



Western Regional Science Association

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Newsletter

Call for Papers, Discussants and Session Chairs...

Santa Fe '06: Experience the Enchantment of WRSA, February 22-25

Make your plans now to participate at WRSA's 45th Annual Meeting to be held in the 'Land of Enchantment,' and in one of North America's most singular cities: Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.

Get working on a paper for submittal by the customary October 15 deadline! We'd also love to hear from anyone who won't have a paper ready to go, but would like a spot or two on the Program as a discussant or/or session chair.

Location, location, location... The 1998 North American Meetings of the RSAI hosted by WRSA in Santa Fe was a record-setter: at the time it was largest gathering of regional scientists ever to have taken place in North America! (The 50th Anniversary Philadelphia conference now holds that distinction.) We are expecting another great group to assemble for the WRSA's own first-ever Annual Meeting in Santa Fe – and our first in the state of New Mexico.

The conference sessions will all be held at – and most participants will stay in – the fun, historic, funky yet elegant, La Fonda, on the Plaza. Some may remember it as one of the two inns where we hosted those November 1998, 45th North American Meetings. We will also have a small number of rooms a few blocks away at the charming, upscale, La Posada de Santa Fe Resort & Spa – a Rock Resort.

Nearby Albuquerque boasts excellent airline connections. Convenient, inexpensive express bus service is available directly to Santa Fe and La Fonda for those not wishing to rent a car (though there are numerous good options for interesting day trips should you to decide to reserve one).

If you've never experienced Santa Fe, or never been there in the winter season, you're in for a real treat! Whether taking advantage of uncrowded fine dining, the galleries, the museums, shopping, or

chatting with your WRSA friends and colleagues while sipping wine in front of a piñon pinewood fire... you'll find Santa Fe a perfect venue for the mix of scholarship and collegiality that makes WRSA:

"The way academic life is supposed to be."

Call for Papers... Papers on all regional science topics are welcome. Please e-mail your paper before October 15. Draft versions are acceptable at this stage. Send the manuscript to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@u.arizona.edu) as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF file attachment. Please do not send huge graphic files (high resolution copies of figures can be transmitted directly to your chair and discussant later on if need be). For multiple-authored papers, clearly indicate which authors plan to attend and please include complete contact information for all intended participants.

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The San Diego 44th Annual Meeting: Scholarship, Sun & Collegial Fun

As WRSAers came in, the winter rains cleared out. The 44th Annual Meeting featured plenty of southern California sun throughout four days of intensive scholarly and social interacting. The final participant count for the February 23–26, 2005 conference held at the Hyatt Regency Islandia was 230, including 27 graduate students.

A noteworthy preconference event on Wednesday was the luncheon held to honor WRSA Fellow Arthur Getis, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Professor and Mary Birch Endowed Chair

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Remember WRSA Board policy requires the submittal of *complete papers*. All papers are screened by the Program Committee before formal invitations to present are mailed. Program Committee decisions are never made on the basis of an abstract alone. Manuscripts may, however, be submitted in *draft* form, with the final version (the one to be sent out by the WRSA office to the discussant and session chair) due no later than December 31.

All Program participants at the conference are required to pay registration fees and be dues-paid 2006 members of the WRSA. (If you are not a 2005 member, you need not pay dues for the remaining months of this year in order to submit a paper – we'll sign you up for 2006 instead.) This year we ask that only one paper be presented per fee-paying registrant. (Coauthors who do not attend the conference are not required to pay registration fees.)

Overview of Meeting Dates... To facilitate your travel planning, here's an overview of the 2006 Annual Meeting schedule:

- ❖ **Wednesday, February 22:** *Note: Most participants should plan to arrive during the day on Wednesday; no paper sessions will be held on this day;* Registration opens; Opening Plenary Session (ca. 4:00 PM), followed by the Welcoming Reception (For all participants and accompanying persons)
- ❖ **Thursday, February 23:** Registration reopens and continues (Throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All day); WRSA Board Meeting (Late afternoon; by invitation only)
- ❖ **Friday, February 24:** Registration continues (All day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (For all registered meeting participants); President's Reception (For all participants and accompanying persons)
- ❖ **Saturday, February 25:** Registration continues (Throughout the morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All day)
- ❖ **Sunday, February 26:** No scheduled conference activities. *Note: Most participants should plan to depart on Sunday*

The WRSA website with full conference information is accessible at <http://geog.arizona.edu> More items will be posted in the months ahead, including hotel reservation information, the preregistration form, and ca. January 1, the Preliminary Program. Drop an e-mail to Executive Secretary Plane if you have any questions.

WRSA's 45th Annual Meeting should be a memorable one. Come experience the enchantment.

Cheng Garners 19th Tiebout Prize; Nagle and Zhao Honored as Finalists



Shaoming Cheng takes home the Tiebout Prize...

The 19th Annual Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science was awarded Friday, February 24, 2005, at the Annual Luncheon Banquet of the 44th Annual Meeting in San Diego.

The winning entry was submitted by Shaoming Chen, doctoral student at George Mason University. His paper, presented at the conference on Saturday afternoon, was entitled: "How Can Western China Attract FDI? A Case of Japanese Investment."

As winner, Mr. Chen received \$1,000 in prize money from the Tiebout endowment fund. In 2004, at the Maui Annual Meeting, Mr. Cheng had been honored as a "Finalist" in the 18th Tiebout competition.

Honored this time for achieving the status of "Finalist" were two other outstanding doctoral students: Nicholas Nagle, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Zouoquan Zhao, George Mason University.

Nagle was recognized for his paper "A Geostatistical Framework for Linear Regression with Spatially Correlated Areal Data," and Zhao for his titled "Growth and Dispersion: Spatial Production Function and the Case of US Industry 1969–2000."

The Reading Committee of Past WRSA Presidents, John Quigley, Brenda Moscovice, Koichi Mera, and Roger Stough, voted to accord "Honorable Mention" status to two additional papers: those authored by Hoje Kang, Cleveland State University, and Jaime Bonet, Edificio Banco de la Republica, Cartegna, Columbia.

See page 8 for the Call for the 20th Competition.

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in Geographical Studies at San Diego State University. The event took place at Georges at the Cove Restaurant in La Jolla. Many longtime friends and colleagues of Art were able to come in early to attend. Thanks to Lay and Janet Gibson who made, as usual, superb arrangements for the festivities.

Official conference activities got under way Wednesday afternoon with the opening Plenary Session. A talk entitled: "San Diego Regional Prosperity Strategy" was presented by Marney COX, Chief Economist, San Diego Association of Governments. Thanks to WRSA Board Member, Sergio Rey, for organizing the session. It was followed immediately by a well-attended and extremely lively Welcoming Reception.

Full morning and afternoon slates of paper sessions got under way on Thursday. Presentations and discussions were held using WRSA's "signature" seminar format. Groups sat around the hollow square to foster give-and-take during the 45 minutes allotted for each paper. And, as per custom, each paper was assigned a formal discussant.

The Final Program of the 45th Annual Meeting listed 174 formal paper presentations in 40 invited paper sessions, along with one special panel session and the annual business meeting of the NE-1011 Agricultural Economics group, which once again convened jointly with WRSA. Thanks to Joe Francis of Cornell for overall direction on the NE-1011 side, and Steve Cooke, Maureen Kilkenny, and Bruce Weber for pulling together two interesting NE-1011/WRSA joint paper sessions.

The WRSA Board gathered on Thursday afternoon for its annual business meeting. (Please see related article on page 5 of this edition of the *WRSA Newsletter*). Thursday night the annual Board and Past President's reception was held in (and on the surrounding rooftop terrace of) the Islandia's spectacular penthouse.

Friday's program, in addition to a full slate of invited paper sessions, included the Annual Luncheon Banquet. The event was held "under the Big Top": the revival-tent-style Regency Pavilion. Featured, in addition to the traditional awards presentations (see stories on pages 2 and 4), was 46th WRSA President, Lee Huskey's Address: "Limits to Growth: Remote Regions, Remote Institutions." The speech was discussed by 37th WRSA President, Jon Miller.

After the final papers of the day were presented, participants reassembled in the Pavilion for a bodacious President's Reception. Thanks to the generous financial support provided by the College of



46th WRSA President, Lee Huskey, presents his Address...



... 37th WRSA President Jon Miller discusses it

Business and Public Policy, University of Alaska, Anchorage, and the Alaska Council on Economic Education, an outstanding array of appetizers were served and enjoyed by one and all. The party went on long after the scheduled ending time.

Saturday's academic program included several specially organized events. The ongoing suite of Remote Regions sessions were organized, once again, by Lee Huskey. A session on "Regional Data: Issues and Prospects" was arranged by Stuart Sweeney, UC Santa Barbara. And the annual AUBER-WRSA joint "Western States Economic Outlook" was put together – on an "encore" basis – by Tim Hogan, Arizona State University. The session featured a record high 10 state-level presentations.

The '05 conference marked WRSA's return to San Diego after a 10-year gap. (We'd not been back since the 1995 34th Annual Meeting at the Princess Resort.) By all measures the 44th Annual Meeting was one whose memory many of us will treasure for a long time.

Albums of photographs taken by WRSA's own paparazzo, Doug Tom, during both the San Diego and Maui Meetings are now up on the WRSA website.

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Lars Olof Persson, in memoriam



WRSA member Lars Olof Persson died February 26, 2005; he was planning to give a paper at the San Diego Meeting on February 25. The following tribute was drafted on behalf of his colleagues at KTH and the Nordic Institute for Spatial Development, Hallgeir Aalbu, Mats Johansson and Folke Snickars.

Lars Olof Persson was ill for only a few weeks. Hardly anybody knew about it. Maybe he was out conferencing or editing the next issue of the journal of the Swedish Association of Planners? Perhaps he was preparing for his popular project course on regional development in the Baltic Sea region at KTH? Or was he, indeed, busy finishing the final report from one of his many research projects at the Nordic Institute of Spatial Development? The truth was that he was battling his unexpected cancer. And he lost. He passed away before the age of 60.

Lars Olof Persson was filled with ideas and initiatives in his work. He was a very talented writer with a language that could be both scientifically precise and entertaining depending on what the situation required. He wrote extremely fluently. Texts seemed to flow out of his pen. He simply produced good quality in his work.

Lars Olof Persson worked his whole career with regional science studies. He produced around 150 professional publications. A highlight of his career was his work as the main secretary of the Government White Paper Commission in 1997 on the regional role of the nation state. He became a respected expert in regional policy and regional science.

Lars Olof Persson commenced his career at the Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences in the 1970s. He was among those who coined the term of the “urbanised countryside” in the Swedish context. He later joined the Expert Group for Research on Regional Development (ERU) at the Swedish Ministry of Industry. There he worked on analyses of rural change in the 1980s and later became deeply involved in studies of local labour markets. The policy term “labour market enlargement” became attached to him long before it made the policy circles.

From the 1990s and onward Lars Olof Persson shared his time between the Royal Institute of Technology and the Nordic Institute for Spatial Development in Stockholm. In both roles he took the step from a national expert to an international authority in his field. At the time of his death he was intensively involved with managing international projects, such as the project on the effects of EU enlargement on the European town and countryside. He represented Swedish competence at its best.

For Lars Olof Persson the family was always at the centre. He enjoyed his family life and his fine manor house in Haninge south of Stockholm. There he gained the strength and inspiration to be as mobile in his own work as the labour markets he so successfully studied.

Now he has finished his journey. We are grateful for having travelled with him a while.

Hewings chosen WRSA Vice President; Osman becomes President; Westlund, Ruth, and Murray invited to the Board

At its annual business meeting held at the San Diego Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2005, the WRSA Board chose Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, Professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and Director, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL), Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, as the Association's 2005-2006 Vice President. In discussing the nomination, it was agreed that following Professor Hewing's successful completion of a term as President of the Regional Science Association International he is now probably qualified to take his place in the WRSA presidential succession.

At the San Diego conference, Jack W. Osman, Professor of Economics, San Francisco State University, succeeded to become President-Elect for 2005-2006. Jack will give his Presidential Address and host the President's Reception at the Santa Fe 45th Annual Meeting.

Our now reigning, 46th President, Lee Huskey, University of Alaska, Anchorage, will complete his year-long term at the Santa Fe conference, where he will chair the Annual Banquet Luncheon Program.

45th President, Juanita Liu, University of Hawaii, serves during 2005-2006 in the post of Immediate Past President

Three new members of the Board were selected, for terms beginning with the 2005-2006 year: Hans Westlund, Swedish Institute for Growth Policy Studies; Mathias Ruth, University of Maryland; and Alan Murray, Ohio State University.

Attending the Meeting as observers were Professors Kumata and Shibusawa, who gave a short presentation about plans for the 19th Pacific Conference (held in July) in Tokyo, and newly appointed North American Regional Science Council Executive Director, John-Claude Thill, who led a short discussion about NARSC initiatives – including its innovative approach to RSAI global membership. (See related article on page 7 of this *Newsletter*.)

Among other Board actions, proposals from hotels in Orange County were reviewed as prospective sites for the 2007 conference and 2008 meeting sites were debated. Executive Secretary Plane was directed to move forward on signing a contract for 2007 in the Newport Beach area, and then begin to search for a Hawai'ian meeting venue for the 2008 Annual Meeting – perhaps on the Big Island?

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PRSCO Updates...

Kuala Lumpur '06 Summer Institute, Vancouver '07 Next Pacific Conference

An extremely successful 19th Pacific Regional Science Conference was held July 25-28 in Tokyo, hosted by the Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International. A good contingent of WRSAsers was able to participate this time. Thanks to Yoshiro Higano, PRSCO Executive Director, Professors Kumata and Shibusawa, and the Japan Section for organizing an outstanding conference.

Plans are now in full swing for the next two PRSCO events: the 2006 Summer Institute in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the next full Pacific Conference – the 20th – to be held in Vancouver and hosted by the Canadian Regional Science Association under the leadership of David Edgington, University of British Columbia: edgingtn@geog.ubc.ca The venue is planned to be the Coast Plaza Hotel, conveniently located in downtown Vancouver. A website with more information is planned to be put up later this year.

The Kuala Lumpur 8th PRSCO Summer Institute will focus on the theme: *Regions on a Global Platform*. It will be hosted by the Malaysia Regional Science Association (MRSA) in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and PRSCO.

The dates have now been fixed and are July 19-21, 2006. The venue will be the Mandarin Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

The formal Call for Papers will be issued on October 1, 2005, with the deadline for abstract submission set for February 1, 2006. Acknowledgments of accepted abstracts will be made by March 15, 2006, with the deadline for full paper submission being May 31, 2006.

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Kang Takes 10th Springer-Verlag Prize

At the Annual Banquet Luncheon of the San Diego 44th Annual Meeting, The Annals of Regional Science Coeditors Börje Johansson, T. John Kim, and Roger Stough, along with Springer-Verlag's representative, Katharina Wetzel-Vandai, presented the 10th Annual Springer-Verlag Prize to Hoje Kang, Cleveland State University.

Kang was honored for his paper "Detecting Agglomeration Processes in the Product Life Cycle and Sudden Changes Using Space-Time Clustering Analysis."

The Springer Prize is awarded each year to a junior scholar who, in the opinion of the Editors, has authored a most outstanding paper presented at the conference. The prize is accompanied by a certificate redeemable for \$300 worth of Springer-Verlag books.

A Chronology of PRSCO: Pacific Regional Science Conferences and Summer Institutes

The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization, PRSCO, now one of the three operational arms of the Regional Science Association International, was founded at the 7th Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association held in San Diego., February 1-4, 1968, as a joint venture by WRSA and the Japan Section of the Regional Science Association (JSRSA).

The first official Pacific Regional Science Conference was held at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, and was jointly organized by Michael K. Mischaikow from WRSA and Genpachiro Konno from JSRSA. The first PRSCO Summer Institute was organized and held in Bandung, Indonesia, in 1990.

Here's a list going back in time of the locations and host organizations of Pacific Conferences and Summer Institutes. Conferences are held in alternate, odd-numbered years, Institutes (shown in italics) in even-numbered years.

2007	20 th	Vancouver, BC, Canada	CRSA
2006	9 th	<i>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</i>	MRSA
2005	19 th	Tokyo, Japan	JSRSAI
2004	8 th	<i>Valdivia, Chile</i>	
2003	18 th	Acapulco, Mexico	AMECIDER
2002	7 th	<i>Melia, Bali, Indonesia</i>	IRSA
2001	17 th	Portland, OR, USA	WRSA
2000	6 th	<i>Cuernavaca, Mexico</i>	AMECIDER
1999	16 th	Seoul, Korea	KRSA
1998	5 th	<i>Nagoya, Japan</i>	JSRSAI
1997	15 th	Wellington, New Zealand	ANZRSA
1996	4 th	<i>Tsukuba, Japan</i>	JSRAI
1995	14 th	Taipei, Taiwan	CRSA-T
1994	3 rd	<i>Bandung, Indonesia</i>	
1993	13 th	Whistler, BC, Canada	CRSA
1992	2 nd	<i>Taipei, Taiwan</i>	
1991	12 th	Cairns, Australia	ANZRSA
1990	1 st	<i>Bandung, Indonesia</i>	
1989	11 th	Singapore	JSRSA
1987	10 th	Pusan, Korea	KRSA
1985	9 th	Molokai, HI, USA	WRSA
1983	8 th	Tokyo, Japan	JSRSA
1981	7 th	Surfers Paradise, Australia	ANZRSA
1979	6 th	Vancouver, BC, Canada	WRSA
1977	5 th	Burnaby, BC, Canada	WRSA
1975	4 th	Taipei, Taiwan	JSRSA
1973	3 rd	Honolulu, HI, USA	JSRSA
1971	2 nd	Tokyo, Japan	JSRSA
1969	1 st	Honolulu, HI, USA	WRSA/JSRSA

The Annals Are Coming, The Annals Are Coming!

WRSA membership includes a subscription to the Association's official journal: *The Annals of Regional Science*, published by Springer. 2005 members will receive all four issues of Volume 39. Members living in the US receive hard copies; those in other countries receive electronic subscriptions.

Earlier this year we were informed about a delay in the editing and distribution of Volume 39. Members were earlier informed about the delay via an email message posted to the WRSA listserv. Plans are to get the journal caught up on its regular publication schedule by year's end.

US-based members are being mailed, together with this issue of the *WRSA Newsletter*, Volume 39, Number 1 ("March" 2005). We hope to receive our shipment of Volume 39, Number 2 ("June") from the Springer offices in Germany very soon; we will forward it and the other two remaining issues along as soon as we receive them here in Tucson.

The full-text electronic version of Volume 39, Number 1, is now accessible and can be found on the Springer website: <http://www.springerlink.com/app/home/journal.asp?wasp=e0591e3129804e8a8c345b296a138859&referrer=parent&backto=linkingpublicationresults,1:100498,1> (Whew! ...bookmark it.)

Australia-New Zealand RSA

Visit the Land of "Lord of the Rings" for the "Lord of the Regions" Conference

If you haven't been to the land where Peter Jackson's Oscar-winning Lord of the Rings movies were made – beautiful New Zealand – there is a great opportunity this year. The Australian and New Zealand Section of the Regional Science Association International (ANZRSAI) and the Economic Development Association of New Zealand (EDANZ) have come together to organize a joint conference on September 27-30, 2005 in Auckland, New Zealand. This is the first time an international regional science conference is being held in New Zealand since the highly successful PRSCO conference in Wellington in December 1997.

Keeping in line with the "Lord of the Rings" theme, the conference title is LORD OF THE REGIONS: THE MYTHS, MAGIC AND MIX FOR REGIONAL INNOVATION. The conference will bring together practitioners and academics from both sides of the Tasman Sea, and further away, to focus on regional innovation.

Participants can expect an exciting combination of keynote speakers, plenary presentations and contributed paper sessions covering a wide range of topics relevant to regional science and regional development.

Abstracts were required by the end of June 2005, however, please contact organizer James Rowe (Senior Planner Economic Development, Manukau City Council) jrowe@manukau.govt.nz if you have an interest in participating in the conference. For further information please consult the conference website www.lordoftherregions.org.nz.

All North American members of WRSA are now automatically RSAI members!

Details of the new WRSA / NARSC / RSAI Global Membership Agreement

Did you know that – if you live in North America – your WRSA membership *automatically* gives you basic-level membership in the Regional Science Association International (RSAI)? All 2004 North American WRSA members are RSAI members for 2005. And please know that your 2005 WRSA membership will entitle you to basic 2006 RSAI membership.

So, if you've not previously been an RSAI member: Welcome on board! Bienvenue! ¡Bienvenidos!

Not a resident of North America? Under the new RSAI Global Membership plan, WRSA members living in other countries should be affiliated with RSAI through their own individual national or language-based associations.

Anyone who wishes to receive paper copies of the RSAI journal, *Papers in Regional Science*, can now pay an additional add-on fee through Blackwell Publishers in order to "upgrade" their basic-level membership.

How did this come about? Some background information first. And apologies if this is more information than you ever thought you'd want to have about the internal machinations of regional science organizations... (It has been said that only a bunch of academics could ever have invented a set of structures as complicated as these!)

...In the past, only a fraction of all persons who annually attended any of the many regional science conferences and/or who belonged to regional or national sections were also automatically registered as RSAI members. Within North America, it was always necessary to join RSAI separately. This was done by paying dues through the mail to the headquarters in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, or, sometimes, will registering for the North American Meetings.

On a worldwide basis, however, North America – where the RSA first started – had come to represent a somewhat anomalous arrangement. Elsewhere, i.e., both in Europe and the Pacific regions, it was the option of each member organization (national or language-based) to decide whether to include RSAI membership dues within the cost of joining that organization.

In the past, some associations made RSAI dues mandatory, others (e.g., the Japan Section) gave an option as to whether to become a "domestic-only" or "international" member. For persons whose organizations opted out of the whole structure, or for those who attended only the international conferences, or for those who lived in countries without organized associations, independent memberships could be arranged by, as in North America, paying dues directly to RSAI. Bottom line: The whole structure that existed through 2004 evolved over a long period of time; it was quite complex and burdensome to manage.

As part of the recent reorganization of RSAI, which also involves the movement of the headquarters from Urbana, Illinois to the UK, a decision was made by RSAI Council to try to bring all regional scientists around the world into RSAI. The goal: to make regional science a stronger voice at the global scale.

It was decided that management of RSAI membership rolls is a back-office function that could be outsourced efficiently. Blackwell Publishers, which has become a leader in offering management services to academic professional associations, was brought on board as the RSAI contractor. As part of the arrangement, Blackwell will, henceforth, also print and distribute the RSAI's official journal: *Papers in Regional Science*.

So how does WRSA fit into all this? WRSA is one of the five founding member organizations of the North American Regional Science Council or NARSC. The other four: the Canadian Regional Science Association, the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, the Northeast Regional Science Association, and the Southern Regional Science Association. See: <http://www.narsc.org/>

NARSC is one of the three operational arms (or 'Supraregional Organizations') of RSAI along with PRSCO (the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization, of which WRSA is also a founding member – see story on Page 6) and ERSAs (the European Regional Science Association). NARSC is responsible for organizing the Annual North American Meetings each November and for managing regional science matters pertaining to the North America.

In the past, NARSC had paid annual per capita fees to RSAI from the revenue of registrations collected at the North American Meetings. RSAI membership was also compulsory for those participating at the North American Meetings. These fees have been abolished under the new structure. And no separate RSAI membership dues will henceforth be collected by the conference organizers.

NARSC Councillors, however, expressed a desire to continue to support the regional science movement – and, financially, RSAI. Thus at last November's NARSC Council Meeting in Seattle, final agreement was reached on a new plan. Beginning in January 2005, in lieu of making annual per capita fee payments, NARSC will make financial contributions to RSAI of an amount appropriate to ensure basic-level RSAI membership for all persons resident in North America who either: (a) register and attend the North American Meetings, or (b) join one of the five NARSC member organizations.

What does RSAI membership give me? In addition to a listing on your C.V., access to the international conferences and affairs of the RSAI, electronic access to *Papers in Regional Science* and the *RSAI News*, and being included in the global count of active regional scientists.

So what does this cost WRSA? Nothing! None of your WRSA annual dues goes to pay RSAI. This is a benefit extended to WRSA as a Member Organization from NARSC. Those of us who attend North American Meetings will also see no increase in registration fees attributable to the changeover from the old per-capita-fee/mandatory-RSAI-dues structure to the new system. In fact, the total amount paid through NARSC to RSAI should be less.

How do I find out more about RSAI?
Visit the RSAI website at: <http://www.regionalscience.org/>

3rd 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 of: *European Infrastructure Policy: Advancement of Transport Policy in the European Community*.

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. The paper may have been published already.

The prize sum is 5,000 euros, which may be split.

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 (buhr@vwl.wiwi.uni-siegen.de). The deadline is October 15, 2006. Each paper should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae of its author(s). Collaborators of the members of the Reading Committee may not participate in the competition. There will be no possibility of recourse to legal action.

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.

Regional Science Meeting Calendar

Annual Meeting, Australian and New Zealand Section of the RSAI, Auckland, New Zealand, Sept. 27–30, 2005

See article, p. 6, this Newsletter.

52nd North American Meetings of the RSAI, Las Vegas, NV, USA, November 10–12, 2005

The Meetings will be held at the Riviera Hotel. See the NARSC website for full details: <http://www.narsc.org>.

45th Annual Meeting, Western Regional Science Assoc., Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, February 22–25, 2006

See article, pp. 1–2, this Newsletter. WRSA website has full conference information: <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa/>

45th Annual Meeting, Southern Regional Science Assoc., St. Augustine, FL, USA, March 30–April 1, 2006

Abstract Deadline: Dec. 16, 2005. See the SRSA website for Call for Papers: <http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/>

International Symposium of the RSAI, Bangalore, India, January 6–8, 2006.

The symposium will be sponsored by the Indian Institute of Management and will focus on the theme: Spatial Dynamics, Technological Innovation and Emerging Economies. Participants should submit their abstracts to the local organizer: Dr. Rajeev Gowda (email: gowda@iimb.ernet.in). More details: <http://www.regional.science.org>

20th Annual Competition

The Charles M. Tiebout Prize

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 20th 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 2004–2005). 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 45th Annual Meeting to be held at La Fonda hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico, during the period February 22–25, 2006. 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 in Word, WordPerfect, or PDF format to:

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Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA by): October 15, 2005

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. 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.