

# ARSC NEWS

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## Inauguration address from new president

**Takatoshi Tabuchi, The 12-th President of the ARSC**

I have the honor of being appointed as the twelfth President of the Applied Regional Science Conference from 2009 to 2010. A number of excellent researchers have been maintained high-quality academic activities have been since the establishment of the ARSC for twenty-two years. I would like to enhance the quality of services for members by reflecting various opinions of members to the greatest possible extent. Because the ARSC finance stays sound these years, I would like to develop policies that promote research for all members.

It is often the case that a majority of members is from either arts or sciences background. However, the ARSC is evenly-divided by members from arts and sciences. Their backgrounds are quite diverse such as economics, civil engineering, urban planning, and geography. Taking advantage of such diversity, I consider that the major mission of the ARSC is to integrate a variety of disciplines, create new knowledge, and solve various urban and regional problems.

Besides the annual meeting of the ARSC, many workshops and seminars are taking place everywhere. For example, the ARSC homepage (<http://www.arsc.org/>) provides a link to Urban

Economics Workshop at Kyoto University, Urban Economics Workshop at the University of Tokyo, Regional Science Workshop at Tohoku University, Urban and Transportation Economics Workshop at the University of Tsukuba, and Regional Science Seminar at Nagoya University. Furthermore, there are a growing number of members who actively participate in overseas conferences and workshops. On the other hand, however, participation at the annual meeting of the ARSC seems to be dwindling in recent years. Therefore, I would like to invite you to present your papers at the annual meeting. I hope that senior members would report perspectives or reviews on specific topics in regional science in order to enlighten junior members. I also hope that junior members would present state-of-the-art research in order to ensure forward and backward linkages to diverse members. I believe that such contributions will be very fruitful for each other.

To the best of my poor ability, I would like to contribute to the development of the ARSC. Continued support by all members will be greatly appreciated.

## **2. Election Result for Vice President**

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The election of the Vice President of ARSC was held by the mail-in voting period ended on March 23, 2009. **Professor Tatsuaki Kuroda** (Nagoya University) was elected. His term is from April 2009 to March 2011.

## **3. First Call For Papers: The 23th Annual Meeting of ARSC**

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The 23th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Professor Michihiro Kaiyama (Yamagata University), who heads the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

**Dates:** December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**Place:** Yamagata University ( Yamagata-City Japan )  
(<http://www-h.yamagata-u.ac.jp/access/access.htm>)  
**Registration Fee:** Members ; free Others ; 1,000yen  
**Deadline for Application:** September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**Submission of Full-paper:** November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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. Japan-China Joint Seminar on Applied Regional Science in Kyoto (Japan)

(1) Purposes

- To foster the exchange of ideas and research in the field of regional science between the scholars of China and Japan
- To aim at establishing a formal collaboration relationship between Applied Regional Science Conference (ARSC) and Regional Science Association of China (RSAC)

(2) Pertinent information is summarized below.

**Dates : October 3 th and 4 th, 2009**

**Place : Campus Plaza Kyoto (Kyoto Japan)**

**(<http://csvr15.consortium.or.jp/english/index.html>)**

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FAX +81-75-353-9101

**Registration Fee: members 2,000yen (none members 4,000yen)**

**Deadline for Application: July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

To present a paper at the seminar, 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 200 words; (4) names of two or more prospective discussants, to the ARSC Secretariat.

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## 5. Balance Sheet for Fiscal 2008

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Credits	Budgeted, 2008		Settled, 2008	
	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$
1. Balance brought	7,473,728	0.00	7,473,728	0.00
2. Personal membership dues	4,600,000	1,800.00	4,200,000	0.00
3. Fees collected for RSAI	284,900	0.00	316,000	0.00
4. Corporate membership dues	1,100,000	0.00	1,250,000	0.00
5. RUDS publication fees	0	0.00	0	0.00
6. Meeting registration fees	235,000	0.00	575,400	0.00
7. Financial support to the meeting	0	0.00	150,000	0.00
8. Earned interest	0	0.00	7,085	0.00
9. Sales of the Journals (back numbers)	0	0.00	19,120	0.00
10. Others	0	0.00	400,000	0.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13,693,628</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>14,391,333</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Debits	Budgeted, 2006		Settled, 2006	
	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$	Jpn. Yen	U. S. \$
1. RUDS publication costs	3,224,000	0.00	730,032	0.00
2. ARSC journal publication	1,000,000	0.00	1,069,061	0.00
3. Annual meeting costs	650,000	0.00	921,677	0.00
4. Japan China Joint Seminar costs	675,000	0.00	623,265	0.00
5. Remittance to RSAI	284,900	0.00	190,500	0.00
6. Sakashita prize	121,000	0.00	121,200	0.00
7. Membership directory	0	0.00	0	0.00
8. Printing costs	100,000	0.00	84,305	0.00
9. Postage	200,000	0.00	181,400	0.00
10. General administrative costs	730,000	0.00	767,270	0.00
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>7,034,900</b>		<b>4,697,510</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>6,658,728</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>9,693,823</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## **6 . Report of the ARSC Managing Committee**

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The first meeting of the ARSC Managing Committee was held on June 21th, 2009 , 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 e-mail.

- \* Election of the Vice President (reported in this issue).
- \* Balance Sheet of Fiscal 2008(reported in this issue).
- \* Japan-China Joint Seminar in Kyoto (reported in this issue).
- \* Sakashita Prize

Members of the selection committee for the 2009 Sakashita Prize are shown as below.

Masahisa Fujita, Yoshitugu Kanemoto, Takayuki Ueda,  
Takatoshi Tabuchi, Tatsuaki Kuroda

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

## **7 . Report from Secretariat**

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### **ARSC member counts**

As of June 30, 2009, we have 439 personal members (381 ordinary members, 39 students,9 oversea members), and 10corporate 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>).