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1. ARSC Vice President Election

In accordance with the ARSC Charter, Prof. Ohsawa's office term as the President will expire on March 31, 2021, and Prof. Makoto Okumura, the present Vice-President, will immediately succeed the Presidency. Thus, it is necessary to elect the new Vice-President of the Conference.

Following the provisions of Article 7 and the Election Bylaws II in the Charter, the following three candidates for the Vice-President have been nominated by the Managing Committee.

Hamaguchi, Nobuaki (Kobe University)

Takahashi, Takaaki (University of Tokyo)

Zeng, Dao-zhi (Tohoku University)

Online elections will be held from this election. We will send you a voting code with your invoice. Names of these candidates are printed on an enclosed ballot. Please be sure to enter the voting code when voting. The voting deadline is March 25, 2021.

Although the Election Bylaws II does not explicitly require the Election Administration

Committee for the vice-presidential elections, we have requested Ryusuke Ihara (Asia University) and Masashi Miyagawa (University of Yamanashi) to oversee the election procedure for esteeming neutrality.

As the Charter, the Vice-President, to be appointed by this election, is scheduled to serve as the President from April 2023 to the end of March 2025.

2. Sakashita Prize 2020

Hajime Seya (Kobe University) was honored as a Sakashita Prize winner of 2020 at the 34th annual meeting of ARSC.

The committee for the 2020 Sakashita Prize winner selection was formed under the chairmanship of Professor Kakuya Matsushima (Kyoto University). The committee selected Mr. Hajime Seya as the prize winner.

3. Best Paper Award of ARSC 2020

The paper, “**Panel Data Analysis on the Effects of Regional Industrial Policy on the Growth of Regions in Japan**”, **Iwahashi Roki (University of the Ryukyus)** and **Kameyama Yoshihiro (Saga University)** was selected and honored as the Best Paper Award of ARSC 2020 by the selection committee under the chairmanship of Professor Makoto Okumura (Tohoku University). This paper appears in the *Journal of Applied Regional Science*, No.22(2018), pp.25-35.

4. The 35th Annual Meeting of ARSC

The 35th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Prof. Shoichiro Nakayama of Kanazawa University who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates: Late November 2021

Venue: Kanazawa University (Kakuma Campus, Kanazawa city, Ishikawa)

Depending on the COVID-19 epidemic situation, it may be held online.
Details will be informed on the next newsletter and ARSC Home page.

5. First Call for Papers — 2021 Asian Conference in Regional Science

2021 Asian Conference in Regional Science will be held at Feng-Chia University (Taichung, Taiwan), between October 8 and 10, 2021, sponsored by the Chinese Regional Science Association – Taiwan (CRSA-T).

The Call for Papers will be uploaded on the ARSC's official website soon.

6. About the transition of the ARSC Journal to J-Stage

“Journal of Applied Regional Science” has ceased to be published in printed form with the completion of No.22, is now available on J-Stage as Volume 2019, No.23.

Please access the link below.

<https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/arsc/-char/ja>

The papers published in the journals from No. 11 to No. 22 can be available on the ARSC website.

7. Revision of the constitution

The following Bylaws Article 2 will be revised from April 1, 2021.

(Before)

Bylaws Article 2

1. Annual fees for individual members are as follows:10.000 yen for regular members; 5.000 yen for student members; US \$80 or US \$60 for overseas members depending on his/her subscription to the “Journal of Applied Regional Science”.

Fees are exempted for honorary members.

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8. New Members and Withdraws from Membership

The 2020 general meeting has approved the following persons, who applied for admission to the ARSC, during the period between the general meetings in November 2019 and November 2020, as new members of the Conference.

<New members >

(1) Full Member (9 persons)

Masashi Takahashi (Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC), Yuma Murakami (The Institute of Behavioral Sciences), Fang He (The Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training), Daisuke Nakazono (CTI Engineering Co., Ltd.), Akira Sasahara (Keio University), Shingo Yamazaki (Sapporo Gakuin University), Kenji Ushiki (CTI Engineering Co., Ltd.), Naoko Okuyama (Osaka Gakuin University), Chihiro Shimizu (Nihon University)

(2) Student Members (17 persons)

Liqian Yu (Hokkai School of Commerce), Takeshi Fukasawa (University of Tokyo), Hironari Masuhara (Nippon Institute for Research Advancement), Yuki Shibatsuji (Keio University), Misato Takahashi (Aoyama Gakuin University), Shota Suzuki (Nagoya University), Lu Miao (Kanazawa University), Riku Takase (University of Tsukuba), Kazushi Matsuo (University of Tsukuba), Kefu Lin (Tohoku University), Iori Tokuda (University of Tsukuba), Xingyu Bao (University of Tsukuba), Daisuke Shimotsu (University of Tsukuba), Kangzhe Ding (Tohoku University), Tatsu Ba (Hiroshima University), Masako Miyajima (Hiroshima University), Kazufumi Tsuboi (Tohoku University)

(3) Overseas Member (1 person)

Hangtian Xu (Hunan University)

<Withdrawn members due to requests>

(1) Full Member (16 persons)

Hitoshi Sakakibara (AICHI Prefectural Government), Toshiharu Ishikawa (Chuo University), Hiroshi Ohta (Kobe University), Yoichiro Higuchi (Tokyo Institute of Technology), Masanori Narasaki (Okayama Prefectural Government), Fumiko Ito (Tokyo Metropolitan University), Ryuhei Okumura (Kinjogakuin University), Katsuhito Nohara (Hokusei Gakuen University), Ikuo Kuroiwa (Institute of Developing Economies), Hayato Kato (Keio University), Kimiko Uno (Gakushuin Women's College), Katsuhiko Musashi (Doshisha University), Yasusada Asada (Setsunan University), Hiroki Kondo (Sophia University), Kotaro Maki (Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.), Akiho Sahara (Value Management Institute, Inc.)

(2) Student Member (4 persons)

Sharif Mosharraf Hossain (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies), Dai Zhong (University of Tsukuba), Yuichi Yamada (University of Tsukuba), Ryohei Hayashi (Hiroshima University)

(3) Deceased Member (1 person)

Hitoshi Sato (Reitaku University)

As of November 27, 2020, the ARSC has 487 individual members consisting of 419 in the full membership; 63 in the student membership; 5 in the overseas membership. In addition, we have 5 corporate members who subscribe 7 shares in sum.

9. Membership Fees for Fiscal 2021

The bills issued according to our membership database are enclosed. Please pay by the due date shown on the bills.

(1) ARSC Membership Fees

The ARSC membership fee for 2021 will be \$60. If you have some unpaid fees in the past, those fees are added to the amount due. In case you have some questions over the amount shown, please feel free to contact the Secretariat, preferably by e-mail.

(2) Methods of Payment

Many of our foreign members used to pay their dues in the form of Remittance Cheques drawn on your local bank. However, checks cannot be redeemed at major Japanese banks at this time. Thus, we would like to ask you to pay through Western Union or an acquaintance living in Japan. Please feel free to contact the Secretariat, preferably by e-mail.

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