

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

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Adopted on 13th November, 1999  
at the PRSCO Council Meeting, Montreal,  
through Ratification of Membership Sections

## **Preamble**

The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organisation (PRSCO) was established at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) in San Diego, February 1-4, 1968 at the initiative of representatives from WRSA and the Japan Section of the Regional Science Association (JSRSA). The first conference of PRSCO was held at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, August 26-29, 1969. Subsequently, full conferences and smaller meetings have been held in Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan and the United States. For further details, see the Annex. A full international conference is held every second year and a smaller summer institute in alternate years. This Constitution provides a written record and confirmation of the policies and procedures of PRSCO that have evolved during the last decade.

## **I Organisation and Objective**

### *(Organisation)*

- I.1 The Pacific Regional Science Conference Organisation (PRSCO) is a federation of organisations affiliated to the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) in the Pacific Rim Area.

### *(Territory of the PRSCO)*

- I.2 The Pacific Rim Area referred to in Article I.1 of this Constitution is comprised of countries or regions which border onto the Pacific Ocean. However, a country or region which is located in the neighbourhood of the Pacific Rim Area, and has close economic, political and social relations with this Area may, through approval of the Councils of both the PRSCO and the RSAI, be included in the territory of the PRSCO.

### *(Membership Section)*

- I.3 A member of the PRSCO federation is called a Membership Section of the PRSCO.

Note: The following were Membership Sections as at 1 January 1998:

- \* Australia and New Zealand Section of the Regional Science Association International (ANZRSIAI)
- \* Canadian Regional Science Association (CRSA)
- \* Chinese Regional Science Association - Taiwan (CRSA-T)
- \* Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International (JSRSAI)
- \* Korean Regional Science Association (KRSA)

\* Mexican Association of Science for Regional Development (AMECIDER)

\* Western Regional Science Association (WRSA)

*(Objective of the PRSCO)*

- I.4 The PRSCO shall enhance and facilitate exchange of research information in the field of regional science among members of Membership Sections of the PRSCO, as well as the exchange of this information in the Pacific Rim Area between such members and other persons with an interest in regional science.

*(Relationship between PRSCO and RSAI)*

- I. 5 The PRSCO shall accept the objectives of the RSAI.

*(Activities of the PRSCO)*

- I. 6.1 The PRSCO shall hold the Pacific Regional Science Conference (PRSC) of the RSAI biennially.

- I.6.2 The PRSCO shall hold the Summer Institute of the PRSCO in the years in which no PRSC is held.

- I.6.3 The PRSCO shall actively promote the establishment of RSAI-affiliated regional science organisations within the Pacific Rim Area.

- I.6.4 The PRSCO shall carry out any other activities that are necessary for the attainments of the objectives of the PRSCO.

*(Responsibilities as a supra-regional organisation of the RSAI)*

- I.7.1 The PRSCO shall invite all RSAI members to participate in the meetings of the PRSCO.

- I.7.2 Every participant in the meetings of the PRSCO shall pay a supra-regional franchise fee to the RSAI.

- I.7.3 Every participant in the meetings of the PRSCO shall meet the conditions set by RSAI regarding participation and fees payable in supra-regional meetings.

Note: The current conditions are that every participant in supra-regional meetings shall be a paid member of the RSAI, provided that members of the host organisation and official guests invited by the host organisation shall be exempted from this requirement. Non-RSAI membership participants shall be assessed the amount of RSAI membership for the ensuing fiscal year at the time of registration.

## **I I Administration**

*(Two calendar-year cycle)*

- II. 1.1 The organisation and activities of PRSCO shall follow a two-year cycle, commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of any even-numbered calendar year.

- II. 1.2 A Summer Institute of the PRSCO shall be held at the latest by the end of the

first year of the two-year cycle.

- II. 1.3 A PRSC shall be held at the latest by the end of the second year of the two-year cycle.

*(Council)*

- II. 2 The PRSCO shall be administered by a Council.

*(Voting members of the Council)*

- II. 3.1 During a Council meeting in the year preceding a two-year cycle, the Executive of each Membership Section shall nominate to Council the voting members for the following two-year cycle according to the Schedule listed in Article II.3.2 and according to Article II.3.3.

- II. 3.2 At the time of enactment of this constitution, the Council shall consist of:

two (2) voting members appointed by ANZRSAL,  
two (2) voting members appointed by BRSA,  
two (2) voting members appointed by CRSA,  
two (2) voting members appointed by CRSA-T,  
two (2) voting members appointed by SOCHER,  
two (2) voting members appointed by ACER,  
two (2) voting members appointed by Indian RSA,  
two (2) voting members appointed by IRSA,  
four (4) voting members appointed by JSRSAL,  
two (2) voting members appointed by KRSA,  
two (2) voting members appointed by MRSA,  
two (2) voting members appointed by TH-RSAL,  
two (2) voting members appointed by AMECIDER, and  
four (4) voting members appointed by WRSA.

- II. 3.3 Two (2) voting members appointed by a newly affiliated Membership Section shall be added to the Council.

- II. 3.4 A Membership Section may send a delegate to a Council Meeting to replace a voting member appointed by the Membership Section when the appointed voting member is unable to attend the Council Meeting.

*(Term of office as a member of Council)*

- II. 4.1 The members of the Council shall serve a two-year term of office in accordance with the two-year cycle, provided that a member of Council filling a vacancy shall remain in office during what remains of the term of his/her predecessor.

- II. 4.2 A member of Council may be re-appointed by his/her Membership Section.

- II. 4.3 At the commencement of each two-year cycle, the Executive Secretary shall

send each Membership Section a directory of Council members with affiliation and contact details.

### **III Officers of the PRSCO**

*(Relationship between the Council and the Officers of Council)*

III. 1 The President, Vice-President and President Elect, Vice-President Elect, Immediate Past President and Executive Secretary shall be voting members of Council.

*(President)*

III. 2.1 The President shall be the chief executive officer of the PRSCO in charge of setting programs and policy.

III. 2.2 The term of office of the President shall commence at the beginning of the calendar year following the year in which a PRSC was hosted by the President's Membership Section and shall expire at the end of the following calendar year.

III. 2.3 When the position of President becomes vacant through death, resignation, or for other reasons, the Council shall immediately fill the vacant position, provided that the President filling a vacancy shall remain in office during what remains of the term of his/her predecessor.

III. 2.4 The President shall be immediately succeeded by the Vice-President and President Elect at the expiration of the President's of office.

*(Vice-President and President-Elect)*

III. 3.1 The Vice-President and President-Elect shall be appointed by the Council half-way through a two-year cycle based on a nomination by the Membership Section which shall host a regular PRSC in the one but next two-year cycle.

III. 3.2 Thus appointed, this person shall be called Vice-President-Elect until the end of the current two-year cycle.

III. 3.3 The term of office as Vice-President and President-Elect shall commence at the beginning of the calendar year preceding the year in which a PRSC will be hosted by the Vice-President and President-Elect's Membership Section.

III. 3.4 The Vice-President and President-Elect shall act for the President when necessary.

III. 3.5 When the position of Vice-President-Elect or the position of Vice-President and President-Elect becomes vacant through death, resignation, or other reasons, the Council shall immediately fill up the vacant position based on the

recommendation of the membership section which shall host or had hosted the PRSC in the two-year cycle.

III. 3.6 The term of office of the Vice-President and President-Elect shall end at his/her succession to the Presidency.

*(Immediate-Past President)*

III. 4.1 The position of the Immediate-Past President shall be taken up by the President immediately upon expiration of his/her term of office as President.

III. 4.2 The Immediate-Past President shall act for the President in both the President's and the Vice-President and the President-Elect's absence.

III. 4.3 The Immediate-Past President shall be succeeded by the current President at the expiration of the President's term of office.

*(Executive Secretary)*

III. 5.1 The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Council of the PRSCO during a Council meeting in the year preceding a two-year cycle.

III. 5.2 The Executive Secretary shall assist the President to execute programs and policy approved by the Council, and be the chief operating officer of the PRSCO in charge of implementing the policies of the Council.

III. 5.3 The term of office of the Executive Secretary shall be a two-year cycle, provided that an Executive Secretary filling a vacancy shall remain in office during what remains of the term of his/her predecessor.

*(Ex Officio and Friends)*

III. 6.1 The Council can invite officers of the RSAI, officers of the other supra-regional organisations, or members of regional science associations in the Pacific Rim Area to be non-voting members of the Council (thus appointed Council members are called Ex Officio and Friend members).

III. 6.2 The term of office of Ex Officio and Friend members of the Council shall be in the manner described in Articles II.4.1 and II.4.2.

## **IV Acceptance of New Membership Sections**

*(Application)*

IV. 1.1 Any group or association concerned with regional science in the Pacific Rim Area may apply for becoming a Membership Section of PRSCO.

IV. 1.2 A new Membership Section of the PRSCO must be an organisation affiliated to RSAI.

*(Procedure)*

- IV. 2 An applicant Membership Section of the PRSCO shall send the Executive Secretary of the PRSCO a letter which states that the applicant shall entrust the Executive Secretary with all the formal procedures that are necessary for the approval of its affiliation with RSAI, and for the approval of becoming a Membership Section of PRSCO, along with two applications that shall be submitted to the President of the RSAI and the President of the PRSCO, respectively.

## **V Meetings and Quorum**

*(Council Meetings)*

- V.1.1 The President shall call Council Meetings at least once a year in conjunction with the PRSC or Summer Institute. Additional meetings of the Council may be convened by the President, with the consent of Council, in conjunction with a conference hosted by a Membership Section.
- V.1.2 Written notice of a meeting of the Council shall be given by the Executive Secretary to each member of the Council at least one (1) month before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.

*(Quorum)*

- V.2.1 Any eight (8) members of the Council, including at least any two (2) of the VicePresident and President Elect, President, Immediate Past President and Executive Secretary, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Council.
- V.2.2 No business shall be transacted by the Council unless a quorum is present.

*(Date, location, and host of the PRSC)*

- V. 2 The Council shall decide on the date, location, and host Membership Section of the PRSC which will be held in the next two-year cycle by the end of the first year of the current two-year cycle.

*(Date, location, and host of the Summer Institute)*

- V. 3 The Council shall decide on the date, location, and host Membership Section of the Summer Institute of the PRSCO which will be held in the next two-year cycle by the end of the first year of the current two-year cycle.

*(General business meeting and reports)*

- V.4.1 The President shall report on activities, programs and policy in the Council meeting during the PRSC.
- V.4.2 The Executive Secretary of the PRSCO shall appoint a Rapporteur, based on the recommendation of the host Membership Section, who shall report to all

RSAI members by electronic or other means about the proceedings of the PRSC or Summer Institute.

## **VI Secretariat**

*(Secretariat)*

VI. 1.1 The Secretariat of the PRSCO shall comprise of an Executive Secretary and such staff as the PRSCO may require.

VI. 1.2 The location of the Secretariat shall be decided by Council based on an assessment of its needs and a recommendation of the Executive Secretary.

## **VII Amendment of this Constitution**

*(Alteration of the Constitution)*

VII. 1 This Constitution may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a Special Resolution of the Council.

*(Special Resolution)*

VII. 2.1 Written notice of a proposal to vote on a Special Resolution shall be given by the Executive Secretary to each member of the Council at least one (1) month before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.

VII. 2.2 A resolution of the Council is a Special Resolution if it is passed by a majority which comprises not less than two-thirds of the voting members of the Council. Voting may be done in person at a Council meeting, or in writing to the Executive Secretary at least five (5) working days before the vote is held.

**President**

1969-1970: Paul Wendt  
1971-1972: Genpachiro Konno  
1973-1974: Michael Mischaikow  
1975-1976: Yasuhiko Oishi  
1977-1987: Parzival Copes  
1988-1989: Lay Gibson  
1990-1991: Isao Orishimo  
1992-1993: Roy Powell  
1994-1995: John Munro  
1996-1997: Chung-Hsin Yang  
1998-1999: Jacques Poot  
2000-2001: Sam-Ock Park  
2002-2003: David A. Plane  
2004-2005: Jorge Serrano  
2006-2007: Yoshinobu Kumata  
2008-2009: David Edgington  
2010-2011: John Madden  
2012-2013: Yang Jichung  
2014-2015: Budy Resosudarmo  
2016-2017: Patricio Aroca  
2018-2018: Fu-Chuan Lai  
2019-2021: Rachel Franklin

**Vice-President & President Elect**

1988-1989: Lay Gibson  
1990-1991: Roy Powel  
1992-1993: John Munro  
1994-1995: Chung Hsin Yang  
1996-1997: Jacques Poot  
1998-1999: Sam-Ock Park  
2000-2001: David A. Plane  
2002-2003: Jorge Serrano  
2004-2005: Keiichi Tanaka (- 15th August, 2005), Yoshinobu Kumata  
2006-2007: David Edgington  
2008-2009: John Madden  
2010-2011: Yang Jichung  
2012-2013: Budy Resosudarmo  
2014-2015: Patricio Aroca  
2016-2017: Fu-Chuan Lai  
2018-2018: Rachel Franklin  
2019-2021: Hidehiko Kanegae

**Executive Secretary**

1998-1999: Yoshiro Higano  
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2008-2009: Yoshiro Higano  
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2011-2011: Hiroyuki Shibusawa  
2012-2013: Hiroyuki Shibusawa  
2014-2015: Hiroyuki Shibusawa  
2016-2017: Hiroyuki Shibusawa  
2018-2019: Hiroyuki Shibusawa  
2020-2021: Hiroyuki Shibusawa

## **The History of Pacific Regional Science Conference (Pacific Conferences of RSAI) and Summer Institutes**

Note: Abbreviations of Membership Sections are those used at that time.

(year, location, principal organizers, Membership Section)

26th (18-21 March, 2020) Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki, Hawaii USA  
(Cancelled due to COVID-19) Jaewon Lim -WRSA

25th (17-20 May, 2017), National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taipei  
Fu-Chuan Lai – CRSA-T

24th (5-8 August, 2015) the Business School of Adolfo Ibanez University,  
Vina del Mar, Chile  
Patricio Aroca – SOCHER

23rd (2-4 July, 2013) Gedung Merdeka and Savoy Homann Hotel,  
Bandung, Indonesia  
Mohamad Fahmi, Arief A. Yusuf and Budy P. Resosudarmo -IRSA

22nd (3-9 July, 2011) Seoul KyoYuk MunHwa HoeKwan, Seoul, Korea  
Yang Jichung -KRSA

21st (19-22 July, 2009) Conrad Jupiters, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia  
David Fuller- ANZRS AI

20th (6-9 May, 2007) Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC Canada  
David Edgington- CRSA

19th (25-28 July, 2005) Nihon University, Economics College Misaki  
Campus, Tokyo  
Keiichi Tanaka - JSRS AI

18th (1-4 July, 2003) Hyatt Regency Acapulco Hotel, Mexico  
Jorge Serrano - AMECIDER

17th (30 June-4 July, 2001) Embassy Suites Portland Downtown, OR  
97204 USA  
David Plane - WRSA

16th (12-16 July, 1999) Seoul Education and Cultural Center, Seoul, Korea  
Sam Ock Park, Sungjae Choo - KRSA

15th (8-12 December, 1997) Victoria University of Wellington, New  
Zealand

Jacques Poot, Philip Morrison- ANZRSIA

14th (24-31 July, 1995) Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan  
Chung-hsin Yang, Jia-dong Shea - CRSIA-T

13th (10-14 July, 1993) Chateaux Whistler, Whistler, Canada  
John M Munro - CRSIA

12th (7-12 July 1991) Cairns Hilton, Cairns, Australia  
Rodney Jensen, Roy Powell - ANZRSIA

11th (3-7 July, 1989) Westin Sanford Plaza Hotel, Singapore  
Isao Orishimo, Hirotada Kohno - JSRSA

10th (1987) Westin Chosun Beach Hotel, Pusan, Korea  
Sung-Woong Hong , Young Hwang Jin - KRSIA

9th (1985) Sheraton Molokai, Hawaii, USA  
Lay J Gibson, David Plane - WRSIA

8th (16-19 August, 1983) Keidanren Kaikan Hall, Tokyo, Japan  
Hirotada Kohno, Yoshiro Higano - JSRSA

7th (16-20 August, 1981) Chevron Paradise Hotel, Surfers Paradise,  
Australia  
Kevin O'Connor - ANZRSIA

6th (13-14 August, 1979) Korean Research Institute for Human  
Settlements, Seoul, Korea  
Tchango John Kim (University of Illinois), Yasuhiko Oishi - JSRSA

5th (16-19 August, 1977) Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada  
Parzival Copes (Simon Fraser University)

4th (1975) Tamkang College, Taipei, Taiwan  
Louis R. Chow (Tamkang College), Yasuhiko Oishi - JSRSA

3rd (24-27 August, 1973) Ilikai Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA  
Yasuhiko Oishi, Yukihide Okano - JSRSA

2nd (25-27 August, 1971) University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan  
Genpachiro Konno, Yasuhiko Oishi - JSRSA

1st (26-29 August, 1969) East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA  
Michael K. Mischaikow - WRSIA, Genpachiro Konno - JSRSA

**Far East Conference of the Regional Science Association**

The Third Far East Conference of the Regional Science Association, 12-14 September, 1967, Toshi Center Hall, Tokyo, Japan  
Genpachiro Konno and Yasuhiko Oishi

The Second Far East Conference of the Regional Science Association, 15-17 September, 1965, Toshi Center Hall, Tokyo, Japan  
Genpachiro Konno and Yasuhiko Oishi

The First Far East Conference of the Regional Science Association, 11-14 September, 1963, Toshi Center Hall, Tokyo, Japan  
Genpachiro Konno and Yasuhiko Oishi

## **PRSCO Summer Institutes**

16th (July 25-26, 2019) Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand  
Nij Tantisirin, Thammasat University, Sutee Anantsuksomsri, Chulalongkorn University

15th (July 4-6, 2018) Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Peru  
Jose Carlos Silva-Macher, Jose S. Rodriguez, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru

14th (27-29 July, 2016) Dusit Thani Hotel , Bangkok, Thailand  
Nij Tantisirin, Thammasat University, Sutee Anantsuksomsri, Chulalongkorn University

13th (23-25 July, 2014) Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja, Ecuador  
Ronny Correa, Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja

12th (3-6 July, 2012) Renmin University of China, Beijing, China  
Wei YUAN, Rui Long YANG, Renmin University of China

11th (16-18 June, 2010) Univerisidad Autonoma de Occidente  
Harold Baguero, Edgard Moncayo, Luis Armando Galvis, The Colombian Association of Regional and Urban Studies(ASCER)

10th (15-16 May, 2008) Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka  
Sarwar Jahan, Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA)

9th (18-20 July, 2006) Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)  
Rahmah Ismail, Malaysia Regional Science Association (MRSA)

8th (21-25 September, 2004) The Austral University, Valdivia, Chile  
Heinrich von Baer, The Austral University - Chilean Regional Scientist Groups and Red Sinergi@Regional

7th (20-21 June, 2002) Melia Bali, Indonesia  
Armida S. Alisjahbana, Bambang P.S. Brondjonegoro, Budy P. Resosudarmo, Luky Eko Wuryanto, IRSA

6th (14-16 June, 2000) National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico-City, Mexico  
Jorge Serrano, Salvador Rodriguez - AMECIDER

5th (15 October, 1998) Chukyo University, Nagoya, Japan  
Takako Fukuchi, Yoshiro Higano – JSRSAI

4th (7-8 May, 1996) University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan  
Hirotada Kohno, Yoshiro Higano - JSRSAI

3rd (June 1994) Hotel Del Prado, Cuernavaca, Mexico

Alfonso Corona, Jorge Serrano - AMECIDER

2nd (19-24 July, 1992) Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan  
Chung-hsin Yang, Chang-i Hua - CRSA-T

1st (9-13 July, 1988) Institute of Technology Bandung, Bandung, Indonesia  
BS Kusbiantoro (Institute of Technology Bandung)

## **List of Membership Sections of the PRSCO of the RSAI**

(Abbreviations of Membership Sections)

Australian and New Zealand Section of Regional Science Association International (ANZRSAI)

Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA)

Canadian Regional Science Association (CRSA)

Chilean Association of Regional Studies (SOCHER)

Chinese Regional Science Association-Taiwan (CRSA-T)

Colombian Association of Regional Studies (ACER)

Indian Regional Science Association (Indian RSA)

Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA)

Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International (JSRSAI)

Korean Regional Science Association (KRSA)

Malaysian Regional Science Association (MRSA)

Mexican Association of Science for Regional Development (AMECIDER)

Thailand Section of Regional Science Association (TH-RSAI)

Western Regional Science Association (WRSA)