Institute in Turkey may also have suffered from the competing demand of other institutes. On the other hand, Poot observed, the PRSCO Institute was reasonably successful and the hosting of a larger PRSCO Conference in Mexico is being discussed. He noted that the institute featured simultaneous translation and parallel tracks of paper presentations in English and Spanish. Cuadrado-Roura remarked that English may not be the appropriate conference language in Latin America or South America. Hewings observed that the adoption of English as an official conference language is not mandated by the RSAI constitution.

Action: Kohno asked for and received Council's approval to invite the organizers of the South African symposium to the next Council meeting in Chicago.

6. Report from the PRS Editor-in-Chief: Florax recapped the

major points of his report made to Council in Lugano. He noted that fourth issue of the current volume was in the proof-reading stage and that the issue would include speeches by Batey and Boyce from the Founder's Medal award ceremony. Submissions of manuscripts remain stable. Florax observed that there were no clear procedures for replacing super-regional editors or altering the composition of the journal's editorial board. Appropriate procedures would need to be discussed at a future Council meeting.

7. Report of the Executive Director: Donaghy reported that the Association was in a good state of health and thanked Rossi and his World Congress LOC for expanding the RSAI membership base. He noted that the Papers in Regional Science continued to be shipped on a regular schedule but that the August newsletter would be a little late, due to a transition in editorship. He reported that about 35% of RSAI members now received the newsletter in electronic format. Donaghy reminded that Council that the dates of the next three Council meetings were November 9th at the NARSC meeting in Chicago, July 1st at the PRSCO meeting in Portland, and August 28th at the ERSA congress in Zagreb.

Discussion: Bade asked if the increase (from 60 to 65 \$US) in membership dues and the increase (from 15 to 25 \$US) in per capitation fees collected at super-regional meetings, approved by Council at the Lugano meeting, had been discussed with ERSA officers prior to Council's action. Donaghy noted that, while determination of annual membership dues and per capitation fees collected at super-regional meetings came under the purview of RSAI Council, the need to increase operating revenues via dues and per capitation fees had been discussed at the Montreal Council meeting (and recorded in the minutes) prior to the Lugano meeting at which action was taken. As the recorded attendance confirms, ERSA's representatives to Council were present at both the Montreal and Lugano meetings.

8. New business: Hewings reported that he and David Boyce were continuing to explore establishing criteria for recognizing Fellows of RSAI and that they would make a report at the Chicago meeting. Poot encouraged councillors to commit early to the PRSCO meeting in Portland and Quigley noted that the WRSA web site had information on the meeting.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 9, 2000

Present: Bade (ERSA), Batey (Immediate Past President and ERSA), Boyce (Archivist), Carbonneau (Assistant Executive Director), Cuadrado-Roura (Observer), Dewhurst (At-Large), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), Esparza (Observer), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Getis (At-Large), Gibson (Observer), Haynes (Observer), Hewings (Vice President and NARSC), Higano (Observer), Johansson (ERSA), Kilkenny (At-Large), Kohno (President and PRSCO), Krmenc (Treasurer), Quigley (PRSCO), Rees

(NARSC), Serrano-Moreno (PRSCO), Thill (PRS North American Editor), Wissink (Observer), and Van Wyk (Observer). Regrets: Fischer (At-Large), Rossi (At-Large), and Stough (NARSC).

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Kohno.

2. The agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the Barcelona meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. President's Report: On behalf of the Association, Kohno thanked Krmenc for his excellent work in organizing the meetings. He then addressed the Council about what he felt had been accomplished during his tenure as president. He stated that he took much satisfaction from helping to organize the symposium on regional development in South Africa, introducing a plan to increase the size of the Association's membership, bringing the Indonesian section into the Association, increasing the size of the Japanese section, and calling for an amendment to the RSAI constitution to allow for donations to the Association by national governments. He was dissatisfied, however, in not being able to accomplish some of the objectives that he had set for himself.

Discussion: Donaghy commended Kohno for his important work during his presidency in extending the reach of the Association to areas in which it had previously been uninvolved, for focusing the attention of the Association on issues of long-term membership development, and exploring means of ensuring the Association's long-term financial well-being.

4. Report of the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee: Batey reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee had met prior to the Council meeting and had agreed that Port Elizabeth would be an excellent choice for the next world congress. Van Wyk made a short presentation on organizational efforts that were underway in South Africa and distributed materials on Port Elizabeth.

Discussion: Nijkamp stated that he expected a world congress in Port Elizabeth would be a huge success. Batey suggested that if the Port Elizabeth site were accepted for the next congress, a small group of people should begin to undertake advance preparations. Getis suggested that a member of the last world congress's local organizing committee be invited to participate as a member on the next congress's.

Batey reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee was also in agreement that Brazil should be the location for the next international symposium. He indicated that the Committee was discussing candidates for successor to Geoffrey Hewings as the Association's vice president and was pursuing informally the issue of candidates' willingness to serve.

5. Archivist's Report: Boyce distributed his annual report to the Council summarizing recent activities and future plans.

In the past year Boyce has prepared a policy statement concerning the scope and objectives of the Archives (posted on the RSAI website), advised regional scientists on where and how to preserve research materials, collected a complete set of RSAI newsletters to archive and solicited newsletters from ERSA and PRSCO, and corresponded with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration concerning holdings related to research activities of Walter Isard supported by the U.S. Government. He intends to continue to respond to inquiries concerning the Regional Science Archives and to continue his oral history project as time permits. Boyce also reported that some of William Alonso's papers would be deposited at UC Berkeley.

Discussion: Rees remarked that the letter appendices in Boyce's report were important documents in the history of science.

6. Executive Director's Report: Donaghy reported that Angelo Rossi and Arthur Getis had been re-elected to serve second terms as Councilors At-Large and that the Barclay Jones prize for best dissertation in Regional Science over the previous year was awarded to Eric Pels, student of Peter Nijkamp and Piet Rietveld at Free University, for his work on airport economics and policy. He noted that, all in all, operations of the Association were going well and that the Association was currently enjoying an operating budget surplus. Jimmie Duden, the Association's account technician of more than ten years, would be retiring within a month but efforts to recruit a part-time account technician and part-time office support person were underway. Donaghy noted that the Association's financial oversight committee had not been able to meet prior to the Council meeting because several of its members were unable to come to Chicago. He reminded Council of upcoming meeting dates: July 1st in Portland, August 28th in Zagreb, and November 15th in Charleston.

7. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science: Florax reported that all four issues of the present year's volume had been mailed to the membership. He noted that paper submissions were up, that the next year's volume was almost filled, that institutional subscriptions stood at about 390, and that, according to the assessment of Anselin and Rey in a recent issue of IRSR, the journal's standing compared favorably with the standings of other journals in the field. Florax noted he had received an estimate of \$1500 for services that would meet the need for language editing (discussed at previous council meetings).

Action: Appealing to discussions of the need for language editing at previous Council meetings, Florax asked and received Council's approval of this itemized expenditure level.

Florax remarked that the foremost issue facing the journal presently was that of replacing editors whose terms were expiring. He noted that since replacement of regional editors involved the organizing committees of the superregional conference organizations (ERSA, NARSC, and PRSCO), and since often it would be opportune if these

organizations were able to meet prior to RSAI Council meetings, he suggested that Council should consider reversing the order of meetings such that the superregional conference organizations met before RSAI Council.

Discussion: Getis moved that the order of meetings be reversed. Rees seconded the motion. Haynes suggested that the local organizing committees of superregional conferences schedule the order of the meetings as necessary to resolve questions, whereas Gibson suggested that RSAI Council should always meet first. Bade suggested that the order of the meetings should depend on the nature of the questions faced by Council and the superregional conference organizations. Esparza noted that it would have been better if the North American Regional Science Conference organization had met prior to the Council meeting this year. Rees added this was so 'a fortiore,' since the organization met only once a year. Cuadrado-Roura noted that even though the European organizing committee met several times during the year, they also met during the ERSA Congress.

Action: The question was called and Getis's motion carried.

Florax distributed copies of a proposal concerning selection and appointment procedures for editorial positions of PRS. Florax proposed that: i) members of the editorial board of the journal be appointed by Council for 3-year terms, with membership being recommended to Council by the editor-in-chief, having consulted with the RSAI president, executive director, and superregional representatives; ii) Council appoint each superregional editor from a list of 2-4 qualified scholars submitted by the superregional conference organization and that such a list be prepared by a committee comprising officers of the superregional conference organization, the outgoing editor, and the editor-in-chief; iii) Council appoint a book review editor on the recommendation of the editor-in-chief; and iv) Council select and appoint the editor-in-chief from among the superregional editors or as an independent officer. Florax suggested that a replacement for Thill be appointed at the Council meeting in Charleston, that Poot be reappointed as Pacific Editor, that he would be disposed to accept reappointment as Editor-in-chief, as would Waldorf when her term as Book-Review Editor expires at the end of 2001. He also suggested that he prepare a proposal for the Council meeting at Zagreb that would entail reappointment of at least two-thirds of the current members of the Editorial Board and replacement of up to one-third of the current members.

Discussion: Quigley remarked that, in view of the responsibilities they hold, editors-in-chief should be given considerable latitude in choosing associate editors. Johansson suggested that three years might be too short a term for editors. Serrano-Moreno rejoined that even though three years may be a short period of time, it gives the Association flexibility.

Action: President Kohno asked for and received approval of Florax's proposal. Hewings nominated Florax and Poot for second three-year terms. Kohno asked for and received

unanimous approval of the nominations.

8. Treasurer's Report: Krmeneč distributed his annual treasurer's report and drew attention to the following points. The general financial position of the Association remains strong. In 1999 there was an excess of revenues over expenses resulting in an increase to the fund balance of \$14,518. Total assets were increased by \$6,487 and liabilities were being reduced. While revenues from membership fees were down (with declining membership numbers), revenues from conferences and investments were up. Costs and revenues associated with production of PRS have both decreased with Springer-Verlag's handling of printing and the institutional trade. While office expenses have increased by about 12%, costs of producing the newsletter and membership directory decreased considerably. Krmeneč anticipated changes in salary and benefits figures with personnel changes at RSAI headquarters, and increase in per copy mailing costs of PRS, with a change in postal service classification and increased size of the journal, but also a decrease in costs associated with publication and distribution of the membership directory as it comes to be distributed electronically.

Discussion: Boyce asked about recent membership figures. Carbonneau responded that paid memberships in 1999 were 1,795 and that, as of the week of the Council meeting, paid memberships for 2000 stood at 1,757 with some section payments yet to be received. She noted that in 1990, the RSAI membership exceeded 2,000. Kilkenny asked about web page maintenance costs. Donaghy replied that the Association was presently paying nothing to Ohio State for web page maintenance.

9. New Business: Van Wyk and Wissink discussed organizational efforts in South Africa. They reported that after the Symposium on Regional Development held last January in Port Elizabeth, a workshop was held at which participants went through a SWAT exercise and identified a niche market for the section (regional development studies). The workshop organizers are now working through disciplinary departments in South African universities (engineering, planning, anthropology, political science, geography, and economics) to attract members for a South African section of RSAI. They are also attempting to identify institutional resources and build organizational capacity. Van Wyk and Wissink have invited Nijkamp, Poot, Higano, and Donaghy to participate in advance planning for future congresses in South Africa and are working on a publication based on the Port Elizabeth Symposium. They are also establishing an institute on regional development to be housed at the Port Elizabeth Technikon.

Discussion: Getis remarked that the Council was extremely pleased with these developments and supported them fully. Wissink noted that South Africa is totally committed to making Regional Science work. Batey proposed that Council give its approval of Port Elizabeth as the site of the next world congress.

Action: Kohno asked for and received approval of Batey's proposal. Van Wyk thanked Council for placing its trust in

the South African delegation. Boyce distributed information on a 'Fellows' membership category. He remarked that the point of such a designation would be to draw attention to the scholarly achievements of the Association. Senior scholars who have contributed significantly to the advancement of regional science would be eligible for designation as a fellow. Boyce suggested that 9 fellows be designated in the next year and that, as a rule, no more than 0.5% of eligible members in one year.

Discussion: Kilkenny argued that 0.5% may be too much and suggested that naming one fellow a year would be fine. Hewings responded that there is something to be said for clearing up the backlog of eligible fellows. Rees proposed that 1) RSAI introduce a fellows designation, 2) all past presidents be grandfathered in, and 3) fellows be inaugurated in Charleston next November. Quigley responded that the fellows designation should be made on the basis of scholarship, if we want attention to be drawn to the Association for the right reasons. Kilkenny added that scholarly publications leading to the fellows designations should be in Regional Science journals. Hewings suggested that Boyce draft a formal statement to be submitted for approval at the Portland meeting in July. Haynes argued that Boyce's current proposal should be adopted in principle.

Action: Rees's proposal was withdrawn and Boyce's proposal was accepted in principle. Kohno appointed a committee of Boyce, Hewings, Kilkenny, Quigley and Rees to bring a detailed proposal back to Council at the Portland meeting.

Hewings gave a testimonial to the contributions of President Kohno over his career in regional science. Batey acknowledged Boyce as the most recent founders' medal recipient (at the Lugano World Congress).

Kohno offered incoming president Hewings an opportunity to share some thoughts with Council. Hewings stated that he felt that scientific contributions of regional scientists were underappreciated. He proposed that information on the accomplishments of regional scientists and the awards they have received be collected and presented on the Association's web site. He indicated that he was greatly encouraged by outreach efforts in Africa and South America but was concerned about the Association's inability to attract and retain young scholars. He concluded by encouraging Council members to think about how the Association's 50th anniversary should be celebrated.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

REMINDERS

40TH MEETING OF WRSA, PALM SPRINGS, FEBRUARY 25-28, 2001

The Western Regional Science Association will hold its 40th Annual Meeting at the lovely conference center of the Palm Springs Riviera Resort and Racquet Club. It will begin with registration and an opening plenary session on Sunday afternoon, February 25. Paper sessions will be held all day

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 26, 27 and 28. See www.geog.arizona.edu/wrsa for more details.

4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT (UPE4): INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO LOCAL/REGIONAL DECISION MAKING, HAIFA, ISRAEL, MARCH 19-22, 2001

The challenge to be addressed in UPE4 is how to integrate environmental considerations into local/regional decision making. The symposium will be conducted along several tracks, including: local agendas 21, managing environmental conflicts in the urban milieu, local environmental indicators, innovative tools for local management of the urban environment, environmental equity at the local level, and implications of institutional structures for local environmental decision making.

The venue of the symposium is the Mount Carmel Hotel in Haifa, Israel. The fee for on-site registration is \$350 and includes the opening reception and a professional tour, lunches and coffee for all four days of the conference. A two-day post conference tour will be available at extra cost (to be determined later). The tour will end in Jerusalem on the opening day of the IFHP conference.

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8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN RETAILING AND SERVICES SCIENCE VANCOUVER, JUNE 16-19, 2001

EIRASS's 8th international conference will be held at the Vancouver Renaissance Hotel in Vancouver, Canada. The conference aims to bring together scholars from various disciplines and countries interested in retailing and consumer services and will focus on issues pertinent to the development of scientific research in the retailing and services industries.

Information on the conference venue and package may be obtained from Professor Harry Timmermans, Director of EIRASS, Eindhoven University of Technology, P.O. Box 513, H.G. 5.25 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands, Phone: 31 40 2472594; Fax: 31 40 2475882, E-mail: eirass@bwk.tue.nl, or by visiting the web site: <http://www.tue.nl/bwk/urb/>.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

3RD INDONESIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

IRSA is preparing its 3rd international conference in Jakarta for March 20-21, 2001, entitled "Indonesia's Sustainable Development in a Decentralization Era." The conference will include presentations of papers on a number of themes, including regional economy, regional planning, resource and environmental management, governance, institution development, population, urbanization, agriculture, community development, investment, industry, and trade. Please submit your paper to the Secretariat of the conference in care of Dr. Budy P. Resosudarmo, Graduate Program in

Economics, Gedung B 2nd Floor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia Depok, 16424, tel: +62 21 787-5862/63, fax: 787-5865, e-mail: paueui@indosat.net.id, website: <http://www.irsas2001.cjb.net>.

The abstract should be in English or in *bahasa Indonesia*, and should not be more than one page long in A4 paper with upper margin and low margin no more than 1 inch, typed with 1.5 inch spacing, Times New Roman 12. Please identify in your abstract the institution you represent.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 1-3, 2001

This year's conference of the Canadian Regional Science Association will be held at INRS-Urbanisation in Montreal from Friday the 1st to Sunday the 3rd of June, concurrently with meetings of the Canadian Association of Geographers and Canadian Association of Economists, with whom programs will be coordinated and joint sessions held on Friday. Abstracts should be submitted by March 31st to Richard Shearmur (richard_shearmur@inrs-urb.quebec.ca). Travel grants are available for students and faculty. (For details contact Claude Marchand at marchand@geog.utoronto.ca.) A student paper competition will be held based on original unpublished papers submitted (3 copies) by May 1st to Richard Shearmur, INRS-Urbanisation, 3465 Durocher, MONTreal H2X 2C6, tel: 1-514-499-4052, fax: 1-514-499-4065. Programme updates and other information will be available on the web site <http://acsr.inrs-urb.quebec.ca/>.

8TH NATIONAL MEETING OF APDR, THE PORTUGUESE SECTION OF THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 29-JULY 1, 2001

The 8th national meeting of APDR will be held in Vila Real, the heart of the Port Wine Region, from the 29th of June to the 1st of July. About 100 papers from associates and colleagues from other countries are expected. The languages of the meeting are Portuguese, Spanish, French, and English. The main theme of the meeting will be "Development and Ruralities in Europe," but the organizing committee will accept papers in other areas of regional science. Presently, the proposed themes for parallel sessions include agriculture and ruralities; EU regional policies and the development of regions; new technologies and regional development; human resources, employment and regional competitiveness; environment and sustainable development; the problem of border regions in the EU; and entrepreneurship and local development. Abstracts should be submitted as soon as possible. Notification of abstract acceptance will be given by February 16th. Papers should be submitted by May 2nd, and notification of acceptance will be given by May 18th. Scholars wishing to participate should use the registration form at the web site: <http://www.apdr.pt/pt/VIIIencontro.htm#inscricao>, or contact Dr. J.P. Barbosa de Melo, Secretary of APDR, APDR - VIII Encontro, Apartado 3060, 3001-401 COIMBRA, PORTUGAL, tel: (+351) 239 820 533, fax: (+351) 239 820 750, e-mail: apdr@mail.telepac.pt, web site: <http://www.apdr.pt/>.

17TH PACIFIC CONFERENCE RSAI, PORTLAND, OREGON, JUNE 30 - JULY 4, 2001

The 17th Pacific Conference of the Regional Science Association

International will be held from June 30th to July 4th in Portland, Oregon USA at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland. Papers on any regional science topic are welcome. Special themes for the PRSCO17 conference include: sustainable cities, urban growth management, downtown revitalization, trade in the Pacific Rim: ports and intermodalism, urban transportation: alternative futures, evolution of high technology districts, regional impacts of immigration, aging, and changing household composition, the geography of the internet, substitution and complementarity of telecommunications and transportation, transformation of resource-based economies, evolution of settlement systems on the Pacific rim, emerging challenges to agriculture in urban societies, sustainable tourism, and international investment and financial markets.

The deadline for abstract submittal is February 28, 2001. Please e-mail or send abstracts to David A. Plane, Chair, Organizing Committee PRSCO17, Department of Geography & Regional Development, University of Arizona, Harvill Building, Box 2, Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA, plane@u.arizona.edu, fax: 520-621-2889, phone: 520-621-1738. The conference is hosted by the Western Regional Science Association. For full conference information please visit the web site at <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>.

41ST CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

The Croatian Section of the European Regional Science Association will host the 41st congress of the Association in Zagreb. The general theme of the congress will be "European Regional Development Issues in the New Millennium and Their Impact on Economic Policy." Thematic areas include regional science methods; sustainable economic growth and production factors; regional disparities, problems, and policies; urban economy, financial issues; globalizations and regional/local identity; human resources and regional labor markets; socio-economic cohesion and regional/local development; and e-business and regional development. The congress venue will be the Faculty of Economics at University of Zagreb. Detailed information about the congress can be found at the web site: www.hgk.hr/ers41. Abstracts of papers should be submitted as soon as possible by using the on-line facilities at the web site. Notification of abstract acceptance will be made by mid April. Nominations for the Epainos Prize should be made before May 1st. There will be a reduction in fees for those registering before June 1st. Complete papers should be submitted no later than June 30th.

31ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL: BRITISH & IRISH SECTION, SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2001

The 31st annual conference of the British and Irish Section of RSAI will be held in Durham Castle, UK. The main conference themes are: Transport Infrastructure and Economic Development; Telecommunications, E-Commerce and Regional Implications; Rural Service Provision; Regional Migration and Housing Markets; Spatial Statistics; and Artificial Intelligence and Regional Science. High quality papers in all areas of regional science are welcome, however.

Abstracts of approximately 500 words should be submitted (preferably by e-mail) to Annette Roberts, Secretary RSAI:B&IS, Welsh Economy Research Unit, Cardiff Business School, Aberconway Building, Colum Drive, Cardiff, CF10 3EU. Tel: 029 2087 4173, e-mail: robertsa1@cf.ac.uk. Abstract deadline is 19th February 2001. Further information can be found on <http://www.weru.org.uk/dur2001.htm>.

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON URBANIZATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OCTOBER 12-14, 2001

The 2nd International Conference on Urbanization, Environment and Health in Developing Countries will be held at Peking University. The meeting will be held in cooperation with the Regional Science Association-China and many other international organizations. Persons interested in participating should submit a one-page abstract to Manas Chatterji, State University of New York at Binghamton, NY 13902, USA, tel 607-777-2475, fax 607-777-4422, e-mail: mchatter@binghamton.edu or Professor Kaizong Yang, Dept. of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University, Beijing, P.R.C., fax 86-10-62754648, e-mail: ykz@urban.pku.edu.cn.

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RESER, OCTOBER 25-26, 2001

The Graduate School of Business in Grenoble is organizing the 11th International Conference of RESER, the European Network of Economic and Spatial Service Research. The theme of the conference, which will be held on the 25th and 26th of October, 2001, is "New Information Technologies and Service Activities: Managerial, Economic and Regional Impacts of New Information and Communication Technologies on Service Activities." The main goal of the conference is to present and set up new research on the transformation of service firms organization due to the intensification of the use of information technologies and network communications. Papers that deal with managerial, strategic, economic, logistic, geographic and other aspects of this transformation are invited. Doctoral students are especially encouraged to present their research on service activities. Interested scholars should submit by e-mail as soon as possible, and in no more than two pages, proposals of papers containing statements of research objectives, methodology, and the main results expected to conf.reser@esc-grenoble.fr or by post to Annie Munos, Groupe ESC Grenoble, Marketing Department, 12, rue Pierre Semard - B.P. 127, 38003 Grenoble cedex 01 - FRANCE. Notifications of acceptance will be given by March 1st. Complete papers must be received by September 1st. Information on registration and hotels will be sent with the decision of the scientific committee.

48TH NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL NOVEMBER 15-17, 2001

The 48th annual North American Meetings of the RSAI, hosted by the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA), will be held at the Westin Francis Marion Hotel in historic Charleston, S.C., Nov. 15-17, 2001. If you have an idea for a session or panel, please contact Frank Hefner, College of Charleston, the 2001 Program Chair.

The deadline for submitting abstracts for presented papers is September 1, 2001. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract of 100-200 words. Also include address, phone number, fax, and e-mail address for each author that will be attending the meeting.

Send abstract to: (e-mail submission preferred)
Frank Hefner, Department of Economics and Finance
College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. 29424
Tel: 843-953-8111; FAX: 843-953-5697

In addition, participants are encouraged to organize a session in an area of interest. Anyone who is interested in organizing a session, being a session chair, or being a discussant is encouraged to contact Frank Hefner as soon as possible for more information.

The rates at the Westin Francis Marion are \$129 for a single or double. The overflow hotel is the Embassy Suites, with a rate of \$175, single or double occupancy – with a suite, room sharing may be desirable. The Westin Francis Marion, originally opened in 1924, was at that time the largest and grandest hotel in the Carolinas. Named for General Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox" of the American Revolution, the hotel recently reopened after a \$12 million National Trust award restoration. Rising 12 stories above the historic district, the hotel's guest rooms and suites offer spectacular views of Charleston's church steeples, antebellum mansions, and famous harbor. The magnificent gardens, house museums, antique shops, boutiques, restaurants and nightlife that make Charleston unique are all an easy walk from the hotel. The Embassy Suites was originally constructed in 1758 and is on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Shuttles from the airport to downtown hotels are reasonably priced at about \$17. Look for further information on a new web site designed for the North American meetings of RSAI at www.narsc.org.

2000 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2000 Membership Directory will soon be available on line. Please check the RSAI web site for information on how to access the directory.

A Note from the Editor

Please note that while Randall Jackson no longer edits the *RSAI News*, he continues to maintain the primary RSAI web site. Any material you wish to post there should be directed to him at

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