

Minutes for the PRSCO Council Meeting, Bandung

Date and time: 18:00-19:30, Monday July 1st, 2013

Venue: Savoy Homann Hotel

Meeting Place: Consulate Room

a) Apologies received, roll-call, and confirmation of Section representatives

The PRSCO President meeting welcomed participants and asked attendees to introduce themselves. The following members of the PRSCO Council and invited guests were present:

Jichung Yang (KRSA, PRSCO President)
Budy Resosudarmo (IRSA, PRSCO Vice President)
Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRSAI, PRSCO Executive Secretary)
Arief Anshory Yusuf (IRSA)
Daigee Shaw (CRSA-T)
Jean-Claude Thill (RSAI president)
Jiuwen Sun (China)
Kingsley Haynes (WRSA)
Mohamad Fahmi (Chair, Local Organizing Committee, PRSCO 2013)
Paul Dalziel (ANZRSAI, responsible for recording these Minutes)
Richard Shearmur (CRSA)
Robert Stimson (ANZRSAI)
Shin-Kun Peng (CRSA-T)
Suminori Tokunaga (JSRSAI)
Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI, past RSAI president)
Yuyuan Wen (China)
Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI)

The following apologies were received in advance of the meeting: Ronny Correa Quezada, John Madden, S. Eréndira Serrano-Oswald, Anping Chen, Chitta Ranjan Pathak, David Edgington, David Plane, Edgard Moncayo Jiménez, Fakrul Islam, Jacques Poot, Lay J. Gibson, Luis Armando Galvis, Michael C. Carroll, Rachel Franklin, Roberta Capello, Sung-Bae Kim, Dusan Paredes, Jorge Serrano. The following further apologies were accepted at the meeting: Leonardo Izquierdo; Peter Nijkamp.

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in Ottawa, Friday, November 9th, 2012

There were no corrections requested to the Minutes of the previous meeting. They were therefore accepted as a true and accurate record of the PRSCO Council Meeting held in Ottawa, Friday, November 9th, 2012. The PRSCO President thanked the minute taker, Rachel Franklin.

c) Report on the venue of the 13th PRSCO Summer Institute , 2014, Ecuador

Leonardo Izquierdo was a late apology for the meeting. The PRSCO President gave a report on the venue of the 13th PRSCO Summer Institute, to be held in Ecuador, which will be in Loja. The PRSCO Executive Secretary provided an update on the formation of the Ecuador organizing committee. A full presentation will be made to the next meeting in Atlanta.

d) Discussion of possible venues of the PRSCO Conference and Summer Institute in 2016-2019

The PRSCO President led a discussion of possible venues for future PRSCO Conferences and Summer Institutes. He noted that the 2012 Summer Institute had been held in China and the 2013 PRSCO conference is being hosted in Indonesia. A full list of previous meetings had been provided with the Agenda. The President also noted that previous meetings had agreed that the 2014 Summer Institute would be held in Ecuador and the 2015 PRSCO Conference would be held in Chile. He invited suggestions for events in 2016 to 2019.

A suggestion was made for a PRSCO Conference in Malaysia in 2017. There was a discussion about a Summer Institute in Vietnam in 2016. Four scientists from Vietnam had submitted abstracts for PRSCO 2013, but had not registered. China was suggested for 2018 as a regular meeting. Taiwan was suggested for 2019. The RSAI President recommended the preparation of a strategic plan, perhaps overseen by a committee, for using conferences as part of wider initiative for involving regional scientists from different places into PRSCO; for example, world ranking institutions in Singapore are not involved in regional science conferences. Russia was suggested as a country that might host a future PRSCO event. An email was tabled from Chitta Ranjan Pathak explaining that the India section is unable to host a conference.

e) Nomination of the PRSCO Representative for the RSAI Council for the term 2014-2016

The PRSCO President led a discussion to nominate a PRSCO representative for the RSAI Council for the term 2014-2016 to succeed the current representative, Paul Dalziel, whose term is ending at the end of 2013. He noted that the other two PRSCO representatives are Patricio Aroca (2009-2011, 2102-2014) and Jichung Yang (2013-2015). Paul Dalziel thanked Council members for his nomination, saying he was pleased to have represented PRSCO on the RSAI Council. He regretted to inform Council that he could not accept a second term due to financial constraints at this University following the 2010-2011 earthquakes.

The RSAI President explained the requirements for the position, which involve 2-3 meetings a year and possibly some committee work. It was agreed to search for a successor to Paul Dalziel, in the expectation of confirming the nominee at the next meeting in Atlanta.

f) Establishment of the PRSCO Advisory Committee

The President led a discussion of a proposal to establish a PRSCO Advisory Committee, which he suggested would be made up of the two previous Presidents (term 4-6 years) and one or two continent representatives from each of PRSCO, ERSA and NARSC. Members of the committee could be given missions to help advance PRSCO. A question was asked about whether the continent representatives are needed, since their function is really the responsibility of the RSAI Council. It was agreed not to include these and instead the President would seek to form an Advisory Committee comprised of three past Presidents.

g) Establishment of the PRSCO Awards

John Madden, who chairs the subcommittee on this initiative, was an apology for the meeting. This agenda item will be followed up at the next meeting in Atlanta when John Madden can attend.

h) Report on the 23rd Pacific Conference of the RSAI

Budy Resosudarmo welcomed Council members to the 23rd PRSCO conference and thanked the Council for its trust to host the conference. Mohammed Fahmi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the conference statistics. 212 papers and 14 posters had been accepted with the presenter registered. 261 people had registered, but there might be some late registrations when the conference opens. The West Java Governor has invited delegates to a reception and gala dinner on Wednesday evening. The meeting thanked both speakers for their report and congratulated the organizing committee for its excellent work with acclamation.

i) Report on activities of Pacific Rim regional science communities

- 1) Promotion of comparative bi-lateral regional studies from different countries: The PRSCO Executive Secretary tabled a short note prepared by Dr Prithvish Nag on this topic.
- 2) China: Yuyuan Wen gave a short summary of the successful Summer Institute in Beijing and advised the group had since then been preparing for the World Congress in 2014. The RSAI President explained that an announcement about the World Congress would be made shortly after consideration by the RSAI Council on Wednesday. PRSCO needs to take into account that the dates are likely to be in the first week of July (or the last week of June).

j) Any further business

- 1) The PRSCO President raised the issue of the RSAI membership fee. There are some disparities in the annual fees being paid by different sections. The President proposed a single lifetime fee paid once for membership; not an annual fee. The RSAI President explained that the fee is based on the principle of universal membership set at 10 Euros per person. This gives members access to journals and to discounted conference registration fees. It is an important source of income for RSAI. Efforts are being made to reduce free-riding and to regularize the situation where some Associations are not paying. A grace year is generally offered for Associations that enter RSAI for the first time. Longer-term fees could be considered as part of those efforts. The PRSCO President asked for a short document explaining the fees and the benefits. In Indonesia, there is no membership fee, since all revenue comes from the conference and no secretary is employed; hence membership of RSAI is an individual matter. The RSAI President commented that individual membership is more expensive than become a universal member (US\$50 versus 10 Euros). A possibility is to make membership automatic on attending the conference, with the 10 Euro fee included in the conference fee (with a lower fee for students) and budget. This would involve a 50 per cent increase in the Indonesian conference fee.
- 2) The PRSCO President sought clarification about conference papers that appear in a proceedings. There was agreement that appearance in a proceedings publication (where copyright remains with the author) does not prevent later publication in an academic journal, but a chapter in an academic book is copyrighted and cannot be resubmitted to a journal.
- 3) The PRSCO President advised members that the next PRSCO Council meeting would take place at the NARSC conference in Atlanta.

The PRSCO President thanked members for their participation and closed the meeting.