

## **PRSCO Prize for Best Paper by a Young Regional Scientist**

### **1. Goal**

The Prize is to encourage young regional science scholars within the Asia-Pacific area to achieve research excellence and to participate in research within the PRSCO community.

### **2. The Prize, Conditions and Eligibility**

- 2.1 The Prize will be made to a young regional scientist who is from a PRSCO-relevant part of the world, and who has undertaken excellent research as demonstrated by a paper to be presented to a PRSCO Meeting (either the PRSCO Conference or Summer Institute).
- 2.2 For the purpose of the Prize, a young regional scientist will be defined as being under the age of 33 years on 1 July of the year in which the Prize is made.
- 2.3 The Prize will be awarded annually, on a calendar year basis.
- 2.4 A member of the PRSCO Young-Scientist Prize Committee, or a nominee of the Committee, will present the Prize winner with a Certificate during the PRSCO Meeting to which the Prize winner's paper was submitted.
- 2.5 The Prize winner will be expected to present their paper at the PRSCO Meeting. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the PRSCO Meeting at which the Prize is to be awarded will be encouraged to: (i) make a contribution towards the travel expenses of the Prize winner, and (ii) waive the registration fee for the Prize winner.
- 2.6 If extenuating circumstances prevent a Prize winner from attending the relevant PRSCO Meeting, the Certificate will be forwarded to them by mail.

### **3. Nomination Process**

- 3.1 Applicants for the Prize must submit a paper to the PRSCO Executive Secretary by the date specified in the material advertising the Prize. The Prize should be advertised on the RSAI web site, and by PRSCO sections, at least 9 months prior to the PRSCO Meeting. The Closing date for applications should be at least four months prior to the Meeting.
- 3.2 Papers may be co-authored, but evidence will need to be provided that the applicant is the lead author for the paper, contributing over 70 per cent of its content.

### **4. Prize Committee and Selection Process**

- 4.1 The PRSCO Council will name a six person Young-Scientist Prize Committee to assess papers submitted for consideration for the Prize.
- 4.2 A member of the PRSCO Council will be appointed as Prize Committee Chairperson. The Prize Committee should include either the Editor or a Regional Editor (Asia-Pacific) of *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, two members from the PRSCO Meeting's Scientific Committee and/or LOC, and two other members drawn from the PRSCO Council.
- 4.3 The Chairperson will organise for Committee members to review and evaluate submitted papers, and establish a process for an initial and final ranking of papers. Discussion between Committee members to decide the Prize winner may be by email, or other internet-based communication methods.
- 4.4 The Committee will consider only those papers submitted to it via the PRSCO Executive Secretary and deemed eligible for the Prize.
- 4.5 The Committee will consider applications for the Prize on the following criteria:
  - The paper should be well written, displaying a logical structure, clarity, and transparency;
  - The paper should be conceptually sound;
  - The research should contain a degree of innovation; and
  - The paper should make a useful contribution to the regional science literature.
- 4.6 The Committee Chairperson will inform both the PRSCO President and the PRSCO Executive Secretary of its decision at least two months prior to the Conference or Summer Institute. The Executive Secretary will then inform the winner by email.