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1. ARSC Vice President Election

In accordance with the ARSC Charter, Prof. Ihara's office term as the President will expire on March 31, 2005, and Prof. Kashiwadani, 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. (Listed in the alphabetical order of their family names.)

Kobayashi, Kiyoshi

Okabe, Atsuyuki

Tabuchi, Takatoshi

Names of these candidates are printed on an enclosed ballot. Please check an adequate box provided on the card and return to the address shown on the card as soon as possible. The ballot box will be closed on March 22, 2005. (If you vote from abroad, please affix airmail stamps.)

Although the Election Bylaws II does not explicitly require the Election Administration Committee for the vice-presidential elections, we have requested Norihiko Yazawa, Tokyo International University, and Tetsuji Sato, The Institute of Behavioral Sciences to oversee the election procedure for esteeming neutrality.

As Article 7 of the Charter forbids the reelection of former Presidents, former and present Presidents as well as the present Vice-President are excluded from the nomination. The

Vice-President, to be appointed by this election, is scheduled to serve as the President from April 2007 to the end of March 2009.

2. Sakashita Prize

Mr. Tomoya Mori (Kyoto University) was honored as a Sakashita Prize winner of 2004, in the 18th annual meeting of ARSC 2004.

In the 17th annual meeting of ARSC 2003, we discussed establishment of "Sakashita Prize" to honor his lifetime achievement. In response to the discussion, several members committee under the chairmanship of Professor Komei Sasaki (Tohoku University) was formed. The committee built rules for the selection and selected Mr. Tomoya Mori as the first prize winner.

3 . First Call for Papers - the 19th Annual Meeting

The 19th annual meeting of ARSC 2005 will be organized under the direction of Professor Shunich Maekawa (Meikai University), who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates: December 10 and 11, or November 19 and 20

Place: Meikai University (Urayasu City, Chiba Pref.)

Deadline for Application: August 31, 2005

Submission of Full-paper: October 31, 2005

4 . New and Withdrawn Members

The 2004 general meeting has approved the following persons, who applied for admission to the ARSC, during the period between the general meetings in December 2003, as the new members of the Conference.

New Members

(1) Full Member (17persons)

Nobuhiro Yamagoshi(House of Councillors, The National Diet of Japan), Koichi Nagai(Mitsui Fudosan Co., LTD), Takuya Maruyama(The Univ. of Tokyo),Katsuyuki Nakamura(St.Andrew's Univ.), Jun Mizutani(Osaka Univ. of Commerce), Hiroki Morita(Mitsui Knowledge Industry Co., Ltd), Naoki Maruyama(Urban Econ. Res. Inst.), Tomoki Ishikura(Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport), Tsuyoshi Ito(Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co.,Ltd), Yasuhide Okuyama(West Virginia Univ.), Hiroshi Yoshimura(Yamaguchi Univ.), Kazuhiko Yokota(ICSEAD), Sachio Muto(Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport), Yasuko

Fukui(Inst. of Urban Economy), Hidehiko Tanimura(Univ. of Kitakyusyu), Hideko Terada(Hiroshima City Univ.), Yoshikazu Ono(College of Land, Infrastructure and Transport),

(2) Student Members (18persons)

Akio Kishi(Tohoku Univ.), Tomomi Miyazaki(Hitotsubashi Univ.), Kazunori Tanji(Osaka Univ.), Yasutaka Kageta(Hiroshima Univ.), Hiroshi Aiura(Nagoya Univ.), Tonomori Kondo(Univ. of Tsukuba), Bing Zhang(Osaka Prefecture Univ.), Satoshi Tsuchiya(Kyoto Univ.), Kaoru Inoue(Osaka Prefecture Univ.), Hidemi Tanaka(Chuo Univ.), Ming-Hsin Lin(Nagoya Univ.), Tomoya Hanibuchi(Kyoto Univ.), Hiroki Yokochi(Nagoya Univ.), Kaoru Yamane(Yamaguchi Univ.), Toshimichi Yamauchi(Ehime Univ.), Yamamoto Masaki(Chuo Univ.), Xiangchun Lu(Tohoku Univ.), Ijung Hsieh(Univ. of Kitakyusyu),

(3) Corporate Members (2 organization)

Fukken Co.,LTD, Kitakyushu Urban Association

Withdrawn Members

(4) Due to requests (17persons, 2organization)

Kobayashi, Shintaro(Kyoto Univ.), Matsuura, Yoshimitsu(Matsuura Macro-Econ. Labo.), Nakamura, Hideo(Musashi Inst. of Technology), Umino, Susumu(Toyama Prefecture), Jia, Hui(中国瀋陽通大信息技術有限公司), Seta, Fumihiko(The Univ. of Tokyo), Kuroda, Yoshimi(Univ. of Tsukuba), Maenaka, Kiyohiro(Nansei Shoto Industrial Advancement Center), Takahashi, Katsumi(The Inst. of Behavioral Sciences), Yanai, Masaya(Toyama Univ.), Tao, Daning(Ritsumeikan Univ.), Ogawa, Hideaki(Aichi Sangyo Univ.), Ikeda, Saburo(Univ. of Tsukuba), Gibson, Lay James(Univ. of Arizona), Igarashi, Masahiro(UNCTAD), Harada, Nobuyuki(Japan Center for Econ. Res.), Sehat, Saied(Tohoku Univ.) , Chuo Fukken Consultants Co.,LTD(Tokyo Office), Japan Real Estate Institute

As of January 31, 2005, the ARSC has 467 individual members make up of 374 in the full membership ; 66 in the student membership ; 14 in the overseas membership. In addition, we have 13 corporate members who subscribe 22 shares in sum.

5 . Membership Fees for Fiscal 2005

The bills produces from our membership database are enclosed. Please pay the amount due shown on the bill.

(1) ARSC Membership Fees

The ARSC membership fee for 2005 will be \$80 for those who subscribe to the ARSC Journal and \$60 for those who do not. In case you pay in Japanese yen, fees will 10,000 and 7,500 yen,

respectively. If you want to cancel your subscription of the ARSC Journal, you will pay \$60 for 2003 instead of \$80 shown on the bill. If you have some unpaid fees in the past, those fees are added to the amount due. They are \$60 each for 1999, and \$46 for 1998. 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. The problem with these cheques is the commissions the Japanese banks charge on cashing them. Those commissions will differ from one country to another where the originating bank is located.

Thus we would like to ask you to consider either of the following payment methods.

a) Personal checks in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks, if you maintain a checking account with them, or

b) Postal money order in Japanese yen or U.S.dollars if you do not have an account with a U.S. bank. The international postal money orders (Mandat de Poste International) are available in most countries where our members reside. However, in some cases, the service may not be available in smaller post offices. The denomination of money orders will be determined by the combination of the recipient and originating countries. When the money orders are addressed to Japan, they are likely to carry the denominations in Japanese yen. Ask your local post office for details, but the service charges are generally lower than with bank.