

# ARSC NEWS

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## **1. Election of Management Committee Members for 2016-2017**

According to the Article 8 of the ARSC Chapter, the election of Management Committee Members for the term beginning in April 2016 and ending in March 2018 will be held under the Election Administration Committee. Masamitsu Onishi (Kyoto Univ.) and Ryo Itoh (Tohoku Univ.) have been appointed as members to this committee by the President Se-Il Mun.

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 11, 2016. The ballot is valid if postmarked on the mentioned date or before.

## **2. Sakashita Prize 2015**

**Kentaro Nakajima (Tohoku University)** was honored as a Sakashita Prize winner of 2015 on the 29<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of ARSC.

The committee for the selection of 2015 Sakashita Prize winner was formed under the chairmanship of Professor Nobuaki Hamaguchi (Kobe University), and the committee selected Mr. Kentaro Nakajima as the prize winner.

### 3. Best Paper Award of ARSC 2015

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The paper, “**Childcare Access and Employment: The Case of Women with Preschool-aged Children in Tokyo ; Mizuki Kawabata (Keio University)**” was selected and honored as the Best Paper Award of ARSC 2015 by the selection committee under the chairmanship of Professor Makoto Okumura (Tohoku University). This paper is appeared in the journal “**Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies**” 26 (1) (2014) PP.40-56

### 4. First Call for Papers— the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be organized under the direction of Prof. Nobuaki Hamaguchi of KOBE University who head the organizing committee. Pertinent information is summarized below.

**Dates:** November 26-27, 2016

**Venue:** Kobe University (Rokko Campus, Kobe city, Japan)

**Deadline for Application:** Beginning of September, 2016

**Submission for Full-paper:** End of October, 2016

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

### 5. Call for Papers— the Sixth Asian Seminar in Regional Science

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Seminar in Regional Science will be held at Tohoku University (Sendai-city, Japan), between September 24 and 26, 2016, sponsored by ARSC.

Pertinent information for the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Seminar in Regional Science is summarized below.

(See the Call for Papers <ARSC’s official website; <http://www.arsc.org/>>)

**Dates:** September 24-26, 2016

**Venue:** Tohoku University (Sendai-city, Japan)

**Deadline for submission of application:** April 30, 2016

**Deadline for full papers:** August 31, 2016

**Registration Fee**

Member: 15,000 yen

Student: 7,000 yen

(Additional 3,000 yen for excursion)

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## 6. New and Withdrawn Members

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The 2015 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 (10 persons)

Hidefumi Kaneko ( Association of Regional Econometrics & Environmental Studies ) Takashi Yano (Hiroshima Shudo Univ.), Ichiro Fujimoto (Cabinet Office), Kimiko Uno (Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies ), Masato Taki (Toyota Motor Corporation), Jiyoung Kim (Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO), Masayuki Kawamoto (Toyota Motor Corporation), Isamu Takahara(Univ. of Tsukuba), Tadashi Kikuchi (Teikyo Univ.), Kaoru Koshiro (Kobe Univ.)

(2) Student Members (19 persons)

Keifan Chen (Nagoya Univ.), Sumire Kobayashi (Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies), Wang Ji ( Ritsumei Univ.), Masayuki Kotani (Nihon Univ.), Keisuke Endo (Nihon Univ.), Masatomo Suzuki (Univ. of Tokyo), Shohei Yasuda (Keio Univ.), Sho Sakuma (Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies), Yasuaki Kikukawa (Univ. of Tsukuba), Tomohiro Kitamura (Kobe Univ.), Jun Yoshida (Tohoku Univ.) Koya Kimura (Doshisha Univ.), Osamu Sugimoto (Keio Univ.), Hirohide Matsunaga (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), Takuji Kawagishi (Univ. of Tsukuba), Jianying Ma (Meikai Univ.), Shinya Fukui (Osaka Pref.) Langyu Guo (Univ. of Tsukuba), Sho Kuroda (Tsukuba Univ.),

### <Withdrawn members>

(16 persons)

Shiro Abe (Senshu Univ.), Keiji Yano (Ritsumeikan Univ.), Masaichi Naito (Niigata Univ.),Shinya Hanaoka (Tokyo Institute of Technology), Yasuo Sasaki (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology), Takahiro Miyao, Kazuhiko Yokota (Waseda Univ.), Keiko Hashimoto (Kansai Institute of Information Systems & Industrial Renovation), Kazuyoshi Nakano (Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry), Kosei Fukuda (Chuo Univ.), Ushio Sumita (Unv. Of Tsukuba), Yoshitsuyu Asami (Kurume Univ.), Ikujiro Wakai (Osaka Sangyo Univ.), Masaki Nakagome (Aoyama Gakuin Univ.) Keisuke Hattri (Osaka Univ. of Economics) Kazumi Hitomi (Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry)

(1 corporate member)

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As of November 29, 2015, the ARSC has **502** individual members make up of **430** in the full membership ; **6** in the student membership ; **6** in the overseas membership. In addition, we have 5 corporate members who subscribe 7 shares in sum.

**<New and Withdrawn Members>**

		2014/11	New	Withdrawn	Shift	2015/11
Individual	Full	434	10	-16	2	430
	Student	53	19	-4	-2	66
	Overseas	6	0	0	0	6
		493	29	-20	0	502
Corporate		6	0	-1		5

## **7. Membership Fees for Fiscal 2016**

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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 2016 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 2016 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.