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1. First Call for Papers - the 24th Annual Meeting

The 24th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Prof. Tatsuaki Kuroda of Nagoya University, who head the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates: December 4 & 5, 2010

Place: Nagoya University

Deadline for Application: September 10, 2010 Submission of Full-paper: November 10, 2010

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

2. Sakashita Prize

Kakuya Matsushima (Kyoto University) was honored as a Sakashita Prize winner of 2009 in the 23th annual meeting of ARSC 2009.

The committee for the selection of 2009 Sakashita Prize winner was formed under the chairmanship of Professor Masahisa Fujita(Konan University), and the committee selected Mr. Kakuya Matsushima as the prize winner..

3. Election of Management Committee Members for 2010-2011

According to the Article 8 of the ARSC Chapter, the election of Management Committee

Members for the term beginning in April 2010 and ending in March 2012 will be held under the Election Administration Committee. Miki Seko (Keio Univ.) and Yukihiro Kidokoro (National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies) have been appointed as members to this committee by the President Takatoshi Tabuchi.

Voting will be done by secret ballot. Three names are to be written on an enclosed card and returned to the address as shown on the card. The deadline for voting is March 22, 2010. The ballot is valid if postmarked on the mentioned date or before.

4. New and Withdrawn Members

The 2009 general meeting has approved the following persons, who applied for admission to the ARSC, during the period between the general meetings in December 2009, as the new members of the Conference.

< New members>

(1) Full Member (8 persons)

Hiroshi Taguchi (Central Research Inst. of Electric Power Industry), Toshiyuki Matsuura(Hitotsubashi Univ.), Takafumi Kobayashi(Univ. of Tsukuba), Mitsuhiro Hayashi(Chuo Univ.), Yasuo Kawawaki(Univ. of Hyogo), Noriaki Matsushima(Osaka Univ.), Hidetoshi Yoshimura(The Univ. of Kitakyusyu), Mizuki Kawabata (Tokyo Univ.)

(2) Student Members (12 persons)

Tadao Hoshino (Tokyo Inst. of Technology), Kohei Nagamachi (Tokyo Univ.), Taikei Araki(Kyoto Univ.), Shizuko Tsutsumi(Aomori Public College), Kenji Suganuma(Bank of Japan), Hitoshi Sakakibara (Nagoya Univ.), Michmasa Yakushige (Meikai Univ.), Akiko Sugasawa (Tohoku Univ.), Tadashi Morita(Osaka Univ.), Toshiaki Takahashi(Tohoku Univ.), Itsuro Otaki(Tokyo Univ.), Tetsuji Uemura(London school of Economics and Political Sciences)

<Withdrawn members due to requests>

(20persons)

Hiroo Shibata(Yamagata Univ.), Osamu Kamoike(Tohoku Univ.), Masaki Yamamoto (The Fukuoka Asian Urban Research Center), Kenji Nagasaki(Akita Univ. of Nursing and Welfare), Yoshitsugu Hayashi(Nagoya Univ.), Hajime Inamura(Tohoku Univ.), Hiroshi Ohta(Aoyama Gakuin Univ.), Masayuki Miyakawa(City of Kawasaki), Shigemi Kagawa(Kyusyu Univ.), Kiyoko Hagiwara(Bukkyo Univ.), Junichi Yamagishi(Inst. of Chiiki-shijo-kozo), Ayako Inoue(Sophia Univ.), Masahiro Kageyama(Univ. of Tsukuba), Noriaki Mizuno(Osaka Univ.), Bing Zhang(Osaka Prefecture Univ.), Jiayin Liu(Gifu Univ.), Kaoru Yamane(Yamaguchi Univ.), Shaosheng Jin(Univ. of Tsukuba), Itsuo Tanaka(Yamaguchi Univ.)

(1 organization)

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As of December 12, 2009, the ARSC has 439 individual members make up of 385 in the full membership; 45 in the student membership; 9 in the overseas membership. In addition, we have 10 corporate members who subscribe 14 shares in sum.

5. Membership Fees for Fiscal 2010

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 2010 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 2008 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.

(2)RSAI Membership Fees

The RSAI (The Regional Science Association International) members can receive the following services direct from Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

The RSAI Membership Fee for 2010 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 Wiley-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 Wiley-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

(3) 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.