

ARSC NEWS

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1. Inauguration address from new president

Se-II Mun, The 15-th President of the ARSC

It is my great honor to be the president of ARSC for two years, 2015-16. I would make my best efforts to ensure steady development of the ARSC, with helps from vice president, members of steering committee, and individual members. I have joined ARSC in 1989 (only 2 years after its foundation). When I attended the annual conference in that year, I was strongly impressed by observing active discussions among participants. At that time, discussants did not hesitate to make candid comments on the papers, regardless whether they are written by internationally established scholars, or by elder professors. And I committed myself to be the researcher like those in the discussion there. The annual conference is the most important activity for ARSC. Researchers from various disciplines such as economics, engineering, planning and geography get together in our conference. I think it essential that the conference provide the platform supporting the creation of new knowledge through interactions of researchers in various back grounds. And I hope that the

conferences continue to be attractive for young scholars as I felt in my younger days. As far as I see, a number of papers with high academic quality are presented at the annual conferences these years. I hope that more of these papers will be submitted to our journal, RURDS.

We appreciate the contributions by past presidents in the development of the international collaboration, "Asian Seminar of Regional Science". This year, we have 5th meeting in Harbin, and next year in Japan.

There is a concern of the financial situation of the ARSC recent years. The basic solution should be the expansion of the membership. Steady efforts are required to solicit researchers in various disciplines dealing with regional issues. I expect individual member's cooperation in this regard.

2. Election Result for Vice President

The election for the Vice President of ARSC was held by the mail-in voting period ended on March 10, 2015. **Professor Asao Ando** (Tohoku University) was elected. His term, as a vice president, is from April 2015 to March 2017.

3. The 29th Annual Meeting of ARSC

The 29th annual ARSC meeting will be held at Keio University, (Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan) as shown below. The Organizing Committee, chaired by Prof. Michio Naoi, Kei University, welcomes every participant from around the world.

<http://sites.google.com/site/arsc2015keio/eng>

Dates: November 28th and 29th, 2015

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

Registration Fee: Members and Others ; 2,000yen
Student members ; free

Reception ; Scheduled for the evening of **November 28th**
Fee ; 5,000 yen , if student, 2,000yen

Deadline for Registration: November 14th, 2015

(The registration form is shown in page 5)

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4. The Asian Seminar in Regional Science

The Fifth Asian Seminar in Regional Science was held at Harbin Institute of Technology (Harbin, China), July 18th-20th, 2015.

The Sixth Asian Seminar in Regional Science will be held at Tohoku University in Sendai (Japan) between September 17th and 19th, 2016

5. Call for Papers from the ARSC Journal

Yoshiaki Osawa, Chief Editor

At present, the editorial board of “Journal of Applied Regional Science” calls for papers to enrich the contents of our Journal. The Journal will be published once or twice a year. Anytime our board will accept your application and will assign some referees to each subscribed paper. Contact us, the editorial board, by Mail or E-Mail. (Address is below.)

(See ARSC Home-page, <http://www.arsc.org/>)

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5. Balance Sheet for Fiscal 2014

Balance sheet for fiscal 2014 is summarized as below. Details will be reported in the next issue.

Credits		Debits	
Balance brought	508	RURDS publication costs	344
Membership dues	540	ARSC Journal publication	55
Meeting registration fees	85	Annual meeting costs	155
others	1	Remittance to RSAI	21
		General administrative costs	111
Total Credits	1134	Total Debits	686
		Balance carried forward	448

(10,000 Jpn.Yen)

6. Report of the ARSC Managing Committee

The first meeting of the ARSC Managing Committee was held on June 6th, 2015, at 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 result for the Vice President of ARSC (reported in this issue).

* Balance Sheet of Fiscal 2014 (reported in this issue).

* Sakashita Prize

Members of the selection committee for the 2015 Sakashita Prize are shown as below.

Nobuaki Hamaguchi (Kobe University), Dao –Zhi Zeng (Tohoku University),

Hirokazu Tatano (Kyoto University)

Se-il Mun (ARSC President), Asao Ando (ARSC Vice President)

* Publication of RURDS

Editing manager reported that publications of RURDS, in this year, would be made three times, and annual growth of access to RURDS (online article downloads) had been increasing from so many countries.

*Publication of ARSC journal

Editing manager of ARSC journal reported that the journal No.19 would be published in June or July.

(No.19 has published in July.)

7. Report from Secretariat

***ARSC member counts**

As of May 31, 2015, we have 480 personal members (421 ordinary members, 53 students, 6 oversea members), and 5 corporate 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/en/arscform-e.html>).

The 29th ARSC Meeting Registration Form

Name:	Affiliation:
Postal Address:	
TEL:	FAX:
E-mail:	

- (1) Conference on November 28
() Attend, () Do not attend
- (2) Conference on November 29
() Attend () Do not attend
- (3) Reception on November 28 (evening)
() Attend () Do not attend
- (4) General Meeting on November 28 , 17: 30 ~ 18: 10
() Attend () Do not attend

Please send this form to

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■ If you will not attend the ARSC general meeting on November 28 , 2015, Please fax or email the letter of attorney to the Organizing Committee by December 10. .

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Name :
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Letter of Attorney

I will not attend the general meeting of the the Applied Regional Science Conference on November 28 2015, I leave all the decisions to ().

Name _____

Signature _____