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1. ARSC Vice President Election

In accordance with the ARSC Charter, Prof. Nakamura's office term as the President will expire on March 31, 2015, and Prof. Se-il Mun, 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 four candidates for the Vice-President have been nominated by the Managing Committee.

Ando, Asao	(Tohoku University)
Osawa, Yoshiaki	(University of Tsukuba)
Takahashi, Takaaki	(University of Tokyo)
Mori, Tomoya	(Kyoto 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 10, 2015. (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 Hajime Takatsuka (Kagawa University) and Takahisa Yokoi (Tohoku University), to oversee the election procedure for esteeming neutrality.

As the Charter, the Vice-President, to be appointed by this election, is scheduled to serve as

the President from April 2017 to the end of March 2019.

2. Sakashita Prize 2014

Takuya Maruyama (Kumamoto University) was honored as a Sakashita Prize winner of 2014 on the 28th annual meeting of ARSC.

The committee for the selection of 2014 Sakashita Prize winner was formed under the chairmanship of Professor Kyoshi Kobayashi (Kyoto University), and the committee selected Mr. Takuya Maruyama as the prize winner.

3. Best Paper Award of ARSC 2014

The paper, “**The effect of Transport Access Improvement on Agglomeration of tourism Industry ;Yu Morimoto (Kyoto University)**” was selected and honored as the Best Paper Award of ARSC 2014 by the selection committee under the chairmanship of Professor Yoshiaki Osawa (University of Tsukuba). This paper is appeared in the Journal of Applied Regional Science No.18;(2014),pp29-40.

4. First Call for Papers— the 29th Annual Meeting

The 29th Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Associate Professor Michio Naoi of Keio University, who head the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

Dates: November 28- 29, 2015

Venue: Keio University (Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan)

Deadline for Application: September 15, 2015

Submission of Full-paper: October 31, 2015

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

5. First Call for Papers— the 5th Asian Seminar in Regional Science

Pertinent information for the 5th Asian Seminar in Regional Science is summarized below.
(See the Call for Papers.)

Dates: July 17-20, 2015

Venue: Harbin Institute of Technology (Harbin, China)

Deadline for Application: April 15, 2015

Submission for Full-paper: May 31, 2015

6. New and Withdrawn Members

The 2014 general meeting has approved the following persons, who applied for admission to the ARSC, during the period between the general meetings in November 2014, as the new members of the Conference.

<New members >

(1) Full Member (14 persons)

Yantian Chen (Chubu Region Institute for Social and Economic Research), Seiichi Hino(the Institute of Behavioral Science), Masahiko Ozaki(Osaka Univ.), Akiho Sahara(Value Management, Inc.), Yoshihiro Otsuka (Univ. of Nagasaki), Mamoru Ikuyasu(Kawanishi Child Guidance Center), Ryo Arawatari(Nagoya Univ.), Miwa Matsuo(Waseda Univ.), Shigeki Toriumi(Chuo Univ.), Koichi Ushijima(Univ. of Tsukuba), Ryo Nakajima(Keio Univ.), Kenji Umetani(National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies), Masahiko Matsubara(Okinawa Prefecture), Kenichi Tanaka(Keio Univ.)

(2) Student Members (7 persons)

Sunyong Eom(Univ. of Tsukuba), Eunha Kim(Meikai Univ.), Takeshi Naito(Meikai Univ.), Nobuya Sato(Aoyama-gakuin Univ.), Ryoji Jinushi(Kobe Univ.), Keisuke Inada(Chuo Univ.), Yu Xiao(Tokyo Institute of Technology), Ryohei Hayashi(Hiroshima Univ.), Hayato Kato(Hitotsubashi Univ.), Masahiro Ikeda(Tohoku Univ.), Yuki Otsu(Osaka Univ.), Katsuya Sakai(Tokyo Institute of Technology), Masaaki Toma(Osaka Univ.), Hosaki Sano(Osaka Univ.), Cheolmin Kang(Univ. of Tsukuba)

<Withdrawn members due to requests>

(1) Full Member (16 persons)

Takehiro Usui(Soka Univ.), Tomohito Yamane(Osaka Univ. of Commerce), Hiroshi Yoshimura(Univ. of Kitakyushu), Akihiro Otsuka(CRIEPI), Noboru Harata(Univ. of Tokyo), Hiroyasu Asai(Hokuriku Electric Power Company), Hideji Kobayashi(Meikai Univ.), Takato Yasuno(NEWJEC), Hidehiko Tanimura(ICSEAD), Koji Kitaura(Hosei Univ.), Shuichi Ishikawa(Kobe-gakuin Univ.), Laixun Zhao(Kobe Univ.), Motoo Kawabata(Kwansei-gakuin Univ.), Miyoshi Shimamoto(Mito Kogyo Co. Ltd.), Reiji Kurima(Univ. of Tokyo), Masayuki Sato(Kyoto Univ.)

(2) Student Member (5 person)

Hiroki Yokochi(Nagoya Univ.), Komlosi Eva(Tottori Univ.), Momoko Hamatsu(Univ. of Tsukuba), Kozasa Toshinari(Hiroshima Univ.), Akito Nagasawa(Tohoku Univ.)

(3) Overseas Member(2person)

Koichi Mera, John M. Quigley(Univ. of California)

As of November 29, 2014, the ARSC has 493 individual members make up of 434 in the full membership ; 53 in the student membership ; 6 in the overseas membership. In addition, we have 6 corporate members who subscribe 8 shares in sum.

5. Membership Fees for Fiscal 2015

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

(1) ARSC Membership Fees

The ARSC membership fee for 2015 will be \$80 for those who subscribe to the ARSC Journal and \$60 for those who do not. If you want to cancel your subscription of the ARSC Journal, you will pay \$60 for 2015 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) 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.