

# Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting(Seoul, 12th July, 1999)

(approved by the Council Meeting in Montreal on Saturday 13 November, 1999)

Held on Monday 12 July, 1999

At the Seoul Education and Cultural Center,  
Seoul

Commencing at 2:00 PM

- a) Apologies received: T Fukuchi, GJD Hewings (ex officio and friends), P Morrison (ex officio and friends), J Munro (CRSA), P Nijkamp (ex officio and friends), L Suarez-Villa (WRSA), G West (ANZRSIAI)
- b) Present (and confirmation of section representatives) ANZRSIAI: DF Batten (repr. G West), J Poot (chair) CRSA: - CRSA-T: C Hua, SK Peng (repr. CC Mai) JSRSIAI: H Kohno (repr. T. Fukuchi), Y Higano, M Tawada, Y Miyata KRSA: YS Lee, SO Park AMECIDER: J Serrano, S Rodriguez (repr. A Corona) WRSA: LJ Gibson, JM Quigley, DA Plane, K Haynes (repr. L Suarez-Villa) Ex-officio and friends: PWJ Batey (Immediate Past President RSAI), KP Donaghy (Executive Secretary RSAI)
- c) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting of Thursday 12 November 1998 These were approved. It was noted that the 2000 Summer Institute in Mexico-City would be held in June, not July.
- d) Report from the Chairman, LOC, 16th PRSCO Conference SO Park reported on the conference organisation. The program consisted of 105 papers, of which 70 were offered by foreign scholars and 35 by Korean scholars. The conference organisers expected 162 participants (including 7 spouses). About half of the participants came from 15 countries outside Korea. PRSCO President J Poot moved a vote of thanks for the excellent conference organisation by LOC chairperson SO Park, Secretary-General S Choo, and their local team. This was carried with acclamation.
- e) Update on forthcoming meetings

## **6th PRSCO Summer Institute, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Wednesday 14 - Friday 16 June, 2000**

J. Serrano (chair, LOC) informed Council about the plans for the 6th PRSCO Summer Institute. An initial call for papers had been made and a web page was established:

<http://zoroku.agbi.tsukuba.ac.jp>

/CONFERENCE/sum\_6th\_first.html A glossy "second call for papers" brochure would be distributed soon. This meeting would be held jointly with the annual meeting of AMECIDER. However, sessions with foreign participants would be conducted in English and plenary sessions would have simultaneous translation in English/Spanish. The theme of the conference is "Developing and developed regions in the Pacific Rim: interaction, networks and tasks". Subthemes include: Interaction, networks and tasks; Convergence or divergence among Pacific Rim countries and regions; Regional dislocalization and re-localization of production processes; International economic and financial integration; New initiatives for local development; and Sustainable cities and regions in the 21st century. There will also be a special panel on the near future of linkages between Latin American countries and the Pacific Rim. One of the main objectives of the meeting is to bring in scholars from South America and, hence, build up a regional science community on that continent. The PRSCO Council meeting would be held in the afternoon of Tuesday 13 June 2000, followed by a welcoming reception at 19:30. Plenary and concurrent sessions will be held from Wednesday until Friday, with an excursion planned for Thursday afternoon. Post-conference excursions to e.g. Teotihuacan, Tepoztlan or Taxco can be arranged. Participants will stay at quality hotels (rates US 80-110 per night) at walking distance, such as the Radison Paraiso Hotel.

## **17th PRSCO Conference, Portland - Oregon, USA, June 30 - July 4, 2001**

D. Plane (chair, LOC) outlined the plans for the 17th PRSCO conference. The theme of the conference would be related to the special features of Portland, for example its experience with CBD revitalisation. Participants would be expected to arrive on Saturday June 30. The PRSCO Council meeting, a plenary session and a reception would be held on Sunday 1 July. Paper sessions would be held on Monday 2nd July, Tuesday 3rd July and Wednesday 4th July. In the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd July there would be an excursion. The conference would

close with a BBQ on Wednesday 4th of July. The fireworks on this national holiday in the USA would be a positive externality. Conference sessions would be at the Embassy hotel, where the room rate is US \$105 per night (including breakfast). For other meals, there are many nice restaurants in the area.

#### **7th PRSCO Summer Institute, 2002**

Suggested locations included Beijing, Bali (Indonesia) or a resort in Malaysia. A formal decision would need to be made at the Council meeting in Mexico-City in June 2000.

#### **18th PRSCO Conference, 2003**

Suggested locations included Japan, South America (e.g. Chile), Canada or Taiwan. A formal decision would need to be made at the Council meeting in Mexico-City in June 2000.

#### **f) 1) Nomination of Executive Secretary for 2000-2001**

President Poot thanked Y. Higano for his work in running the Secretariat of PRSCO and nominated him to serve as Executive Secretary for a 2nd term. This was carried with acclamation.

#### **2) Nomination of a PRSCO Councillor on RSAI Council**

The current PRSCO councillors on RSAI Council are:

1997-1999: CH Yang

1998-2000: H Kohno

1999-2001: JM Quigley

Council agreed that a nominee to replace CH Yang would come from AMECIDER. Following the meeting, it was resolved that J. Serrano would be nominated to serve on RSAI Council for the years 2000-2002.

#### **g) Ratification of the Constitution of PRSCO**

The draft constitution was tabled. The final document would be sent to Councillors within a few weeks after the meeting. It would be formally moved at the PRSCO Council meeting in Montreal on Saturday 13 November to adopt the constitution from 1 January 2000. Consequently, PRSCO councillors would be responsible for ratification of the Constitution in their Membership Section before 13 November 1999.

#### **h) Scientific collaboration with scholars from mainland China**

C Hua reported on his contact with Profes-

sor Kang-Chung YANG, who is the chairman of the Geography Department at Beijing University. KC Yang visited Taipei in January 1999. Mainland China regional scientists would be invited to the CRSA-T conference in 2000 and a delegation from Taiwan would be invited to a mainland China conference in 2001, both subject to Government approval. There are plans to set up a Chinese Association of Regional Science (CARS), which may join RSAI and PRSCO in due course. Y Higano had written to KC Yang to encourage him and his colleagues to participate in PRSCO activities. It was decided that Y Higano would write another letter to KC Yang, in order to invite him to participate in the 1999 NARSC conference in Montreal and be present at the PRSCO Council meeting as an observer.

#### **i) "Quo vadis PRSCO"**

General discussion of this matter would be postponed until a future meeting. D. Batten noted that, as participation of scholars from non-English speaking countries in RSAI and PRSCO increased, consideration should be given to compile sets of classic and influential articles in foreign languages and publish these as edited volumes, after translation into English. Certain publishers, such as Springer Verlag, may be interested in such ventures.

#### **j) Date and location of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 13 November, 16:00-18:00 at the Delta Montreal Hotel, Montreal, Canada and will be followed by dinner.

#### **k) Any further business.**

There was no further business.

The meeting was closed at 4:30 PM.