

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Bali, 19 June, 2002)  
(approved by the PRSCO Council Meeting in Sun Juan, 15 November, 2002)

Held on Wednesday 19 June 2002, Sumatera Room,  
Melia Bali Hotel, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia

**Commencing at 8:30 PM**

1. Apologies received, roll-call, and confirmation of Section representatives

*Apologies received:*

K. Donaghy (Executive Director, RSAI), D. Edgington (CRSA), R. Florax (Editor-in-Chief, PiRS), L. Gibson (WRSA), H. Kohno (PRSCO friend), Y. Miyata (JSRSAI), S.O. Park (Immediate Past President, and KRSA), D. Plane (President, and WRSA), M. Tawada (JSR-  
SAI)

*Present:* B. Brodjonegoro (IRSA), J.T. Dizon (PRSCO friend from the Philippines), C.-M. Feng (CRSA-T), A. Fujioka (repr. Y. Miyata, JSRSAI), G. Hewings (President RSAI), Y. Higano (Executive Secretary, and JSR-  
SAI), R. Ismail (PRSCO friend from Malaysia), P. Nijkamp (PRSCO friend from Europe), J. Poot (ANZRS AI), J. Quigley (WRSA), B. Resosudarmo (IRSA), J. Serrano (Chair, Vice-President, and AMECIDER), H. Shibusawa (repr. M. Tawada, JRS AI), K. Tanaka (JRS AI), I. Yussof (PRSCO friend from Malaysia)

*Confirmation of section representatives, as at 1 July 2002:*

**AMECIDER:** R. Wences, J Serrano (Vice-President) **ANZRSA:** J. Madden, J Poot **CRSA:** D. Edgington, R. Shearmur **CRSA-T:** C.-M. Feng, C. Mai **IRSA:** B. Brodjonegoro, B. Resosudarmo **JSRSAI:** Y. Higano (Executive Secretary), Y. Miyata, K. Tanaka, M. Tawada **KRSA:** J.H. Choi, S. Park (Immediate Past President) **WRSA:** L. Gibson, D. Plane (President), J. Quigley, R. Stough

2. Minutes of the PRSCO Council meeting in Charleston, 15 November 2001  
The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.
3. Final report on the organization of the 7th PRSCO Summer Institute  
B. Brodjonegoro spoke on behalf of the Organizing Committee. The preparations for the meeting had proceeded well. The conference would be held jointly with the 4th IRSA international conference. About 90 papers had been offered for the meeting. This was

also the expected total number of participants. Some financial support had been offered to participants who were unable to obtain sufficient funding from their own organizations. Such support was primarily in the form of a conference registration fee waiver.

J. Serrano proposed a vote of thanks to Organizing Committee members A.S. Alisjahbana, B.P.S. Brodjonegoro, B.P. Resosudarmo and L.E. Wuryanto, and the Coordinator in Charge, Santi B. Handayani, for the excellent conference organization.

This was carried with acclamation.

4. Progress report on the organization of the 18th PRSCO regular meeting in Mexico in 2003  
J. Serrano provided a brief report. He noted that there was likely to be considerable interest in attending the conference among regional scientists in Caribbean and South American countries. The dates are July 1-4, 2003. The conference would be held jointly with the 8th national meeting on regional development in Mexico. A conference flyer had been printed and section representatives were urged to distribute the flyer among section members. The conference venue will be the Hyatt Hotel Acapulco. There are several room rates according to room specifications, and the cheapest special rate (for rooms with no view to the sea and so forth), will be only US \$65 (plus service charge and taxes). It was well received G. Hewings suggestion that students should be offered a large discount on the registration fee, as the pre-registration fee of US \$275 may be a hurdle for students, particularly those not from the U.S. Hewing also noted that, while greater involvement of South American countries was a good goal, participation from developing countries in other parts of the Pacific rim was to be encouraged as well.

Poot said that applications for financial assistance should be considered on a case by case basis. Each application should be accompanied by a recommendation letter from the Department 's Chair (for staff members) or the thesis supervisor (for students).

5. Progress report on the establishment of new sections in the Pacific Rim  
Y. Higano reported that he and K. Tanaka visited Kuala Lumpur to talk to regional scientists in Malaysia. I. Yussof noted that there was a lot of interest in establishing a Malaysian section of RSAI. Such a section

could naturally apply to join PRSCO. A first step would be the organization of a PRSCO summer institute. Links to key contacts in Malaysia would be made available through the PRSCO website.

The situation in the Philippines had progressed a bit further. J. Dizon noted that J. Capuno had organized a meeting of regional scientists in Manila in November 2001 at which the Philippine Regional Science Association (PRSA) was launched. However, some establishment funding was likely to be needed. Y. Higano said that he would visit the Philippines to talk to local contacts. P. Nijkamp noted that it may be fruitful for the local contacts to visit the Asian Development Bank, as they have a large budget for regional development research.

J. Serrano said that a Chilean section would be likely at some stage. Some Chileans attend Mexican regional science meetings. G. Hewing recalled the successful meeting in Brazil in December 2001, which was attended by about 200 regional scientists. C.-M. Feng noted that there are many urban planners in mainland China who would benefit from participation in PRSCO activities. Although the political environment remains somewhat difficult to assess, it would be feasible to hold a joint meeting of regional scientists in mainland China and Taiwan in the foreseeable future.

**6. Host section and venue of the 19th PRSCO regular meeting in 2005**

Y. Higano noted that the last formal PRSCO conference in Japan was held in Tokyo in 1983, although JSRSAI had also been responsible for the Singapore meeting in 1989 (and the World Congress in 1996). Consequently, the Council of JSRSAI formally approved a proposal to host the 2005 regular meeting in Japan, most likely in Yokohama. C.-M. Feng said that CRSA-T would have offered, in the absence of other proposals, to host the 2005 meeting in Taiwan. However, he supported the proposal from JSRSAI. He noted that this would give CRSA-T the opportunity to work towards a major international conference jointly with mainland regions science scholars in a later year, e.g. in 2007.

It was formally moved by Quigley/Poot that the 19th PRSCO regular meeting would be held in the summer of 2005 in Japan. This was carried with acclamation.

**7. Host section and venue of the 8th PRSCO Summer Institute in 2004**

J. Serrano reported on a letter which he received from Dr Ramon-Antonio Gutierrez, who is the Director of the Research Center of Applied Regional Science, which is located in Santiago, Chile. He also reported on the explicit support provided by the Executive Committee of the AMECIDER to the idea of having the 2004 PRSCO Summer Institute in Chile with Dr. Gutierrez. The Council members decided to accept the proposal of Chile and give priority to it. The organization of a 2004 Summer Institute in Chile would be further discussed with Dr Gutierrez. A possible venue for the meeting is Vina del Mar, Chile's most popular seaside resort, which is close to Valparaiso, Chile's main international seaport.

**8. Report on Papers in Regional Science (PiRS)**

J. Poot, Pacific Editor of PiRS, noted that the number of manuscripts submitted by regional scientists located in the Asia - Pacific area was increasing, which is an encouraging trend. He noted that authors of PRSCO conference papers that fitted the criteria of PiRS (these are printed on the inside front cover of each issue of PiRS) are encouraged to send their papers to him for the review process. RSAI Council was endeavoring to make the journal available electronically to all RSAI members. This would particularly benefit those who receive their postal copy with some delay. Poot also commented on PiRS special issues. In 2002, the special issue is on the topic of regional labor markets and is edited by C. Karlsson and K. Haynes. The 2003 special issue focuses on Asia-Pacific trade and is edited by J. Poon and Z. Zhang. The 2004 special issue (vol. 83, no. 1) will be the Golden Anniversary issue that commemorates the establishment of the Regional Science Association in Philadelphia in November 1953. This issue will be edited by R. Florax and D. Plane.

**9. Date and location of the next meeting**

The next PRSCO council meeting would be held during the 49th North American Meetings of the RSAI at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The day and time of the council meeting could not be determined yet, but would be between November 14 and 17, 2002.

**10. Further business**

There was no further business.

J. Serrano closed the meeting at 10.00 PM.