Regional Science Scholarship in Paradise…

**Wailei, Maui, Hawaii**

**WRSA’s 43rd Annual Meeting ~ February 25–29, 2004**

Aloha!

WRSA’s first ‘Grand Tour’ of the Hawaiian Islands was completed when we held our 39th Annual Meeting in 2000 at Poipu, Kauai…

This winter, a select group of intrepid regional science scholars, will set forth to begin the Association’s second ‘Grand Tour’ when they gather for the 43rd Annual Meeting to be held at the Wailea Marriott, An Outrigger Resort, on Maui.

Our conference dates are February 25–28, 2004. An overview of the schedule:

- **Wednesday, February 25:** Registration, Opening Plenary Session in late afternoon, Reception
- **Thursday, February 26:** Paper Sessions All Day; Board Meeting
- **Friday, February 27:** Paper Sessions All Day; Annual Banquet Luncheon; President’s Reception
- **Saturday, February 28:** Paper Sessions All Day.
- **Sunday, February 29:** No planned events; most participants depart or continue travels.

Some of will remember the Wailea Marriott as the venue of our 1993 Meeting – back when it was the Intercontinental. It recently received a $25 million renovation. The hotel features the finest conference facilities in the “Neighbor Islands” and great resort ambiance.

As usual, we’ve negotiated excellent rates for a top Hawaiian resort during the high winter travel season. Our block’s rates: $155 (+tax) per night for Garden View rooms, $165 Mountain View, $180 Ocean View, and $195 Ocean Front. (Compare those to the regular rates shown on the Resort’s website! Go to http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa and click on the link…)

The Maui Meeting is one WRSA conference you simply owe it to yourself to attend! So, get working on a

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**That Warm WRSA Feeling…**

**Final Report: The Rio Rico ‘03 Meeting**

Despite the somewhat blustery weather – atypically so for late-February in Baja Arizona – the 201 regional scientists who ventured to the Rio Rico Resort for the 42nd Annual Meeting were treated to a full dose of the traditional warmth generated by a gathering of the WRSA clan.

Traveling to Santa Cruz County on the U.S./Mexico border involved a visit to a new part of the world for many participants. Early arrivers were treated to a field trip on Wednesday, February 26, organized by WRSA Fellow Lay Gibson. The group investigated aspects of the border economy, visiting Valencia International, custom house brokers in Nogales, Arizona, the Badger Meter Company’s maquiladora (twin plant) in Nogales, Sonora, and two fresh produce distributors in Rio Rico.

The academic sessions of the conference got underway on Thursday, February 27, and continued through Saturday afternoon, March 1. The Final Program featured 31 invited paper sessions, including two in the ongoing series of special Northern Development/Remote Regions sessions organized by Lee Huskey, two special joint NE-162/WRSA session organized by David Holland and Maureen Kilkenny (the Agricultural Economics group, NE-162 held their annual business meeting in conjunction with the conference on Wednesday), the traditional lively “Western States Economic Outlook” session organized annually by Timothy Hogan, a session on Business Microdata in Geographical Analyses organized by Stuart Sweeney, plus two sessions on planning issues in the American West and growth and development in the

**See Rio Rico Report continued on Page 2…**
Adelheid Holl Wins Springer-Verlag Prize

Adelheid Holl of the University of Sheffield, England, was presented in Rio Rico with the 8th Annual Springer-Verlag Prize emblematic of the best paper presented at the conference by a junior-level scholar as judged by the Editors of The Annals of Regional Science.

Dr. Holl’s prize-winning paper was entitled: “Determinants of Spatial and Sectoral Variations in Firm Birth: Empirical Results for Portugal.”

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U.S.-Mexico border region organized by Adrian X. Esparza. A panel session on the topic of “The New Economy: Myth or Reality” was convened on Friday morning by Robert Formaini.

The WRSA Board held its annual meeting on Thursday afternoon (see related articles on Page 3 of this Newsletter).

On Friday the Annual Luncheon Banquet was held, with 43rd WRSA President Roger Stough as the Master of Ceremonies. The featured event was incoming 44th WRSA President Koichi Mera’s Presidential Address: “Regional Science for What? The Policy Orientation of WRSA.” Discussion of the Address was given by newly named WRSA Board Member, Roger Bolton. Koichi’s speech was preceded by the presentations of the Springer-Verlag and Charles M. Tiebout Prizes. (See stories on pages 5 and 6 of this Newsletter.) On Friday evening Professor Mera hosted a very successful and lively President’s reception.

Although the 2003 Annual Meeting was not a record-setter in total attendance, the registration count of just over 200 closely matches the numbers achieved at the previous two conferences: 2002 in Monterey and 2001 in Palm Springs. However, it is believed that in 2003 the number of student participants reached an all-time high! This was due, in part, to the proximity of the venue to the University of Arizona, but is also reflective of the association’s ongoing drive to recruit the next cohort of western regional scientists. So bring a top-notch grad student with you to next year’s conference on Maui!

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Liu is President-Elect, Huskey selected V.P., Bolton joins Board

At the 2003 Annual Meeting in Rio Rico the WRSA Board selected Professor Lee Huskey of the University of Alaska, Anchorage, as the Association’s 2003–2004 Vice President. Lee has organized the Northern Development / Remote Regions Sessions at the Annual Meeting for a number of years since Tom Morehouse retired. Per WRSA custom, after serving for a year as President Elect, he will succeed to become President-Elect for the 2004–2005 year and President for 2005–2006.

Professor Juunita Liu, University of Hawaii, Manoa, moves up from Vice President to President-Elect for 2003–2004. She will assume the duties as WRSA’s 45th President at the Maui Meeting, presenting her Presidential Address and hosting the traditional President’s Reception.

Professor Roger Bolton of Williams College was elected as a new member of the WRSA Board.

In other business, the Board discussed arrangements for the upcoming Maui conference, received a report from Executive Secretary Plane on Annual Meeting sites he has been negotiating with for 2005, and debated possible meeting venues for 2006. The role of WRSA Fellows was discussed and several new Fellows elected (see article below). The Meeting was adjourned and followed by a (“Dutch–treat”) dinner held at the Tubac Country Club.

Greenwood, Haynes, Mittelbach, & Paelinck Named WRSA Fellows

Four new Fellows of the Western Regional Science Association were announced at the 42nd Annual Meeting Banquet Luncheon at the Rio Rico Resort. They are:

Michael Greenwood, Professor of Economics at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Mike is known around the World for his research on human migration. He served as WRSA’s 31st President (1990–91).

Professor Kingsley E. Haynes, currently Dean of the School of Public Policy at George Mason University, served as WRSA’s 32nd President (1991–92) and is a Past President of the RSAI.

Frank G. Mittelbach, Professor Emeritus of the University of California, Los Angeles in Housing, Real Estate, and Urban Land Studies, served as WRSA’s 16th President (1975–76); Frank continues to play an active role in Association matters.

Jean H. P. Paelinck, Professor Emeritus of Erasmus University, The Netherlands, has been a long-time member of the WRSA Board and serves also as the Association’s official composer and pianist. In addition to his numerous works on spatial econometrics and location theory, Jean is the author of The March of the WRSA.

The four new Fellows join Martin Beckmann, Lay James Gibson, Charles Leven, Robert Monahan, and Anthony Pascal, as well as the late Michael Mischaikow, in receiving the WRSA’s highest honor for lifetime service and scholarship.

Benjamin H. Stevens Fellowships

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. The Fellowship is awarded annually for dissertation research in regional science in memory of Dr. Benjamin H. Stevens, an intellectual leader whose selfless devotion to graduate students as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend had a profound impact on the field.

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

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

An application consists of five sets of the following materials:

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

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

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

For information about NARSC, go to: http://www.narsc.org
Michael K. Mischaikow, 1918–2003
Founder of The Annals of Regional Science, Long-time WRSA Fellow

Professor Dr. Michael K. Mischaikow, longtime Western Washington University economics professor, died in Bellingham on April 13 at the age of 85, a victim of Alzheimer’s disease.

Michael was born to Konstantin Mischaikow and Atina (Nesheva) Mischaikow on January 14, 1918 in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria. He married Eleanor Fuchs in Bloomington, Indiana on November 3, 1956.

Raised in Bulgaria, he spent his early years living in Sophia and Borisovgrad, the family’s country home. Growing up, he was an avid horseman and hunter, but his greatest fondness was for soccer, where he excelled at the position of goalie. He received his bachelor’s degree in economics from the School of Commerce and Finance in Sofia, Bulgaria.

While earning his master’s degree in business administration from the Hochschule fuer Welthandel in Vienna, Bulgaria fell to the Communist Revolution and Michael’s homeland was lost. He spoke many languages and in the wake of World War II he worked within the United Nations Resettlement and Repatriation Administration assisting refugees with relocation. He was also active in the “United Europe” movement that preceded the European Union. In 1956 he relocated to the United States to work at the Federal Bureau of Economic Research; excited to be in a free and democratic land.

Michael then attended Indiana University where he received his Master’s Degree in Economics in 1957 and his Doctorate in 1961. His first teaching position was at the University of West Virginia in Morantown where he studied the regional impacts of the coal and oil industries and spent time assisting displaced coal miners.

Dr. Mischaikow then moved to Bellingham in 1964 where he taught at Western for 24 years in the College of Business and Economics and helped to found the Huxley College of Environmental Studies, serving as interim dean during 1977-78. In 1984 he received the Outstanding Teacher award, Western’s highest recognition of teaching excellence.

Michael, always a man of vision, perceived the need for a journal focusing on practical applications as well as theory for Regional Science. He launched this effort in 1967 with the first volume of the Annals of Regional Science. Michael recruited leading scholars in Regional Science for the Editorial Board as a further quality guarantee in addition to his own skill and knowledge. Over the twenty-two years he served as Editor the journal evolved into a highly regarded international forum for regional science application and theory known and respected around the world.

Following the untimely death of Charles Tiebout in 1967 the Western Regional Science Association went through some difficult times. Michael stepped into the breach and with skillful behind the scenes manipulation he put the organization back on track and expanded its international membership and reputation.

Michael was honored with a surprise Festschrift volume of the Annals at the 1988 annual meeting of the WRSA. The volume was done under some stringent time constraints and a couple minor errors escaped the notice of the stand in editors. An astonished Michaikow was handed the volume and the ever sharp eyed editor remarked after 5 seconds “There is no copyright notation,” and after another 10 seconds he noted that the volume number on the binding was incorrect. Then, and only then, he went on to thank the assembled members for their support and to indicate how much the Annals and the Festschrift meant to him in both professional and personal terms.

His vision of embracing Regional Science scholars around the Pacific Rim led to the creation of the Pacific Regional Science Conference (PRSCO). At one of the subsequent meetings of PRSCO he was voted “Honorary President for Life.”

Mike was deeply involved in his local community. He was elected to the Board of Freeholders who wrote a charter for the City of Bellingham and worked on a variety of civic projects. In recognition of his accomplishments he was given the 1974 “Award for Outstanding Community Service “ by the Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the Mt. Baker Ski Patrol and was an avid stream fisher, often accompanied by one or more of his children.

Michael was active in the Bellingham Rotary Club which established the “Michael K. Mischaikow Freedom Fund” in his honor. He used this fund to send books to his alma mater in Bulgaria and to institutions of higher learning in eastern Russia. Following personal visits to the Kamchatka region, he persuaded Rotary to establish clinics, to collect used medical equipment and supplies and to encourage democratic institutions in several cities and towns.

In addition to his wife, Eleanor, he is survived by three children, Dr. Konstantin Mischaikow of Georgia Tech, University, Monica Ramsey of Seattle and Ted Mischaikov of Bellingham plus six grandchildren.

Michael Mischaikow was a most remarkable man who contributed significantly to higher education as an outstanding teacher, researcher and administrator. He refused to recognize disciplinary boundaries and encouraged others to do so with favorable results for both students and colleagues. He was dedicated to his family, passionate about freedom, democratic government, and a tireless worker for the betterment of human beings irrespective of race, nationality or ethnic origin.
Winners of the Charles M. Tiebout Prize

17th Competition 2003 (co-winners); **Chokri Dridi**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, “Toward a Quantitative Analysis of Industrial Clusters: Shapely Value, Entropy, and Fuzzy Measures,” and **Bhanu Yerra**, University of Minnesota, “The Emergence of Hierarchy in Transportation Networks.”

16th Competition 2002; **Tracy Gordon**, University of California, Berkeley, “Crowd Out or Crowd In?: The Effects of Common Interest Developments on Political Participation in California.”

15th Competition 2001; **Brian Mikelbank**, Ohio State University, “Spatial Analysis of the Relationship between Housing Values and Investments in Transportation Infrastructure.”

14th Competition 2000; **Arno van der Vlist**, Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, “Patterns of New Household Formation and Residential Career.”


10th Competition 1996; **Steven P. Raphael**, University of California, Berkeley, "The Spatial Mismatch Hypothesis of Black Youth Unemployment: Evidence from the San Francisco Bay Area."


7th Competition, 1993; (cowinners) **Hsin-Ping Chen**, University of California, Irvine, "The Simulation of the Proposed Nonlinear Dynamic Urban Growth Model" and **Alastair McFarlane**, University of Michigan, "Taxing Developers."


4th Competition, 1990; **T. Wong**, University of Manitoba, "Theories of Development and the Experience of Taiwan."

3rd Competition, 1989; **Scott Campbell**, University of California, Berkeley, "From Dust Bowl to Defense Buildup: Labor Migration and Regional Development during the Second World War."

2nd Competition, 1988; **Stephen J. Appold**, University of North Carolina, "The Location of Industrial Research Laboratories."

1st Competition, 1987; **Timothy J. Fik**, University of Arizona, "Competing Central Places and the Spatially Autocorrelated, Seemingly Unrelated Regression System."

17th Tiebout Prize Winners

**Chokri Dridi** and **Bhanu Yerra** were announced as the co-winners of the 17th Annual Tiebout Prize at the Rio Rico Meeting Yerra’s winning paper was entitled: “The Emergence of Hierarchy in Transportation Networks,” and Dridi’s “Toward a Quantitative Analysis of Industrial Clusters: Shapely Value, Entropy, and Fuzzy Measures.” The co-winners were presented with their award by Roger Stough, WRSA Immediate Past President. Chokri Dridi is a doctoral student in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Bhanu Yerra is a doctoral student in the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Minnesota. Also honored as a Finalist in the competition was Sandy Dall’erba, University of Illinois. Two Honorable Mention awards were given: to Clifford Lipscomb, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Suahasil Nazara, also at the University of Illinois. All five honorees presented their papers in regular sessions at the Rio Rico conference.
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The Annals of Regional Science
The Official Journal of the Western Regional Science Association is the international quarterly The Annals of Regional Science.

The journal was established in 1967 and is now published by Springer-Verlag.

WRSA membership includes a subscription to the Annals. Members in the USA are mailed paper copies whereas electronic subscriptions are provided to members in other countries.

The journal is co-edited by WRSA Past President, Roger Stough, of George Mason University, WRSA Board member, T. John Kim, of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and by long-time WRSA member Börje Johansson.

Authors wishing to submit papers may send them to any of the three co-editors. Börje Johansson, borgje@regplan.kth.se; T. John Kim, tjkim@uiuc.edu; or Roger R. Stough, rstough@gmu.edu

The Annals website is located at: http://link.springer.de/link/service/journals/00168/index.htm or click on the Links section of the WRSA homepage accessible at http://geog.Arizona.edu/wrsa

Maui ’04 will be the 7th WRSA Annual Meeting held in the Hawaiian Islands:

43rd: Marriott Wailea Resort, Maui, February 25-28, 2004
39th Sheraton Kauai Resort, Poipu, February 26-March 1, 2000
32nd Maui Inter-Continental Resort, Wailea, Maui, February 21-25, 1993
29th Kaluokoi Hotel, Molokai, February 21-25, 1990
22nd The Prince Kuhio Hotel, Honolulu, Oahu February 24-27, 1983

Last Call: 2003 Membership

Membership renewals for the 2003 Calendar Year will be accepted through the end of August. Payment (check or credit card information) should be sent to the WRSA office in Tucson along with the renewal form that can be printed out from the website.

Dues are just $70! Students receive a reduced rate of $40. Member benefits include subscriptions to the WRSA Newsletter and to the Association’s official quarterly international journal, The Annals of Regional Science, published by Springer-Verlag (paper copies sent to members residing within the US; electronic subscriptions provided outside the US.) Tell a friend about WRSA!

2004 Dues will be collected beginning in September. Note: All persons whose names appear on the Program and who attend the Maui Annual Meeting must be dues-paid 2004 members.

Davis Wins 4th Stevens Fellowship

Alison Davis, doctoral student in Economics at North Carolina State University was selected as the winner of the fourth annual Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science.

The Fellowship will provide a $21,500 one-year stipend to support Davis in her research on hedonic analysis of residential congestion and accessibility. Her dissertation is entitled: “The Household’s Response to Traffic Congestion.”

WRSA Graduate Students are cordially invited to apply to the 5th Competition for the Stevens Fellowship. Full details may be found on Page 3 of this Newsletter.

Chokri Dridi and Bhanu Yerra, 2003 Co-winners of the 17th Charles M. Tiebout Prize
Attention Graduate Students!

*Call for Paper Submissions...*

**18th Annual Competition**

The Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 18th 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 2002–2003). 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 43rd Annual Meeting to be held at the Wailea Marriott, An Outrigger Resort, Maui, Hawaii, during the period February 25–28, 2004. 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 or WordPerfect file in draft or final form to:

Professor David Plane, Organizer, 43rd Annual Meeting of the WRSA
Department of Geography & Regional Development
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Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA
E-mail: plane@u.arizona.edu

**Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA by):**

October 15, 2003

- Submissions must include a cover page giving the paper's title, author's full name, address, phone 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.
- **NOTE:** 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.
Regional Science Meeting Calendar

5th International Conference of the Indonesian Regional Science Association, Bandung, July 18–19, 2003
For more information visit the website at: http://www.irs2003.cjb.net or send e-mail to the organizers, Dr. Armida Alisjahbana and Arief Anshory Yusuf at irsa2003@bdg.centrin.net.id

43rd European Congress of the RSAI, August 27–30, 2003, Jyväskylä, Finland
The Congress is being hosted by the Nordic Section and the School of Business and Economics of the University of Jyväskylä. For more information visit the Congress website at: http://www.jyu.fi/ersa2003/

8th International Conference of RESER: The European Network of Services and Space, Mons, Belgium, October 9–10, 2003
The theme of this year’s conference is “Services and Regional Development.” For more information visit the website at http://www.fucam.ac.be/RESER

Join regional scientists from around the world in Philadelphia, PA. in celebrating the 50th anniversary of regional science.
The conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, November 20-22nd, 2003, in the heart of “Center City” Philadelphia.
Janice Madden, Organizer, (madden@ssc.upenn.edu), and the Conference Planning Committee are arranging a special program to commemorate the Golden Anniversary, including special sessions on the history and future of regional science and scholarly sessions on a range of regional science topics.
Walter Isard, founder of the Regional Science Association and current President of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), will deliver the Presidential Address.
For full conference information visit the new and attractive NARSC website: http://www.narsc.org

(See articles pp. 1 and 2, this Newsletter.)

43rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 11-13, 2004
The conference will be held at the elegant Le Pavillon Hotel. Authors wishing to present papers should e-mail an abstract to 2004 Program Chair, Mark Partridge: mpartridge@stcloudstate.edu

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