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 **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**PRESIDENT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN**

Dear RSAI member,

The transition to universal membership continues to gather pace with many more Sections having recently agreed to join the RSAI. Most Sections that have said 'yes' have opted to manage their own members directly which means that your treasurer/secretary should contact you soon to see if you wish to continue to get hard copy of the Papers in Regional Science (for the existing price of \$60) or enjoy the new low cost of 10 Euros for electronic copy only. This information will then be handed on to Blackwells for processing. Those members that are currently not affiliated to a Section will be contacted directly by Blackwells for the same information. We hope that by the time of the next newsletter we can provide a definitive list of all Sections alongside the decisions they have made as regard to universal membership. In addition to changes in membership, the Leeds office is slowly taking over general administration from Illinois. The contribution of Illinois to RSAI, over many years, has been massive. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Hewings and Kieran Donaghy for all their time and considerable efforts. In addition, we would like to say a massive thanks to Beth Carbonneau who will retire at the end of the year. If family commitments allow, it would be great to thank Beth in person at the North American Meetings in Seattle. Beth, you have done a superb job for many years and the Association owes you a huge debt of thanks!

Plans are also well advanced for the switch of publishers for Papers in Regional Science from Springer to Blackwells. Submission of papers to the journal is increasing and Raymond Florax is working hard with Blackwells to ensure that institutional subscriptions will also be substantially increased. A new electronic tracking system will be introduced to allow the

editors to speed up the refereeing process and potential contributors to see where their paper is within the refereeing system.

From the Seattle meeting, we shall also have a new president of RSAI. Bob Stimson (Brisbane) will chair his first meeting in November and we know he has many excellent ideas on taking the association forward. [Graham and Bob will write a fitting tribute to outgoing President Antoine Bailly in the next newsletter]. Other new members of RSAI council for 2005 will include Jan Oosterhaven and Paul Cheshire (both new ERSA reps). We look forward to working with them. Great thanks to outgoing ERSA members Aisling Reynolds-Feighen and Franz Josef Bade for all their hard work in Council.

Graham Clarke & Antoine Bailly

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWS OF THE RSAI FOR 2005**

In November 2001, the RSAI Council initiated the RSAI Fellows Award to honor a select group of members of the Association who have made important contributions to the field of regional science as Fellows of the RSAI. The inaugural Fellows are the living recipients of the Founder's Medal: Walter Isard, Martin Beckmann, Jean Paelinck, and David Boyce. In 2003 four Fellows were elected and recognized at the 50th North American Meetings in Philadelphia: Masahisa Fujita, Geoffrey J. D. Hewings, Tony E. Smith, and Jacques Thisse. In 2004, four additional Fellows were elected by the Fellows elected in 2003. They will be presented at the 51st North American Meetings in Seattle in November

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2004. Members of the RSAI are now invited to apply to become Fellows, or to nominate any other member of the Association, by sending a short letter in support of nomination, a detailed CV and publication list, and a list of three supporting references, with their email addresses, to Luc Anselin at [anselin@uiuc.edu](mailto:anselin@uiuc.edu). Please note that detailed letters of recommendation are not requested. A list of current members of the RSAI may be found at <http://www.rsai.org> under Membership Information. For full consideration for the current selection process, nominations should be received by January 31, 2005.

### SCIENCE FOUNDATION IRELAND AWARD TO A. STEWART FOTHERINGHAM

Professor A. Stewart Fotheringham has been awarded a highly prestigious Science Foundation Ireland Research Professorship with funding of 2.5 million euros (approx. \$2.8 million or £1.6 million). He will become Director of the newly formed National Centre for Geocomputation (NCG) at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM). Under the current scheme, only 12 SFI Research Professorships will be awarded to attract world-class researchers to Ireland and they are restricted to the fields of Biotechnology and Information Communications Technology. The award thus recognizes not only Professor Fotheringham's contributions to academic research but also the growing importance of GIS and spatial analysis within modern society. The NCG will be housed in new accommodation at NUIM where there will be opportunities to host visiting researchers and post-doctoral students. The NCG will also have available a number of PhD Fellowships which will pay all tuition fees and provide a generous stipend. Anyone interested in visiting the NCG for any period of time is encouraged to contact Professor Fotheringham with their plans. Until September 2004, Professor Fotheringham can be emailed at [stewart.fotheringham@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:stewart.fotheringham@ncl.ac.uk). After that date, he can be emailed at [stewart.fotheringham@may.ie](mailto:stewart.fotheringham@may.ie).

### MATTHIAS RUTH NAMED INAUGURAL ROY F. WESTON CHAIR IN NATURAL ECONOMICS

The University of Maryland, School of Public Policy has received a \$1.65 million gift from Roy F. Weston of Newtown Square, PA. to endow the Roy F. Weston Chair in Natural Economics. The gift also provides immediate start-up funding to launch a new initiative in Natural Economics, a field pioneered by Mr. Weston. The gift represents the largest contribution from an individual in the School's 22-year history.

Professor Matthias Ruth, chair of the Environmental Policy Program at the School, has been named the inaugural Roy F. Weston Chair in Natural Economics. Mr. Weston is the retired CEO of Roy F. Weston Consulting, now Weston Solutions, which he founded in 1957. The firm is among the leading environment organizations serving business and government in the areas of environmental remediation, redevelopment, and management.

The University anticipates that the Weston Chair will work in collaboration with the Institute for Natural Economics, an

independent nonprofit organization that Mr. Weston helped to launch. The Institute will serve as a center of information, research and learning about Natural Economics and work collaboratively with universities and other research institutions to explore best practices in environmental management, promote the integration of sustainable practices by private industry, and stimulate public-private partnerships.



## AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS

### 19TH ANNUAL COMPETITION: THE CHARLES M. TIEBOUT PRIZE IN REGIONAL SCIENCE

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 19th Annual Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science. The Tiebout Prize is awarded for the best paper submitted by a full-time graduate student enrolled at an accredited academic institution (currently, or during academic year 2003-2004). To be considered, papers should be in the general discipline of regional science-- topics in the fields of regional economics, urban economics, urban/regional planning, geography, and local public finance are especially encouraged. Papers will be judged by a Reading Committee of former WRSA Presidents, and the decision of the committee (which will be rendered by late November) will be final.

The author of the winning paper must present at the WRSA's 44th Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency Islandia, San Diego, California, during the period February 23-26, 2005. The winning author will receive \$1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the Meeting. The paper also will be published in the prestigious international quarterly journal *The Annals of Regional Science* (published by Springer-Verlag) following regular review procedures. Authors of all submitted papers judged by the Program Committee to be worthy of presentation will be invited to deliver them in regular sessions of the Meeting. Small travel awards may also be made to authors of papers judged worthy of designation for "Finalist" status in the competition.

Graduate students wishing to submit papers for the competition should send five (5) hard copies and e-mail as an attachment an electronic copy of the paper as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF file in draft or final form to:

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Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA by) is October 15, 2004.

All submissions must include a cover page giving the paper's title, author's full name, address, phone and fax numbers.

Please indicate your Department and University affiliation and the name of your primary faculty supervisor. Papers should be double spaced. Only one submission per author and only singly-authored papers will be considered. Any paper exceeding 50 pages in length will NOT be considered by the Reading Committee.

This prize is awarded in honor of the outstanding contributions to regional science made by Charles M. Tiebout before his untimely death in 1968. In addition to his scholarly achievements, "Charlie" Tiebout brought wit, irreverence, and goodwill to everything he did and everyone he knew. He was particularly good in advising, counseling, and encouraging graduate students: thus, it is fitting that the WRSA's annual prize bearing his name be awarded to the best graduate student paper in regional science.

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

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

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

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

1. A curriculum vita of no more than two (2) pages in length.
2. A statement in twenty (20) pages or less explaining the questions and issues to be addressed, the approach to be used, and the product expected from the thesis research. The 20-page limit is inclusive of references, but exclusive of tables and figures. This text should be in 12 point or larger font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins; references may be

single-spaced.

3. The candidate's graduate transcript for all graduate study. Unofficial copies are acceptable.

4. A confidential letter from the thesis supervisor (plus four copies) sealed in one envelope, and signed across the seal by the supervisor. In the letter the supervisor should assess the quality and significance of the proposed dissertation research, specify the current state of progress toward the candidate's degree and provide a commitment by the thesis supervisor to obtain a tuition waiver for the candidate for the year of the Fellowship. A condition of the Fellowship is the granting of a tuition waiver for the year of the Fellowship by the host institution.

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

#### 2ND REIMUT JOCHIMSEN PRIZE

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

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

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

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



#### NEW WEB SITE FOR REGIONAL INVERSION

The website <http://www.regionalinversion.com> may be of interest to all working in fields related to regional science, economic development, economic geography, infrastructure, and regional change. The site is now being used by researchers and students at various universities in Europe and North America. It provides an overview of the concept of regional inversion, the roles of tangible and intangible infrastructure, innovative capacity, educational access, and related topics. Links to other sites related to regional change can be accessed from the website, along with a list of relevant publications by the author.

#### REPORT OF ISRAELI SECTION CONFERENCE

The annual local conference of the Israeli Section was held on June 6th 2004 at the School for Public Policy, Ben Gurion University and addressed the theme of 'New Directions in Regional Development'. The keynote presentation was given by Michael Sonis who spoke on the topic of 'A Review of Some Major Theories of Regional Science'. Fifteen papers were presented across four sessions that dealt with theory and models, transportation, housing and the environment and regional disparities. Powerpoint slides of most of these presentations can be downloaded from the Israeli Section website: [www.israelrsa.org.il](http://www.israelrsa.org.il)

Effective from September 1st the Israeli Section will have new officers: Danny Felsenstein will replace Dani Shefer as chair of the Section and Amnon Frenkel will act as secretary/ treasurer. Addresses of the new Section officers:

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## REMINDERS

8TH PRSCO SUMMER INSTITUTE, SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2004, VALDIVIA, CHILE

PRSCO Summer Institute will be held at Universidad Austral, Valdivia, Chile, during September 22-25, 2004. PRSCO Summer Institute will hinge around the general topic: "Integration among Regions: A Strategic Option for Human Development in Pacific Rim Countries". Within the general dynamics of the rapid pace of internationalization of the RSAI, this first meeting of the PRSCO in South America can be a key step towards fostering a 'new' dialogue within Regional Science issues, having the advantage of the feed-back of the Southern Hemisphere.

The contact person in Chile is the head of the LOC: Dr. Enrique von Baer (Director of the Chilean network: "Sinergi@Regional"). E-mail: hvonbaer@ufro.cl; Tel: (56-45) 325-911 and 325-495; Fax: (56-45) 325-910.

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

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

Objectives and themes of the 2004 conference, "Information Communication Technologies and Service Relationship in the Global Economy: A Challenge for Enterprises and Societies in Europe." This year, the conference has obtained the support of the European Commission, DG Enterprise. For more details, please send email to: [angelique.roux@iut-tlse3.fr](mailto:angelique.roux@iut-tlse3.fr)

ANZRS AI CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1, 2004, WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA

The Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association annual conference is to be held from 28th September to 1st October 2004 in Wollongong, Australia, just south of Sydney. Further information can be found at the conference web page at: <http://www.anzrsai.org/>, or contact:

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11TH RSAI/ERSA TURKISH SECTION CONGRESS, OCTOBER 21-23, 2004, TRABZON, TURKEY

The 11th Regional Science/Regional Planning Congress of RSAI/ERSA Turkish section will be held at Karadeniz Technical University, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Trabzon, Turkey, during October 21-23, 2004. For further information, please visit: web site: <http://sehircilik.ktu.edu.tr>; or send email to: [sehirktu@ktu.edu.tr](mailto:sehirktu@ktu.edu.tr)

51ST ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MEETINGS OF RSAI, NOVEMBER 11-13, 2004, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Join us in Seattle, WA, to celebrate the 51st anniversary of regional science. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Madison Hotel, November 11th-13th, 2004, in downtown Seattle.

*Conference Registration*

You are encouraged to register and pay for the conference using on-line registration and credit card payment forms at the conference web site. Alternatively you may download the registration form (pdf format) and submit payment via conventional mail. Please note that participation in the conference requires membership in the Regional Science Association International (RSAI). If you are not a RSAI member, you may purchase membership for 2004 or 2005 using the on-line registration system.

*Hotel Reservations*

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for the nights of the 10th-14th of November, at \$135 for a single or double. Reservations need to be made by October 7th, 2004. Reservations can be made by sending an e-mail to [groupres@renaissanceseattle.com](mailto:groupres@renaissanceseattle.com) using the Group Code "NARNARA."

More information about the conference can be found at: <http://www.narsc.org/narsc/conference.html>

30TH CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL STUDIES, NOVEMBER 18-19, 2004, BARCELONA, SPAIN

The Spanish Association of Regional Studies announces its annual meeting that will take place in Barcelona in November 18 and 19, 2004. This year the theme of the meeting is "Regional Policy at the Crossroads." The venue of the congress is: IDEC - Universidad Pompeu Fabra, C/ Balmes, 132, 08008 Barcelona, Spain.

For more information about the congress, please contact the technical secretary:

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REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 19, 2004, LONDON, UK

The Regional Studies Association Annual Conference will be held at London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, London, on Friday, November 19, 2004. This conference aims to get to grips with the extent, nature and implications of localism in development and governance. The 2004 conference format will have several plenary speakers in the morning, followed by open-call, parallel workshop sessions, each addressing key themes. The conclusion of the conference will involve plenary speakers and debate on localism as the future for development and governance.

The topics discussed in the conference include:

- Local economic policy and development
- Institutions of localism
- The politics and governance of localism
- Localism and the centre/the region
- Evaluating localism
- Localism in practice (case studies)

For more information, please contact Regional Studies Association (tel: +44 (0) 1323 899 698; fax: +44 (0) 1323 899 798; email: [rsa@mailbox.ulcc.ac.uk](mailto:rsa@mailbox.ulcc.ac.uk); or web-site: [www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk](http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk)).

24TH ANNUAL MEETING OF NERSA, NOVEMBER 19-20,  
2004, ITHACA, NY

The 24th Annual Meeting of the North East Regional Science Association (NERSA) will be held at Ithaca College School of Business, Ithaca, New York, November, 19-20, 2004. Your participation is most welcome and encouraged. This year Abstracts will be published with the conference program and hopefully we will be able to publish papers in the Conference Proceedings on a CD. If you are interested in submitting a paper please log on to our new web page at <http://www.ithaca.edu/nersa/>.

The annual meeting is a good venue for academics as well as practitioners in Regional Science to meet and exchange ideas. This is also a perfect venue for graduate students to present their research and get feedback from professionals in the field. Academic advisers are encouraged bring their students to the meeting. This is one of the most cost effective Regional Science Association's meetings this year. Registration fee is only \$55 which includes two breakfasts, one lunch, and refreshments for two days. Ithaca is in the Wine Country of the Fingerlakes Region and we will do our best to arrange Wine and Cheese gathering.

If you have any questions concerning the annual meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Emil Boasson or Dr. Vigdis Boasson at:

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CALLS FOR PAPERS

36TH ANNUAL REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE,  
NOVEMBER 18-19, 2004, NEW DELHI, INDIA

The theme is "Globalization, Reforms and Settlement Strategy." Abstract deadline is October 31, 2004. Contact Dr. N. Sridharan, Organizing Secretary, 36th Annual Regional Science Conference, Department of Urban Planning, School of Planning & Architecture, 4-Block- B, I.P. Estate, New Delhi 110002 INDIA; Tel: (011) 26828369 or Fax: (011) 23702383

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

The Western Regional Science Association will host the 44th annual meeting during February 23-26, 2005, at Hyatt Regency Islandia, San Diego, California. The conference will begin with registration, an opening session, and a reception on Wednesday afternoon, February 23. Paper sessions will be held all-day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 24, 25, and 26.

Papers on any topic of broad interest to regional science are welcomed. The program committee screens papers for suitability before invitations are sent. Persons interested in organizing special sessions should get in touch with WRSA executive secretary Dave Plane immediately. For consideration by the program committee, please e-mail a file (see specs below) or send three (3) hard copies of your paper (in draft or final form) not later than: OCTOBER 15, 2004. Abstracts are not accepted.

*Electronic Paper Submission*

Attach your paper as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF File to an e-mail message and send to David Plane: [plane@u.arizona.edu](mailto:plane@u.arizona.edu). Please do not use any other word-processing formats. Large graphics files should not be sent (send hardcopy of figures separately from the text if necessary). Electronic submission is strongly preferred, but we will continue to accept hardcopy (please send three paper copies). On multiple-authored submissions, indicate which author(s) plan to participate at the conference. Please, one paper presentation per registered participant this year. Be sure to include your e-mail address with your submission

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

Southern Regional Science Association 44th Annual Meeting will be co-hosted with Mid-Continent Regional Science Association 36th Annual Meeting during April 7-9, 2005, at Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, VA. Potential Topic Areas Include:

Regional Modeling; International Trade  
Resource Utilization; Environment Quality  
Transportation Systems; Tourism and Recreation  
Economic Impact Analysis; Rural Economic Development  
Regional Migration/Labor Markets  
Regional Development Issues/Policy  
Public Finance and Investment Analysis

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

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

For the open paper sessions, theoretical papers dealing with spatial econometric methods, and empirical papers dealing with economic interdependencies in space are invited. Please e-mail abstracts of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 characters to [workshop@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:workshop@ifw-kiel.de) as either a Word or PDF file attachment. All abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific committee. Deadline for submission of abstracts is: September 30, 2004.

For more information, please visit <http://www.uni-kiel.de/ifw/konfer/spatial-econometrics.htm>, or contact: Eckhardt Bode, ([ebode@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:ebode@ifw-kiel.de)), Dirk Dohse ([ddohse@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:ddohse@ifw-kiel.de)), or Rüdiger Soltwedel ([soltwedel@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:soltwedel@ifw-kiel.de)).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### *Goal of the Conference*

The goal of the conference is to promote and stimulate the exchange of ideas among economists, government officials, engineers and managers with interests in input-output analysis and related methods worldwide. Thus, we invite thematic topics related to any aspect of input-output analysis and computable general equilibrium modelling. This



includes economic theory; issues of policy and strategy such as growth and development or energy and the environment; all aspects of models, methods, and analytical frameworks; applications at the global, national, regional and local levels; the use of input-output analysis in new areas including interdisciplinary research and the collection of data and compilation of input-output tables.

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

#### *Mode of Participation*

Over the years organized sessions have proven to be among the best constructed and attended sessions at these International Input-Output Conferences. Thus, we strongly encourage proposals for organized sessions on particular themes. Thematic workshops and evening sessions/courses are also encouraged.

To submit a session or set of sessions, provide a description of the theme and objectives for the session and identify both the organizer, session chair(s), paper presenters (discussants do not have to be confirmed or even yet invited at this time) by: name, title, affiliation, and proposed paper topic. Abstracts will be required at a later date (see below).

Proposals for evening courses, thematic workshops, and evening sessions should include a description of proposed contents, participants, and anticipated audience.

Of course, abstracts for individual papers may also be submitted. Every attempt will be made to fit accepted individual papers into organized sessions. If these is no clear theme, sets of individual submissions will be grouped them into sessions with common themes.

#### *Deadline for Abstract Submission*

Please submit abstracts for papers by October 31, 2004 to the Head of the Scientific Program Committee, including the title and the abstract of the paper, names of all authors, and full postal and e-mail address of the corresponding authors.

#### *Travel Grants and Leontief Memorial Prize*

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

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

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

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Transport and Regional Development  
Financial Services Industries and Regional Growth  
Regional Development, Energy and Environment  
Regional Innovation Strategies - Measuring Success  
Economic Development of Islands and Small States  
Economic Geographies of South-East Europe

Abstracts of approximately 500 words should be submitted (preferably by e-mail) to the Secretary at the address below as soon as possible and by January 31st 2005 at the very latest. Authors will be notified of the committee's decision in March 2005. For any further information regarding the conference please also contact the Secretary Dr Dimitris Ballas, Secretary RSAI:B&IS, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, Winter Street, Sheffield S10 2TN e-mail: [d.ballas@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:d.ballas@sheffield.ac.uk) ; Tel: +44 (0) 114 2227923; Fax: +44 (0) 114 279 7912

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