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1. ARSC Vice President Election

In accordance with the ARSC Charter, Prof. Kashiwadani's office term as the President will expire on March 31, 2007, and Prof. Kobayashi, 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.)

Nakamura, Ryohei	(Okayama University)
Okabe, Atsuyuki	(Tokyo University)
Tabuchi, Takatoshi	(Tokyo University)

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 25, 2007. (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 Takayuki Ueda, Tokyo University, and Yoshihisa Asada, Nihon University 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 2009 to the end of March 2011.

2. First Call for Papers— the 21th Annual Meeting

The 21th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Assistant Prof. Atsushi Koike of Tottori University, who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates: December 8& 9, 2007

Place: Tottori Kenmin-Bunka Kaikan (Cultural Festival Hall for People of Tottori Prefecture)
(Tottori City, Japan)

Deadline for Application: August 31, 2007

Submission of Full-paper: October 31, 2007

(Details will be informed on the next newsletter and home page of ARSC.)

3. Sakashita Prize

Mr. Yukihiro Kidokoro (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies) was honored as a Sakashita Prize winner of 2006, in the 20th annual meeting of ARSC 2006.

The committee for the selection of 2006 Sakashita Prize winner was formed under the chairmanship of Professor Yoshitsugu Kanemoto (Tokyo University), and the committee selected Mr. Yukihiro Kidokoro as the prize winner..

4. New and Withdrawn Members

The 2006 general meeting has approved the following persons, who applied for admission to the ARSC, during the period between the general meetings in December 2005, as the new members of the Conference.

(1) Full Member (7persons)

(Yoshiki Yamagata (National Institute for Environmental Studies), Nobuhiro Hosoe (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies), Chikara Yamaguchi (Hiroshima Shudo Univ.), Masashi Miyagawa (Univ. of Tsukuba), Kenichi Imai (Kinki Univ. Technical College), Kiyoshi Yamasaki (Value Management Institute Inc.), Michio Naoi (Keio Univ.)

(2) Student Members (13persons)

Masahiro Kageyama (Univ. of Tsukuba), Shaosheng Jin (Univ. of Tsukuba), Yasunori Okumura (Keio Univ.), Shigeo Imai (Univ. of Tsukuba), Xuemei Jiang, (Tohoku Univ.), Kihei Nishida (Univ. of Tsukuba), Nobuyasu Watanabe (The Univ. of Kitakyusyu), Shunji Miyazawa (Gifu Univ.), Hajime Seya, (Univ. of Tsukuba), Takayuki Fukuhara (Aoyama Gakuin Univ.), Noriaki Mizuno (Osaka Univ.), Kenmei Tsubota (Kyoto Univ.), Yusuke Teraji (Kyoto Univ.)

(3) Due to requests (14persons)

Akifusa Fujioka (Keiai Univ.), Shino Funamoto (The Univ. of Tokyo), Noboru Kawanabe (Kobe Univ. of Commerce), Kazuyoshi Matsuda (Nippon Koei Co., LTD.), Izumi Miyara (Osaka Univ.), Masayuki Kurihara (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport), Takashi Wada (Regional Science Laboratory), Atsumi Fukatsu (Gakushuin Univ.), Yasuo Fujita (Japan Bank for International Cooperation), Noritaka Katatani (Yamanashi Univ.), Ikuho Yamada (Indiana Univ.), Kazuhiko Makimura (The Institute of Behavioral Sciences), Shigeru Morichi (The Univ. of Tokyo), Naoto Tanaka (Gifu Univ.)

As of January 31, 2007, the ARSC has 456 individual members make up of 378 in the full membership ; 66 in the student membership ; 12 in the overseas membership. In addition, we have 13 corporate members who subscribe 21 shares in sum.

5. Membership Fees for Fiscal 2007

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 2007 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 2007 instead of \$80 shown on the bill. 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.

< 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.

(2) RSAI Membership Fees

The RSAI (The Regional Science Association International) members can receive

the following services direct from Blackwell Publishing.

The RSAI Membership Fee for 2007 will be \$65(if student \$ 32) for those who will receive the following services of Category A, and \$13(if student \$ 10) for those who will receive the following services of Category B.

CATEGORY A

Members receive the following services:

- The printed (hard) copy of PiRS
- Reduced rate subscriptions to other Blackwell journals, including *Journal of Regional Science*, along with contact details for the relevant publishers.
- Access to a new, sophisticated RSAI website, (as described later).
- Newsletter (printed version)
- Reduced rates at RSAI conferences
- Access to list of members

CATEGORY B

Members receive the following services :

- Electronic copy of PiRS
- Reduced rate subscriptions to other Blackwell journals, including *Journal of Regional Science*, along with contact details for the relevant publishers.
- Access to a new, sophisticated RSAI website, (as described later).
- Electronic version of Newsletter
- Reduced rates at RSAI conferences
- Access to list of members