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1 . Presidential Note : Towards More Deepening and Intensifying Our Mutual Communications and Cooperations

Takeo Ihara, The 9th President of the ARSC

It is my great honor to be elected as the ninth president of the ARSC (Applied Regional Science Conference), with my tenure of two years starting from April 1, 2003. It was in 1987 when ARSC was founded as an academic organization. Since then, thanks to our members' great efforts, ARSC has contributed to promote interdisciplinary research of regional science through theoretical and policy-oriented approaches.

On the other hands, most of our universities and/or research institutes are now severely criticized in many ways. It is easy for us to say that those criticisms are too much myopic and they are also biased only by financial appraisal or market-oriented viewpoint. But, we should, at least, try to introspect ourselves so as to keep a pride and modesty as a seeker after truth. The raison d'etre for being an academic organization lies in encouraging as well as supporting each member of our organization by the various academic activities.

According to the Charter of the ARSC, our main objectives and policies are clearly

specified as follows: "ARSC aims to promote interdisciplinary research of regional science through theoretical and policy-oriented approaches." In addition, "ARSC pursues the following activities from a scholarly point of view."

1. To hold research meetings and symposia;
2. To publish research achievements of members through international academic journals and other media;
3. To exchange information with academic and other organizations throughout the world; and
4. To conduct other activities consistent with ARSC's objectives.

Therefore, I, as a president, will do my best to promote interdisciplinary research to the full extent by deepening and intensifying our mutual communications and cooperations. Among others, I also intend to put more emphasis on the following three activities: namely, to make our annual research meeting more attractive, to inform our members of more detail academic activities, and to facilitate more international communications. So, I am strongly looking forward to your continuing participation and cooperation. Thank you.

2. Election Result for Vice President

The election of the Vice President of ARSC was held by the mail-in voting period ended on March 20, 2003. Professor Masuo Kashiwadani (Ehime University) was elected. His term is from April 2003 to March 2005.

3. First Call For Papers: The 17th Annual Meeting of ARSC

The 17th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Professor Asao Ando (Tohoku University), who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates: December 6th and 7th, 2003
Place: Saitama University
Registration Fee: 2000Yen
Deadline for Application: September 1st, 2003
Submission of Full-paper: November 7th, 2003

To present a paper at the meeting, please submit a sheet of A4/Letter-sized paper that lists the following information: (1) Speaker and co-authors (if any); (2) Title; (3) Abstract of around 100 words; (4) names of two or more prospective discussants, to the Organizing Committee.

The sessions will be organized under the following common subjects. However the topic of individual papers need not be restricted to those subjects. Besides the general sessions, the Thinktank sessions and the special session "Regions" will also be organized.

- * **Urban and Regional Analysis:** City and Regional Systems, Urban and Regional Redevelopment, Informatics and Urban Centers, Congestion Problems, Migration, Land Use, Urban and Regional redevelopment
- * **Transport:** Urban Transport Systems, Toll and Charge for Motorway, ITS, TDM
- * **Logistics:** Intraurban and Interurban Freight, Out-Sourcing
- * **Environmental Issues:** Environmental Taxation, Global Warming, Energy Analysis
- * **GIS**

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4 . Balance Sheet for Fiscal 2002

Credits	Budgeted, 2002		Settled, 2002	
	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$
1 . Balance brought	7,150,426	0.00	7,150,426	0.00
2 . Personal membership dues	3,950,000	2,100.00	3,605,195	0.00
3 . Fees collected for RSAI	975,000	0.00	886,890	0.00
4 . Corporate membership dues	1,100,000	0.00	1,150,000	0.00
5 . RUDS publication fees	1,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00
6 . Meeting registration fees	400,000	0.00	778,000	0.00
7 . Financial support to the meeting	0	0.00	100,000	0.00
8 . Earned interest	0	0.00	527	0.00
9 . Sales of the Journals (back numbers)	0	0.00	6,820	0.00
10. Others	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Credits	14,575,426	2,100.00	14,677,858	0.00

Debits	Budgeted, 2002		Settled, 2002	
	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$	Jpn. Yen	U.S.\$
1 . RUDS publication costs	3,844,000	0.00	3,656,000	0.00
2 . ARSC journal publication	750,000	0.00	463,920	0.00
3 . Annual meeting costs	650,000	0.00	964,990	0.00
4 . Remittance to RSAI	975,000	0.00	832,562	0.00
5 . Membership directory	0	0.00	5,250	0.00
6 . Printing costs	150,000	0.00	111,795	0.00
7 . Postage	200,000	0.00	152,570	0.00
8 . General administrative costs	830,000	0.00	532,086	0.00
Total Debits	7,399,000		6,724,173	0.00
Balance carried forward	7,176,426	2,100.00	7,953,685	0.00

5 . Report of the ARSC Managing Committee

The first meeting of the ARSC Managing Committee was held on June 8th, 2003, in Tokyo. The points of discussion are summarized in the below. If you are interested in some particular topics, please contact with the Secretariat by email.

- * Election of the Vice President (reported in this issue).
- * Balance Sheet of Fiscal 2000 (reported in this issue).
- * Publication of RUDS

The Ministry of Education, Japan Government, has decided to provide the financial

support of ¥1,300,000 for the publication of RURDS of this year.

*** Publication of ARSC Journal**

From this year, the Journal will be published twice a year. The 1st Journal(the Volume8(1)) will be published soon.

*** ARSC Annual Meeting (reported in this issue)**

6 . Report from Secretariat

(1) ARSC member counts

As of May 30, 2003, we have 460 personal members (391 ordinary members, 69 students), and 13 corporate members.

If you know someone who is interested in the fields of research related to regional science, whether personal or a group, please recommend them to join the ARSC. You can always obtain the application forms for personal membership from our Web site (<http://www.arsc.org/arscform-e.html>).