



Minutes for the PRSCO Council Meeting

Online PRSCO Council Meeting

Date and Time: Friday, November 6, 2020, 14:00–15:20 GMT

Meeting Place: Zoom

Chair: Rachel Franklin

a) Apologies received, roll-call, and confirmation of section representatives (Rachel)

Present: Rachel Franklin (PRSCO president, WRSA), Mark Partridge (RSAI president), Andrea Antonio Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director), S. Eréndira Serrano-Oswald (AMECIDER), Devanto Pratomo (IRSA), Budy Resosudarmo (IRSA), Prithvish Nag (Indian RSA), Sumana Bandyopadhyay (Indian RSA), Lily Kiminami (JSRSAI), Soushi Suzuki (JSRSAI), Mohd Yusof Kasim (MRSA), Fabian Vilema (RECIR), Patricio Aroca (SOCHER), Dusan Paredes (SOCHER), Sutee Anantsuksomsri (TH-RSAI), Nij Tontisirin (TH-RSAI), Jaewon Lim (WRSA), Terry Clower (WRSA), Nguyen Vu Hong Thai (Vietnam), Kashini Gimhani (Sri Lanka), Joseph Win Hlaing Oo (Myanmar), Kashini Gimhani (Sri Lanka), and Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRSAI, PRSCO Executive Secretary)

Apologies received: S. Eréndira Serrano-Oswald (AMECIDER), Paul Dalziel (ANZRSAI), John Madden (ANZRSAI), Kingsley Haynes (WRSA), Lay J. Gibson (WRSA), and Roberta Capello (Editor PiRS)

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting held in Bangkok on July 25, 2019 (Rachel)
(Annex 1)

Rachel's motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held in Bangkok was accepted.

c) Confirmation of conferences and institutes in 2021–2025 (Rachel) (Annex 2)

Due to COVID-19, PRSCO conferences and summer institutes were rescheduled. The list of conferences and institutes from 2021–2025 was presented and confirmed.

2021: 17th Summer Institute (Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam)

2022: 27th PRSCO (JSRSAI, Kyoto, Japan)

2023: 18th Summer Institute (The Philippines)

2024: 28th PRSCO (KRSA, Daegu City, South Korea)

2025: 19th Summer Institute (Myanmar)

d) Report on the 26th Pacific conference of the RSAI in 2020 (Jaewon)

Jaewon reported on the Pacific conference in Hawaii. Approximately 260 papers were submitted by WRSA/PRSCO members, but the meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

e) Report on the 17th PRSCO summer institute in 2021 (Thai, Mathews) (Annex 3)

Thai reported on the next summer institute to be held on August 11–13, 2021, RMIT University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. If the situation of COVID-19 does not improve, the local host has a backup plan for a virtual conference.

f) Report on the 27th Pacific conference of the RSAI in 2022 (Hidehiko)

Unfortunately, Hidehiko was not able to attend the meeting. The JSRSAI will host the Pacific conference of the RSAI in Ryukoku University/Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan. The

detailed schedule was not presented. (After the meeting, Hidehiko will send a report to PRSCO councilors by e-mail.)

g) Report on the 18th PRSCO summer institute in 2023 (Budy)

Budy reported on the recent activity in the Philippines. A successful workshop on spatial econometrics was hosted by De La Salle University, Manila on July 22–25, 2019. They are trying to arrange another workshop as a continuation of this workshop. The information on the summer institute was not presented.

h) Discussion on venues of PRSCO conference and summer institute in 2026–2027(Rachel)

Rachel suggested that the venues for the PRSCO conferences have rotated around the Pacific Rim. The PRSCO conference that would be held in 2026 or 2027 would be back to South America and would be hosted by countries in South America. Patricio suggested that the possible locations for future meetings in South America are Colombia, Ecuador, and Mexico. Rachel also suggested that other possible locations for PRSCO are Australia and New Zealand. Budy said that it is feasible. Rachel said that South America and Australia or New Zealand are viable locations for future PRSCO meetings.

i) PRSCO awards (John and Rachel)

John could not attend the meeting. Rachel reported that the winner of the PRSCO award for Best Paper by a Young Regional Scientist is Sunhyung Min, Seoul National University. The title of the paper is “Do peer farms affect cost efficiency in Korean rice farms?” Rachel also reported that the winners of the Higano Award for Outstanding Service to PRSCO are Lay Gibson, Kingsley Haynes, and Sam Ock Park. They were approved.

j) Nomination of PRSCO representative on the RSAI council, 2021–2023 (Rachel)

Rachel reported that there are two candidates, Lily Kiminami and Sumana Bandyopadhyay. Lily is willing to serve for a second term. Lily was approved to serve for another term as PRSCO representative on the RSAI council from 2021–2023.

k) Nomination of the PRSCO Executive Secretary, 2022–2023 (Hiroyuki)

Shibusawa recommended Soushi Suzuki as the next Executive Secretary. Soushi Suzuki was approved to be the next PRSCO Executive Secretary from 2022–2023.

l) Report on activities of Pacific Rim regional science communities

Rachel presented a report on the application for funds for the “Nurturing Talent” from the RSAI (Bangladesh) and the limitations and effective use of the funds from the RSAI for the Nurturing Talent. Andrea and Mark outlined the purposes of the funds and how the funds were recently utilized. Rachel suggested that we would support this application to the RSAI council to be considered for funding for the Bangladesh proposal, and we would request to freeze the remaining funds for next year’s activities.

m) Report on activities of the RSAI (Mark and Andrea)

Mark reported on the rescheduling of the next World Congress of the RSAI, which was to be held in Morocco and the encouragement of participants from PRSCO. Andrea reported on the recent situations and activities in the supernatural regions and strategies of the RSAI. The participants, Budy, Mark, Sumana, and Prithvish discussed several issues related to activities in India, China,

and Taiwan.

n) **Editor's report: Papers in Regional Science (Roberta)**

Roberta was not able to join the meeting and sent an editorial report.

o) **Editor's report: Regional Science Policy & Practice (Tomáz)**

Tomáz was not able to join the meeting.

p) **Any further business**

The next PRSCO Council meeting will be held during the summer institute in Ho Chi Minh City.

Minutes taken by Hiroyuki Shibusawa