



Minute of the PRSCO Council Meeting, Tainan

PRSCO Council Meeting in Tainan, Taiwan

Date and Time: 12:30PM-2:30PM Thursday 18 May 2017

Meeting Place: C-Hub 3rd floor, National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)

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

Patricio Aroca (PRSCO president, SOCHER), Fu-Chuan Lai (PRSCO vice-president, CRSA-T), Hiroyuki Shibusawa (PRSCO Executive Secretary, JSRSAI), Robert John Stimson (ANZRSAI), Budy Resosudarmo (IRSA, past PRSCO president), Jean-Claude Thill (past RSAI president), Kingsley Haynes (WRSA), Susan Haynes, Makoto Tawada (JSRSAI), Nij Tontisirin (Thailand), Rachel Franklin (WRSA), Shin-Kun Peng, Sutee Anantsuksomsri (Thailand), Suminori Tokunaga (JSRSAI), Tomaz Dentinho (RSAI Executive Director), Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI), Lyndal Drennan (RMIT University Vietnam), Haydee Jacklyn Malubay (Philippines)

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Peter Nijkamp (ERSA), Roberta Capello (Editor PiRS), Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI), Fakrul Islam (BRSA), David Plane (WRSA), Dusan Paredes (SOCHER), Roger Stough (WRSA), Luis Armando Galvis (ACER), John Madden (ANZRSAI), Paul Dalziel (ANZRSAI), Lay J. Gibson (WRSA), Eduardo Haddad (BRSA), Jacques Poot (ANZRSAI), Sumona Banerjee (Indian RSA), Mohd Shukri Hjnoor (MRSA)

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in Minneapolis, November 10 2016 (Patricio Aroca)

Patricio suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

c) Report on the 25th Pacific Conference of the RSAI in 2017 (Fu-Chuan Lai)

Fu-Chuan reported that the 25th Pacific Conference of the RSAI has a total of attendance of 130 participants from more than 10 countries. The preparation took 2 years and the conference is well received.

d) Report on the 15th PRSCO Summer Institute in 2018 (José Rodríguez)

Jose could not attend the meeting and sent his report.

The 15th PRSCO Summer Institute will be held on July 4-6, 2018 at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Deadline of abstract submission would be on March 2018 and for full paper on May 2018. The proposed fee would be US\$100 (regular participants) and US\$50 (students). Apart from the registration fees, the organizer will receive supports from the university and other sources.

Patricio proposed to send email of approval on the organizer's arrangement and look forward to the successful organization of the Summer Institute.

e) Report on the 26th Pacific Conference of the RSAI in 2019 (Rachel Franklin)

Rachel proposed two locations (Seattle, Washington or Victoria, BC Canada), and suggested June 2019. Site visits and negotiations will be done on summer 2017 and decisions will be made by the end of summer.

Suggestions:

- Robert: to organize PRSCO as a joint-meeting with local associations to maximize the attendance.
- Rachel: to combine the 26th PRSCO conference with WRSA on February 2020

Concerns:

- Patricio: there could be potential difficulties of visa application to United States, especially for participants from South America and Asia
- Patricio: if PRSCO is combined with WRSA meetings, the conference would be secondary
- Budy: expressed the concern if there is a change of cycle for the PRSCO conference (from the mid of odd years)
- Fu-Chuan: prefers not to disturb the cycle and keep PRSCO to be hosted on 2019

Patricio proposed to conduct electronic votes among council members:

- A. Victoria, Canada or Seattle on June/July 2019
- B. Early March 2020 in other locations (combined with WRSA), with potential locations Hawaii or Los Angeles

f) Discussion on the 16th PRSCO Summer Institute in 2020 (Patricio Aroca)

Mathews Nkhoma (Vietnam) could not make it to the meeting and is represented by Lyndal Drennan. Lyndal introduced the conference facilities in RMIT Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh. Date, venue, and organizing team will be determined soon. Lyndal requested suggestions from the council.

The council suggested the timeline between July-November. Robert reminded that the main objective of summer institute is to establish a platform for building a presence of regional science which later will be formalized (it should be the priority of purpose for the summer institute). The programme should target participants who later will be committed to developing regional science. Patricio suggested the Taiwan committee to send the proposal for the 25th Pacific Conference of the RSAI in Taiwan with information on detail planning as a reference.

g) Discussion on venues of PRSCO Conference and Summer Institute in 2022-2024

27 th PRSCO 2021 Japan (JSRSAI)	17 th Summer Institute 2022
28 th PRSCO 2023	18 th Summer Institute 2024

Patricio reminded that PRSCO 2021 is supposed to be held in Japan. Hiroyuki mentioned that University of Philippines expressed their interest to host the 17th Summer Institute 2022. Patricio will request the University of Philippines to send their declaration of interest, to be discussed on PRSCO meeting on November. The candidate of host for 28th PRSCO 2023 would be Mexico, the council will request for their declaration of intent for 2023.

h) Procedure for affiliation to the PRSCO(RSAI) of Thailand Section (Patricio Aroca)

Thailand section could be an example for Vietnam to organize the Summer Institute. Nij updated that the Thailand section is currently in process of preparing the documents to set up a legal entity in Thailand, plan of completion would be 1-2 months from now. Following the regulation in Thailand, once the legal entity is set up, the organization is permitted to host activities.

RSAI Thailand will host a session in another conference - Urban Regional Association in Bangkok in June 2017 to introduce the association to the academic society.

i) Confirmation of the PRSCO representative for the RSAI Council for the term 2017-2019

Jichung Yang (2013-2015, 2016-2018), Serena Erendira Serrano Oswald (2015-2017), Patricio Aroca (PRSCO President, 2016-2017).

Fu-Chuan will be in the RSAI council (2018-2019).

Patricio asked if Serena should be appointed for a second term (2018-2019).

Some PRSCO members (Rachel, Yoshiro, Tomaz) are concerned about the attendance of PRSCO representative in RSAI Council.

Tomaz mentioned that it is the custom to have 3 representatives in RSAI council members - 1 for the President of PRSCO and 2 for other members.

Patricio emphasized the importance of PRSCO representative's attendance to RSAI meeting. He suggested to write preconditions for appointment of RSAI council and to discuss them in the November meeting. If there are other propositions, nominations should be made by the end of 2017.

Yoshiro: requested to have the nominated RSAI council members to attend council meetings and suggested a shorter period for RSAI council members and replacement.

Robert Stimson: suggested the attendance of 2 out of 3 regional meetings, online meetings/votes.

Patricio proposed to make attendance of appointed PRSCO representative (for RSAI council members) mandatory. Starting from May 2017, if PRSCO representative for RSAI council members missed all meetings in one year, the representative should resign from the position and PRSCO council will appoint other members. The proposal was accepted by all members.

An email will be sent to notify the current representative for RSAI council, request their plan of attendance for future RSAI meetings, and decide on the continuation of their appointment as PRSCO representatives in the RSAI council. Motion approved.

j) Nomination of the president of the PRSCO, 2018-2019 (Patricio Aroca)

Fu-Chuan Lai (Academia Sinica) will start his term on 2018-2019.

k) Nomination of the PRSCO Executive Secretary, 2018-2019 (Patricio Aroca)

Hiroyuki Shibusawa is appointed as the Executive Secretary for 2018-2019.

l) PRSCO Awards

PRSCO Prize for Best Paper by a Young Regional Scientist (John Madden)

Juan Soto (Universidad Católica del Norte,) "Cities, Wages, and the Urban Hierarchy"

Higano Award for Outstanding Service to PRSCO (Patricio Aroca)
Bob Stimson (The University of Melbourne)
Prizes will be delivered on 19 May 2017.

John Madden proposed to change the age requirement for Young Regional Scientist from 33 year-old to 35 year-old. Approved the motion and will announce the change in the next PRSCO meeting.

m) Report on activities of pacific rim regional science communities

Hidehiko Kanegae represented the organizing team to report on the 54th Annual Meeting of the Japan Section of the RSAI, Kyoto, Japan, 6-8 October 2017. JRSIAI will have 4-8 slots of presentation in English, opened for international students. The organizer announced the conference information in PRSCO and distributed brochures to all participants. Call for papers ends on May 2017.

n) Report of Editors, Regional Science Policy & Practice (Tomáz Ponce Dentinho)

Tomáz gave a short note explaining the current situations of Regional Science Policy & Practice. Special issues will be launched and welcomed members of PRSCO to send proposals.

o) Any further business

- 1) The next PRSCO Council meeting would be conducted in Vancouver, Canada
- 2) Tomaz thanks previous president of Regional Science International (Jacques Poot) and congratulates Budy as the new president of Regional Science International
- 3) World Congress was approved in India, 29 May – 1 June 2018 in Goa.
- 4) Patricio's remarked to additional effort to get the Tompson Reuter index, encourage PRSCO members to help Tomaz to get more papers for the journal and increase the impact factor.

Present

Patricio Aroca (PRSCO president, SOCHER)

Fu-Chuan Lai (PRSCO vice-president, CRSA-T)

Hiroyuki Shibusawa (PRSCO Executive Secretary, JSRSAI)

Robert J. Stimson (ANZRSAI)

Budy Resosudarmo (IRSA, past PRSCO president)

Jean-Claude Thill (past RSAI president)

Kingsley Haynes (WRSA)

Susan Haynes

Makoto Tawada (JSRSAI)

(not here)

Nij Tontisirin (Thailand)

Rachel Franklin (WRSA)

Shin-Kun Peng

Sutee Anantsuksomsri (Thailand)

Suminori Tokunaga (JSRSAI)

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