

# Meeting of the European Regional Science Association Council

St. Petersburg, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## MINUTES

**Jouke van Dijk** opens the meeting and welcomes all the participants to the meeting.

**Item 1. Approval of the meeting agenda and appointment of an ERSAC member responsible for verification of meeting minutes**

The agenda (attached to the minutes in appendix 1) has been approved. Andre Torre has been chosen as the ERSAC member responsible for verifying the minutes.

**Item 2. Annual report from the Executive Director**

**Richard Kelly** summarises the activities of the office in the second part of 2013 and first part of 2014, including information on:

- workshops and lecture series with AESOP;
- a new format of an MoU and convention for the congress have been drafted with the intention of being used in the future;
- a number of roll-ups have been prepared for the sections to use in their events;
- providing online access to the corporate brochure;
- REGION journal which has been launched in 2014 with positive responses and the first paper already published prior to the Congress in St. Petersburg.

He asks section representatives to provide information on events organised by sections so that they can be promoted by the office and invites sections to organise workshops and other events.

**Jouke van Dijk** thanks for the report and opens the floor for discussion.

**Tomaz Dentinho** comments that Spanish, Japanese and Dutch are benchmark sections in terms of size (around 10 members per million inhabitants) and publication activity.

The report is approved.

**Item 3a. Long range issues. Relationships between sections – ERSA – RSAI**

**Jouke van Dijk** emphasises that the relationships with sections are established with members of the Board of ERSA visiting the sections' events.

He goes on to raise the issue of relationships between ERSA and RSAI. The first issue in these relations is conferences - nowadays RSAI moves to a bi-annual event which creates competition for venues with ERSA or NARSC organising congresses each year. One area for discussion is thus finding

venues for events in a way that allows avoiding clashes and conflicts. One solution may be to merge RSAI congresses with ERSA and/or NARSC congresses.

**Andres Rodriguez-Pose** reports that this issue was discussed in the LRPC. It is intended to maintain the bi-annual character of the World Congress and coordinate in case the location is within the area covered by a supra-national organisation.

**Jouke van Dijk** raises the issue of the capitation fee paid by the sections directly to RSAI – it is suggested that these funds should be divided between RSAI and the supra-national associations. Considering that ERSA has an office which needs to be maintained this issue needs to be discussed as the division is uneven.

**Tomaz Dentinho** comments that RSAI became financially autonomous in 2012 after collecting the membership fees directly from the sections instead through Wiley Blackwell. He emphasises that collaboration and participation is required and so ERSA should contribute more to decisions on how money is used rather than to divide or redistribute. The division of fees may affect the upkeep of PiRS and RSP&P. Another issue is the fixed character of the fee paid by sections to ERSA (250 EUR).

**Gunther Maier** comments that the reason for the fixed amount of fees paid to ERSA is the result of its structure (an association of sections).

**Lars Westin** comments that it needs to be clarified if ERSA and RSAI are one organisation or if they are independent of one another and then the sections should be able to decide which to join.

**Jouke van Dijk** comments that there is a hierarchy and interdependence. The key question is however who organises events which are done by both organisations. This may require that the division of finance is changed.

**Tomaz Dentinho** replies that the net amount received from Wiley for the journals is small and often not sufficient for covering the editorial costs. There is thus the need to expand the association.

**Jouke van Dijk** comments that ERSA organises activities so it may be expected by sections that their resources are used to organised events through ERSA.

**Andres Rodriguez-Pose** emphasises that RSAI and ERSA are not separate organisations in that the principle of universal membership has been introduced. We all benefit from this type of community, which does not mean that the room for discussion does not exist.

**Andre Torre** comments that on the level of a section or individual member there is an imbalance between ERSA and RSAI.

**Gunther Maier** comments that from the legal point of view the German-speaking section and ERSA are legal entities where the section has applied to join ERSA. Everything else is based on gentlemen's agreements.

**Lise Bourdeau-Lepage** emphasises that many members of the section do not understand the relationships between the section, ERSA and RSAI. This requires frequent communication and

dissemination of information amongst members. She requests that the RSAI informs the sections more precisely about its activities.

**Tomaz Dentinho** agrees that one of the solutions is that RSAI may contribute (also financially) to activities which ERSA or other supra-nationals are to coordinate. Cooperation should be based on benefits rather than money sharing.

**Roberta Cappello** comments that two issues are mixed: (1) perception of RSAI as a distant organisation from the viewpoint of members – this is why the presidency rotates in order to inform and convince sections; however, this is the great uniqueness and richness of regional science that such a global organisation exists; (2) the financing which reflects the constitution of each legal entity which explains the rules for membership – ERSA has a constitution where each section has one vote, whereas in RSAI individuals are capable of voting directly.

If the finance is to be touched then the constitutions would need to be updated which is a major issue.

**Tuzin Baycan** asks for considering also other issues. She asks if there is a strategic document outlining the development objectives for the association. Further questions are: are there any rules for establishing new sections and how are responsibilities in that process outlined? She concludes that it seems that an institutional framework is missing which regulates relationships between ERSA and RSAI.

**Juan Ramón Cuadrado Roura** asks if information about the number of members in each section may be provided to section representatives.

**Jouke van Dijk** replies that this information is available to the RSAI Council and also available on the website of the RSAI.

**Jouke van Dijk** comments that some of the issues raised need coordination on the level of presidents of the associations. He proposes that the President and vice-President of ERSA continue or discuss further the relationships with RSAI President. The report on these activities is to be provided in the EOC meeting in February 2015.

The discussion is closed and the proposal approved.

### **Item 3b. Long range issues. Application for ERSA membership by the Moroccan section**

**Jouke van Dijk** reminds that this issue was first discussed in Palermo in August 2013. Following that discussion, the Moroccan Section decided to apply for membership in ERSA. The Section is happy to be part of ERSA and plans to organise an African conference in Marrakesh next year, which could be a step towards organising other sections in Africa.

The issue has been discussed in the EOC which recommends that the ERSAC approves the motion.

**Abdel Khattabi** thanks for the possibility of presenting the application for membership in person. He comments that the Moroccan section is the only national section which is not part of a supra-national association. It was agreed in Evora earlier in 2014 that the section will apply for membership in ERSA.

It is the section's ambition to support the development of regional science and regional science associations in other African countries with a long-term objective of creating an African supra-national association.

**Jouke van Dijk** thanks for the application and opens the floor for discussion.

**Andres Rodriguez-Pose** highlights that a very dynamic group of researchers has been put together in Morocco. This is one of the areas where collaboration between RSAI and ERSA has benefitted – the RSAI have taken the lead in nurturing this section.

**Lise Bourdeau-Lepage** reads the official letter from the President of the French-Speaking section, Michel Dimou:

*“The French Speaking section gives a favorable opinion on the integration of the Morocco section to the ERSA. During the exchanges with the representatives of the Morocco section, it seems obvious that the French Speaking section can bring support and help to this new-born section from a scientific point of view.*

*It is, however, important to engage some discussion on further and future emerging sections within the Regional Science. We believe that it is necessary to find an equilibrium between the birth of new national sections and the existence of supra-regional, supra-national or common-language speaking sections that provide wider possibilities for scientific exchange.”*

**Tuzin Baycan** asks about regulations for establishing sections. She asks if this issue is the ERSA's responsibility or the RSAI's responsibility. This is important for the future development.

**Jouke van Dijk** replies that the natural territory for ERSA is Europe (as was the case with the Baltic section). Moroccan section lies beyond the areas traditionally covered by the supra-nationals so was first approved by the RSAI and then applied to ERSA.

**Maciej Turala** adds that ERSA constitution and by-laws do outline conditions for accepting a new section as follows: (1) the association in question needs to be democratic, (2) it is required to organise regular event(s) and (3) it is required to promote regional science.

**Gunther Maier** assures the ERSA Council that the EOC ensured that the Moroccan section meets these criteria.

**Jouke van Dijk** puts forward a motion to approve the application of the Moroccan section to ERSA.

**The motion is approved unanimously.**

**Jouke van Dijk** welcomes the Moroccan section as a member of the European Regional Science Association.

#### **Item 4a. Congresses and summer schools. Future congresses**

**Jouke van Dijk** reports that the convention for 2015 in Lisbon has just been signed but that there are no venues for 2016 and future years. Several candidates were approached (Gunther Maier, Hannu Tervo, Tuzin Baycan) and a meeting was held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, a day before the ERSA Council meeting.

The floor is opened for discussion.

**Gunther Maier** comments that the option for 2016 would be Vienna (WU) at a brand new university campus which offers all the necessary amenities. From the logistics point of view this would be relatively easy to organise.

The only concern may be the finances and finding sponsors, however assurances were given by the President of ERSA that the financial aspect may be managed. Given this the German-speaking section is ready to organise the congress in 2016 following some further research on availability of the venue etc.

**Tuzin Baycan** underlines that the section is currently restructuring but it is in a good shape and has good contacts with the Ministry of Regional Development which is ready to provide support for this event. It is an option that will be further analysed.

**Lars Westin** reports that Jyvaskyla, Oulu and Helsinki are potentially considered as locations for the congress organised by the Nordic section in the future.

**Andre Torre** reminds about the possibility of organising joint congresses with the RSAI World Congress.

**Jouke van Dijk** reports that Groningen may also be an option. It is emphasised that the venue for 2016 is confirmed as soon as possible. It is proposed that the President is in close contact with Gunther Maier and Tuzin Baycan to make this decision quickly.

The proposal is approved.

**Gunther Maier** suggests that the ERSA Council should empower the President to decide on the venue for 2016 between Vienna and Istanbul.

The motion is approved.

#### **Item 4b. Congresses and summer schools. 2015 Congress in Lisbon, Portugal – progress report**

**Maciej Turala** reports that Francesco Carballo-Cruz has reported the progress in the EOC and that there are no major problems anticipated. He adds that the convention has been signed between the President of the APDR and the President of ERSA.

**Tomaz Dentinho** thanks for signing the convention and extends an invitation to participate in the 2015 Lisbon Congress.

The report is approved.

**Item 4c. Congresses and summer schools. Summer School in 2014 in Poznan, Poland – summary report**

**Maciej Turala** reports that he visited the summer school and that the event was a successful one.

The report is approved.

**Item 4d. Congresses and summer schools. Future summer schools**

**Jouke van Dijk** reports that a summer school may be organized together with ERES in Vienna in 2015.

**Gunther Maier** adds that it was considered an interesting opportunity to organize a summer school between ERSA and ERES. This was communicated to ERES in the spring of 2014. It was proposed that the format of the ERSA summer school would be used also for the joint event (a mix of lectures by the faculty and participants as well as excursions). ERES was generally in favor of the proposal.

The topic which is considered for the summer school is: “Developers, planners and urban development” with Vienna as the venue. Vienna will be a good location what with the large number of large development projects.

In terms of finance – the participants would be required to pay for their accommodation and travel, the university facilities should be contributed in kind, while ERSA and ERES would need to contribute up to 2,500 EUR each (should no sponsorship be secured and participants pay a fee of 100 EUR each). However, there are developers that may be approached to contribute to organization of the summer school.

**Jouke van Dijk** thanks for the report.

The report and the location for the 2015 summer school are approved.

**Jouke van Dijk** asks for any further suggestions with regards to future venues.

**Lars Westin** asks about the policy of ERSA towards supporting financially summer schools.

**Jouke van Dijk** explains that the policy of ERSA is not to support financially the organisation of summer schools. However, should there be exceptional cases (like in Poland in 2014) ERSA will contribute in order to maintain the summer school.

**Item 5a. Finances. 2013 closing – approval and absolution**

The report from the Treasurer is attached to the minutes in appendix 2.

**Laura Resmini** reports that concerning the closing of the budget for 2013, it has been already approved in February 2013. 2013 closed with a surplus. As far as expenses are concerned the majority of expenses relate to the congress. Altogether the expenses for 2013 have decreased to the level of 2010.

In the past years a conservative financial strategy was followed. This resulted in sufficient resources to assist sections in organising the events.

The financial statements are internally audited by Frank Bruinsma and by an external auditor.

**Maciej Turala** adds that the EOC agreed to recommend that the ERSAC gives absolution for 2013.

The ERSA Council approves the report and gives absolution.

**Item 5b. Finances. 2014 budget update**

**Laura Resmini** reports that ERSA supported the Summer School in Poznan, also ERSA participated in organisation of three other events (a seminar in Louvain-la-Neuve in October, two joint seminars with AESOP in the Netherlands and in Poland). Still, it is expected that 2014 should also close with a small surplus.

The report is approved.

**Item 5c. Finances. Provisional budget for 2015 – approval**

**Laura Resmini** reports that there are greater concerns for 2015 resulting from the fact that no sponsorship is available for the congress. At the same time ERSA would like to maintain its activities which were already initiated (i.e. cooperation with other associations).

It is not expected to increase the ERSA running costs in 2015 – efforts will be made to reduce the costs of running the office.

However, it is not certain whether the year will close with a surplus, especially should the general economic situation not improve. The existing reserves make this approach possible but in the long-run it will be necessary to find sources of income other than the congress.

**Tomaz Dentinho** says that if there is some sharing of membership fees then congress fees for members should be much lower.

The report is approved.

**Item 6a. Other ordinary business. EIB-ERSA Prize, EPAINOS Prize, ERSA Section Fellow Prize**

**Jouke van Dijk** reports that the EIB will continue to sponsor the prize. As far as EPAINOS prize is concerned the number of very good papers in the EPAINOS competition increases. As far as the ERSA Section Fellow Prize is concerned there were no nominations from the Russian section this year.

**Item 6b. Other ordinary business. Replacements for an RSAI Councillor whose term ends in 2014**

**Jouke van Dijk** reports that the EOC proposes Isabelle Thomas (UCL) to be elected as the RSAI Councillor from ERSA to replace Jouke van Dijk, whose term ends in 2014.

The ERSA Council approves the candidature.

**Jouke van Dijk** reports further that the EOC supports Tuzin Baycan as a candidate for an RSAI Councillor at large.

**Item 6c. Other ordinary business. Replacements for EOC members whose terms end in 2015**

**Maciej Turala** reports that the terms of three EOC members (Laura Resmini, Hans Westlund, Maciej Turala) are finishing at the end of 2015. The EOC members are invited to consider potential candidates for these posts as the ERSA Council will need to decide on them in August 2015.

**Item 6d. Other ordinary business. Inclusion of the editor-in-chief of REGION in the EOC**

**Jouke van Dijk** reports that it has been the custom to include the European editor of PiRS to the EOC. Following the launching of REGION it is recommended that ERSAC includes the REGION's representative to the EOC.

The motion is approved.

**Item 6e. Other ordinary business. Papers in Regional Science – report**

**Roberta Capello** reports that the transition phase is now finished – there are no longer any papers submitted to the previous editorial team in the pipeline. The submission rate is at 220 papers per year with rejection rate of over 80%. There are currently 95 papers waiting to be published in an issue following online publication.

In order to decrease the queue a decision was made to increase the number of published papers which has a negative impact on the impact factor. The impact factor for 2013 (relating to 2011 and 2012) decreased from 1.5 to 1.2.

Strategies for the future include: (1) special issues will be edited – issues with clear message on new or important topics (i.e. impact of the economic crisis on regional development) or revisiting some important theoretical topics (i.e. agglomeration economies); (2) following the RSAI decision PiRS will be published only on-line allowing for publishing more issues.

The report is approved.

**Item 6f. Other ordinary business. REGION – report**

**Roberto Patuelli** reports on the composition of the editorial team and informs the ERSA Council that the first call for papers went out in May 2014. Until now 12 submissions were received (3 were rejected and 1 paper already published). The journal is being promoted during the congress in St. Petersburg. It is expected that a fair number of submissions will come following the congress.

The journal invites contributions to the Young Scholar Letters section.

It is expected that there will be no back log with online publication possible.

Currently the ISSN number is being obtained for the journal.

**Jouke van Dijk** thanks for the report.

The report is approved.

**Item 6g. Other ordinary business. Information from sections on membership, past and planned events and activities**

**Jouke van Dijk** invites the section representatives to submit their reports.

The reports from sections on their past and planned activities have been attached to the minutes in Appendix 3.

**Item 7. Any Other Business**

**Irene Djokic** proposes to include the list of past ERSA Presidents in the Congress book in the future. Another proposal is to create a special session for past ERSA Presidents to maintain their contributions to the association.

**Jouke van Dijk** expresses thanks on behalf of the ERSA Council to Alexander Pelyasov for organising a successful congress.

**Alexander Pelyasov** thanks for the trust and support that the ERSA community showed for the Local Organising Committee.



The meeting is closed.

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## **APPENDIX 1 – AGENDA**

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APPENDIX 2 – REPORT FROM THE TREASURER OF ERSA

### **THE ERSA FINANCIAL STATUS AND PERSPECTIVES 2013 balance sheet; provisional budgets 2014 and 2015**

Laura Resmini  
ERSA Treasurer

#### **2013 Balance Sheet (final closing)**

The 2013 financial year closed with a surplus of €41,244 net of taxes and other financial expenses, and depreciations. Following the positive financial reports of previous years, the finances of the Association are becoming more and more robust and give only moderate causes for concerns.

The income of the Association is primarily derived from the annual Conference fees, exhibitors and membership services. Conference income increased from the previous year, from a total of 246,827 in 2012 to 324,252 in 2013, an increase of about 30%. It should be noted that this increase is primarily related to Conference fees, as both income from sponsors and membership services declined during this period.

Generally speaking, the largest component of the total income is still the annual conference, which accounted for 97% of total ERSA income. The residual 3% came from membership services. At present, sections pay a fixed fee of €250 per year. Thus, the Conference remains pivotal to the Association as a source of income and as a member benefit, as witnessed by the large number of participants.

Total expenditure in 2013 amounted to €289,840, an increase of 24% on the previous year, almost entirely due to the increasing financial burden of the Conference. The latter has increased from €129,738 in 2012 to €187,760 in 2013, an increase of about 45%. Overall governance costs, instead, declined by 1% and in 2013 amounted to €102,080, the lowest level since 2010. The efficient management and organization of the Association is also reflected in a 33% fall in day-by-day costs during 2013.

Our commitment to strengthen the relationship between ERSA and its National Sections, as well as public institutions and other Associations dealing with regional sciences resulted in a 39% increase in travel expenditure between 2012 and 2013, whereas personnel costs increased by only 5%.

This set of results highlights our continued commitment to engaging with our membership in a variety of ways, ranging from the organization of conferences and seminars to networking activities and dissemination of information through the newsletter and the website.

In 2010 – the first year ERSA ended up the financial year with a surplus – the EOC decided to implement a reserves policy which could ensure that the Association's core business could be sustained through a period of financial shock whether related to income or expenditure. The policy sets out the Board's view that the independence of the Association is critical in the delivery of its aims and objects. The Board is keen to protect the Association from risk to its strategic aims and to act as responsible employers.

Taking into account both the financial trend analysis for income and expenditure it is my view that it would be prudent to hold three times projected annual expenditure in reserve. This will allow the Board time to respond proactively while safeguarding the employees' and members' benefits in the short term.

At the end of 2013, the ratio of reserves – taking into consideration all ERSA bank accounts and not only the saving account – to expenditure was 0.88 to 1 (down from 0.94 to 1 in 2012) so we are far from a good healthy position in this regard and this may further move forward as we begin to commit more of our reserves to new scientific initiatives such as the launch of our new open access journal *Region*, as well as to the organization of more traditional activities, such as the annual conference or the summer school to cope with the lack of local sponsors.

## **2014 Provisional Budget**

The Association's overall financial performance during 2013 was pretty good. General patterns of income and expenditure have increased, reflecting the continued growth in the activities of the Association and reserves have been further consolidated, though they are still far from what I personally consider a prudent level. This is a sign of a healthy and dynamic Association and the Board will seek to continue this good progress throughout 2014.

However, some areas of doubt remain. With increased debt levels, public expenditure has been (and will be) cut in some countries, further reducing, on the one hand, the opportunities to find adequate local sponsorships for the annual congress and the summer school and, on the other hand, our members' research funds and their chances to participate to ERSA events.

An area of uncertainty this year relates to pressures to financially support the Summer School. As the funding by EIB comes to an end, we need to find local sponsors. As stated above, this may be difficult because of the economic

downturn. In order to ensure the smooth running of the 2014 summer school, ERSA was asked to support financially the initiative. This implies an extra cost of about 15,000€.

No extra costs will occur because of administrative reasons. The decision concerning the update of the Congress software has been postponed in order to assess carefully costs and potential benefits, in terms of more efficient back office work and a more friendly environment for all potential users. This has helped to compensate the increase in the financial commitment required to ERSA for the organization of the summer school.

ERSA has also started to co-operate with other Associations and research institutes in order to increase its visibility in the academic world and further promote its consolidated activities, like the Annual Congress. This co-operation has started to give some results this year. ERSA has organized a seminar with AESOP – and other two have been planned within 2014 – and CORE, which hosts ERSA office in Louvain-La-Neuve (October, 2014). The costs for these new scientific activities is estimated around 5,000€.

In 2014 a new journal, REGION, has been launched. It is a joint venture with the University of Vienna and it received a grant from the Austrian Science Foundation for the first three years. The Board will pro-actively monitor this situation and seek to ensure that a financially viable publishing model remains in place.

Although the financial commitment of ERSA has increased in 2014, on the base of ERSA internal balance sheet (as to August, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014) we expect to close the financial year with a surplus, which will help ERSA, on the one hand, to further consolidate its general financial situation, and, on the other hand, to launch new scientific activities to the benefit of all its members in the near future.

### **The 2015 financial year: first considerations**

In the 2015, the major area of uncertainty relates to the Annual Congress. Differently from the past events, it will be completely financed by ERSA, as the LOC could not find local sponsors able to co-finance the Congress. According to provisional budget made by the LOC, conference fees should suffice to cover all direct and indirect costs related to the organization of the annual congress as well as ERSA running costs. It has been agreed with the LOC that ERSA will not contribute to any possible loss. It is the responsibility of the LOC to keep within the budget.

The Board thinks that ERSA has to maintain all its current initiatives, consolidate the relationships with AESOP and CORE, and possibly look for other partners in order to increase ERSA network and offer to its members more interesting events in any fields of the regional sciences.

The Board would also strengthen linkages with national sections in order to increase members' perception of all potential benefits due to the participation in and further development of ERSA scientific activities and functions.

As for ERSA running costs, they should remain unchanged, not considering the usual adjustments due to inflation and variations in the cost of living. The upgrading of the website and of congress software will be carefully evaluated at the light of the general financial conditions of the Associations, its needs and the fairness of the offer proposed by the present service provider, also in comparison with alternative providers.

These considerations indicate that in 2015 ERSA might not be able to further consolidate its financial situation and that the risk that the financial statements are closed with a loss cannot be ruled out.

The Board will seek to ensure that the financial position of the Association does not weaken too much. To this respect, it becomes urgent to develop and implement an effective strategy to find alternative sources of revenues and sponsorships in general and mainly as far as the Summer School is concerned.

## APPENDIX – Balance sheets per financial year

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 <sup>(*)</sup>
<b>Income</b>	<b>345,777.62</b>	<b>444,346.33</b>	<b>262,076.06</b>	<b>336,494.14</b>	<b>272,261.63</b>
Congress	308,793.85	352,719.47	246,827.00	324,252.00	262,749.00
registration fee	305,257.00	361,743.00	241,077.00	319,732.00	259,790.00
sponsor	4,800.00	6,163.32	6,250.00	5,900.00	2,800.00
Past Conferences	-1,263.15	-15,186.85	-500.00	-1,380.00	159
ERSA membership	5,815.00	5,190.00	6,560.00	3,405.00	4,500.00
Summer school	27,507.14	20,100.00	5,000.00	5,790.00	4,800.00
registration fee	12,507.14	5,100.00		5,400.00	
sponsor	15,000.00	15,000.00		390.00	
Other income	3,661.63	66,336.86	3,689.06	3,047.14	212.63
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>270,313.43</b>	<b>384,843.99</b>	<b>232,873.58</b>	<b>290,216.29</b>	<b>255,600.00</b>
Congress	134,263.68	270,419.84	129,738.33	187,760.58	140,000.00
Summer school	21,522.60	3,500.00			15,000.00
Day by day office	17,931.55	7,092.74	19,031.87	12,603.92	6,000.00
IT expenditures	4,638.80	1,981.81	8,948.38	6,040.83	1,188.38
furniture & equipment	117.41	156.66	6,019.95	454.43	
Gift members	508.61	366.90	373.25	1,787.05	59.40
publication/advertising	10,732.89	1,307.11	2,815.67	3,265.03	2,112.15
office materials	807.39	512.97	326.96	193.30	491.60
others	1,126.45	2,767.29	547.66	863.28	1,200.00
Employees	60,039.77	64,075.52	59,454.80	62,363.71	63,000.00
Fees	20,748.57	16,298.06	9,244.14	8,240.44	13,000.00
Accounting fee	974.05	4,749.26	3,114.90	2,430.29	
other fees	19,774.52	11,548.80	6,129.24	5,810.15	
travel & meeting	10,401.87	15,195.37	8,722.54	12,153.05	6,000.00
staff	7,346.25	9,396.07	6,576.51	8,943.42	
EOC/ERSAC	3,055.62	5,799.30	2,146.03	3,209.63	
Insurance and premises	5,405.39	8,044.84	6,365.23	6,718.86	7,000.00
rent office	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Ogone royalties	1,201.76	1,379.85	1,124.33	1,261.24	
civil liability	275.27	287.77	254.14	256.16	
fire insurance	35.92	36.76	96.04	121.99	
secorex fees	1,392.44	1,970.13	1,904.89	2,097.53	
work accident		366.90	485.83	481.94	
Other expenses	0.00	217.62	316.67	375.73	600.00
Workshops & seminars					5,000.00
<b>Result</b>	<b>75,464.19</b>	<b>59,502.34</b>	<b>29,202.48</b>	<b>46,277.85</b>	<b>16,661.63</b>
depreciation	5,589.32	6,168.32	1,550.77	579.00	
financial income	-	436.19	290.09	567.63	
financial expenses	6,837.41	6,192.52	3,907.09	4,915.61	
<b>Result before tax</b>	<b>63,037.46</b>	<b>47,577.69</b>	<b>24,034.71</b>	<b>41,350.87</b>	
tax	-	42.33	42.76	107.05	
<b>Result after tax</b>	<b>63,037.46</b>	<b>47,535.36</b>	<b>23,991.95</b>	<b>41,243.82</b>	

(\*) Estimates based on ERSA accounts at August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## Financial situation

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 <sup>(*)</sup>
<b>Bank accounts</b>	<b>121,448.30</b>	<b>184,146.66</b>	<b>220,437.63</b>	<b>255,992.90</b>	<b>330,260.37</b>
Italian account	30,339.60	50,241.00	-	-	-
Fortis-74	60,716.43	-	105.96	732.00	142,580.00
Fortis-82	30,311.66	133,762.45	220,315.62	92,480.73	24,495.59
Saving account				162,780.17	163,184.78
Petty cash	80.61	143.21	16.05	-	-

(\*) Bank statements, August 11th, 2014.



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APPENDIX 3.1 – SECTION REPORT 2014: BALTIC SECTION

01.08.2014, Šiauliai, Lithuania

#### REPORT ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF ERSA BALTIC SECTION

The Baltic Section of ERSA has now total 24 members (23 from Lithuania, 1 from Latvia).

#### 2013-2014

ERSA Baltic section (BRTA) was the one of coordinator of 13th Ernestas Galvanauskas' International Scientific Conference RETHINKING REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS. This conference was held on 28-29 of November 2013 in Šiauliai.

Round table discussion INTERNATIONALITY: POSSIBILITIES TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS 29 of November 2013 in Šiauliai.

ERSA Baltic section (BRTA) was the one of coordinator of Young Researchers' International Scientific Conference ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT: CURRENT ISSUES Conference date: April 18, 2014. One topic was announced by the Association of the ERSA Baltic Section. Authors of the best paper on Region development topic were being awarded with a special ERSA Baltic Section prize.

#### PALNED ACTIVITIES IN 2014-2015

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Scientific-Practical Conference GOOD GOVERNANCE AT LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT: INVOLVEMENT, COLLABORATION AND EMPOWERMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT October, 17-18, 2014 Šiauliai

The 14th Ernestas Galvanauskas' International Scientific Conference RETHINKING REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS 27-28 November, 2014. ŠIAULIAI

Winter school (1-2 days) for master and Phd students "Academic writing". Date: February, 2015.

Young Researchers' International Scientific Conference "ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT: CURRENT ISSUES" Conference date: April, 2015

The vice president of ERSA Baltic Section

Prof. Dr. Diana Cibulskiene

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## APPENDIX 3.2 – SECTION REPORT 2014: CROATIAN SECTION

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### ERSA Croatian Section

- Irena Đokić, secretary of Croatian section has prepared a review of ERSA Congress 2012 which was published in Journal *Economic Trends and Economic Policy* (The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, 2012) and disseminated the paper to the members of the Section
- In May 2013, the Section held a regular Council Session. All members of ERSA Croatian section bodies are re-nominated/re-confirmed. At the same session, two members of ERSA presented two relevant issues related to urban development in Croatia (in the context of EU accession):
  - 1) EU funds and urban development in the period 2014–2020, presented by Jakša Puljiz, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds – MRDEUF
  - 2) Challenges in use of EU funds for development of Croatian cities, presented by Sanja Maleković, Institute for International Relations
- Croatian representatives presented papers on ERSA Congresses held in Palermo in 2013 and participated at the ERSAC meeting
- In the second half of 2013 the MRDEUF has prepared the Draft of Regional Development Act - at the special ERSA session held in October, Mr Puljiz has presented the draft, while the members of ERSA commented the document. Comments from the members were officially sent to the MRDEUF for further discussion and potential adoption in the final version of the Act.
- In January 2014 Croatian section held a special session with discussion on first findings of Smart specialisation strategy (CROS3). Presentations were held by representative of the Ministry of Economy and Sjaak Boeckhout, consultant to the Ministry, in charge of preparation of the Strategy.
- With regard to ERSA Congress in Sankt Petersburg four members of Croatian section have submitted their papers (two papers in total) and will present them
- All the members were continuously informed on various interesting topics such as articles, papers, conferences, summer schools and other relevant events
- The Department of Regional Development, Sustainability and Governance of the Institute of Economics, Zagreb launched in 2013 a publication/newsletter Regio-News (in Croatian language). The publication was distributed to Croatian community interested in regional development. All members from the Department are the members of ERSA. Publication has two editions per year, chief editor is Dr Marijana Sumpor, temporarily replaced by Dr Irena Dokic (Mrs Sumpor is on her maternity leave).
- ERSA Croatian section counts 41 members



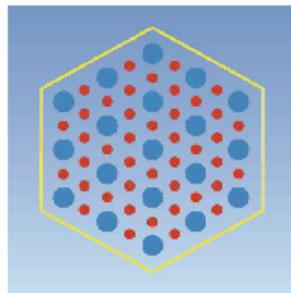
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Zagreb, 30th July 2014

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## APPENDIX 3.3 – SECTION REPORT 2014: FRENCH-SPEAKING SECTION



Association  
de Science Régionale  
de Langue Française

Annual Report of the French Speaking section  
of the Regional Science Association

Sept.2013 – Aug.2014

The French Speaking section has 170 members. 45 are Ph.D. students.

### **Election of a new President and a new Board**

In July 2014, during the annual conference of the French Speaking section, a new president and a new Board has been elected for 3 years.

- The new President is Michel DIMOU, Professor in Economics, University of Toulon, France.

The members of the new Board are:

- Lise BOURDEAU LEPAGE, University of Lyon, France (Vice-President)
- Fabienne LELOUP, University of Mons, Belgium (Secretary)
- Lourdes DIAZ OLVERA, ENTPE, Lyon, France (Treasurer)
- Bruno JEAN, Joint Secretary, UQAR, Canada (Joint Secretary)



## Activities

- **Annual Conference:** The annual conference took place on July 7-9, 2014 in Cité Descartes, Marne-La-Vallée, France with more than 300 participants. The French Speaking section and the organizing Committee helped around 10 young Ph.D. students to reach the conference by financing their transport costs. A 'Young-Researcher best paper' has been awarded this year. More information about the conference and the program can be found at the conference's website: <http://www.asrdlf2014.org/>
- **First Ph.D. meeting: (Doctoriales de l'ASRDLF):** After several years of success, the European Seminar for Ph.D. students in Regional Science that was usually held in Bordeaux with the active participation of the French Speaking section came to an end. The French Speaking section has decided to launch a new annual event, the *Doctoriales de l'ASRDLF*. For its first edition, this event has been organized in Marne-La-Vallée on February 3-5 2014, with the participation of 90 Ph.D. students that have presented their work and 35 senior Researchers and scholars.
- **Philippe Avdalot International Prize:** The French Speaking section delivers every year an international prize *Philippe Avdalot*, for the best thesis in Regional Science. This year there were almost 40 candidates; the Prize has been attributed during the annual Conference.
- **The Journal of the French Section:** The French Speaking section is editing *La Revue d'Economie Régionale et Urbaine* directed by André Torre. The 2013 & 2014-1 issues of the Journal are on-line and can be consulted at: <http://www.cairn.info/revue-d-economie-regionale-et-urbaine.htm>
- **Participation in conferences:** The French Speaking section has participated or financed a series of Research activities and conferences. Among these events:
  - The contribution to the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the International workshop on spatial econometrics and statistics held in the University of Toulon on April 17-19 2014.
  - The contribution and participation to the first Ph.D meeting in Regional Science of the University of Meknès (Morocco).
- **Information:** The French Section has launched since many years an e-mail information procedure for its members but also for all scholars and institutions that wish to be informed on Regional Science issues (conferences, new books, editions, post-docs, Ph.Ds proposals, etc). This year almost 500 emails (*Nouvelles Brèves*) have been sent, containing Regional Science information to more than a 1000 subscribers. Finally, the French Speaking section manages an internet site (<http://www.asrdlf.org>).

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## APPENDIX 3.4 – SECTION REPORT 2014: HUNGARIAN SECTION

### Summary of the activities of the Hungarian Regional Science Association September 2013 – September 2014

#### Membership

Currently the HRSA has 88 active members from Hungary and 91 registered members from neighbouring countries. HRSA operates 13 regional sections (in all the 7 regions of Hungary and in 6 regions abroad where Hungarian speaking regional specialists are working). In 2013-2014 four sections were reorganized. The half of sections operates programmatic, and the president (or member of presidency) visited the sections during a scientific event in the last year.

#### Past events

The HRSA organized the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> semesters (2013–2014 academic year) of the **Free University on Local Development** as a series of 6 events, specialized around actual issues and the introduction of the development possibilities of two cross-border regions. The events were organized in collaboration with renowned partners. These events attracted on average 180 participants, the majority of them being university students.

The HRSA organized second time the **Day of Regional Developers** on 8 October, 2013 with the participation of 140 invitees. The main target of this event was to report the achievements of the Hungarian regional development policy – the Concept of National Development and Territorial Development – and to make proposals for future framing of regional development policy and institutions following a debate on the current issues.

The Association was a co-organizer of an international workshop on **Evolutionary Economic Geography in Central and Eastern Europe** with leading role of Prof. Ron A. Boschma on November 11-15, 2013 in co-operation with Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of HAS, International Business School Budapest, Doctoral School in Economics of University of Szeged.

In November, 2013, the **11<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the HRSA** was held in Kaposvár, Hungary. 148 participants attended the conference among others 12 experts from abroad and 35 MA and PhD students. That was the first time when plenary session in English was organized with 3 presentations. Prof. Roberto Camagni was the invited international keynote speaker of the conference. The second day of the conference was focusing on the New European Cohesion Policy. 11 sessions (one in English) hosted more than 100 presentations.

The HRSA organised an international conference on “**The development prospects of industrial cities in Central Europe**” on 21 May, 2014 in cooperation with Széchenyi István University and HAS CERS Institute for Regional Studies. Petr Pavlínek an eminent researcher of Central European industrial economy lectured on his own research results at the conference. The participants of this conference represented 16 research units from 8 countries.

In co-operation with Széchenyi István University between October 2013 and May 2014 the HRSA organised **12 workshops** (7 in Hungarian cities, 5 in neighbouring countries) on the development strategies of the cities for the next EU programming period.

The traditional ‘Young regional scientist’ prize was delivered. The HRSA signed an agreement with the Academic Society for the Development of the Micro-regions as an acknowledgment of past cooperation and in order to exploit mutual advantages in the future.

A new website was developed. The members and those who are interested (around 600 people and 7 organizations) are continuously updated with the latest news by e-mail.

### **Future events**

The HRSA is going to hold its 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference in 27–28 November, 2014 with the focus on Local Development. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Roberta Capello. On the first day two plenary sessions will be organized (the first in English, the second in Hungarian). On the second day of the conference parallel sessions will be run with the participation of several invited speakers. 11 sessions are organized in Hungarian, one session in English (Local development in Central Europe). Presentations of 20 minutes are welcomed. Registration is free of charge for the speakers from Central and South East Europe (excluding Hungary). The link for the call for papers and programme:  
[http://www.mrtt.hu/en/annual\\_meeting\\_2014.html](http://www.mrtt.hu/en/annual_meeting_2014.html)

Following previous activities, HRSA continues to organize the Regional Science Evenings (every second month) and it organizes the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of Young Regionalists in 2015. Among other programs, the Free University on Local Development will also continue with its 18-20<sup>th</sup> semester.

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### APPENDIX 3.5 – SECTION REPORT 2014: ISRAELI SECTION

5/9/2014

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As of 2014, there are 24 members of the Israeli Section, 6 of them are students.

#### **2014 annual conference**

In January 28 the annual conference of the Israeli Section held in ORT Braude College, Israel. The conference theme was: "Core-Periphery and Spatial Development- Theory and Policy Implications"

#### **Past events**

In October 2013 a joint Israeli-Netherlands section workshop was held in the Zernike Campus of the University of Groningen. The papers presented in the workshop will be published in a special issue of "Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences".

#### **Future events**

The annual meeting of 2015 will held in February 10 in the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion, Israel.

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## APPENDIX 3.6 – SECTION REPORT 2014: POLISH SECTION



Polish Section

6<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014

### REPORT

Information from Polish Section of European Regional Science Association on membership, past and planned events and activities

Official registration of the Polish Section of European Regional Science Association took place at 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 and was accepted at 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 by ERSAC in Palermo. Today, Polish Section of ERSA has 65 members.

One of the first activities undertaken by the Board was an application to the Polish National Science Centre for the research grant *Statistical models in the identification of regional specialization with regard to spatial heterogeneity component* (15<sup>th</sup> of December 2013). Successful review of the application resulted in grant funding for the Polish Section of ERSA. It assures the financial resources for the Association for the forthcoming 2 years (overheads), as well as outlines directions for future action, in the following fields:

- review of existing indicators and models of regional specialization
- the design of spatially embedded model of specialization based on the spatial distribution of firms
- testing the theoretical properties of the constructed model of specialization
- defining potential implications of the model for the regional policy.

Another two important activities of the Polish Section of ERSA were:

1. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 – Polish-Ukrainian young regional scientist's seminar in Zwierzyniec near Lublin: *Place-based approach to Regional Policy – a New face of European Cohesion Policy*. A seminar was organized in order to tighten cooperation links between young scientists from Europe and Ukraine. Its added value comes from exchanging opinions of young people living both in EU and non-EU countries, in order to build trans-border bridges of regional scientists. Within 2 days, around 30 participants from the University of Lodz (Poland), University of Marie Curie Skłodowska, Lublin (Poland), Ternopil National Economic University (Ukraine), and Lviv National Technical University (Ukraine), exchanged their knowledge concerning regional policy issues. Intention of the Polish Section of ERSA is to publish a peer-reviewed post-conference monograph, including presented papers
2. 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 – 27<sup>th</sup> ERSA summer school 2014 at the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan (Poland), devoted to the umbrella theme *Spatial Econometrics and Regional Analysis*. This year's summer school hosted 25 participants for Europe as well as prestigious lectures: Daniel A. Griffith, Roger Bivand, Jesus Mur Lacambra i Roberto Patuelli.



## ACTION PLAN FOR 2015

Among the confirmed actions for the year 2015, the following can be mentioned:

1. Annual meeting of the Polish Section of ERSA: it is planned at 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 and can be co-organized by Department of Spatial Economics, University of Economics in Katowice. The main theme of the meeting will focus on the development of functional urban areas (FUA) and tools of national and regional urban policies that strengthen the growth of this areas.
2. Editing and launching a post-conference monograph, including papers presented during the Polish-Ukrainian seminar in Zwierzyniec 2014
3. Implementation of the grant *Statistical models in the identification of regional specialization with regard to spatial heterogeneity component*
4. Organization of the winter meeting for young scientists in Zwierzyniec n. Lublin, to continue the practice started in 2013

Other possible actions, considered by the Polish section of ERS, include the support young scientists and application for other scientific grants. Realization of these activities depends on the financial possibilities in the forthcoming year.

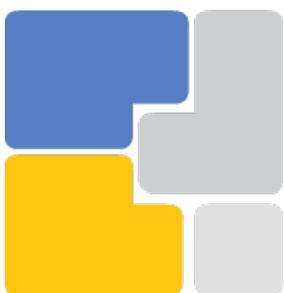
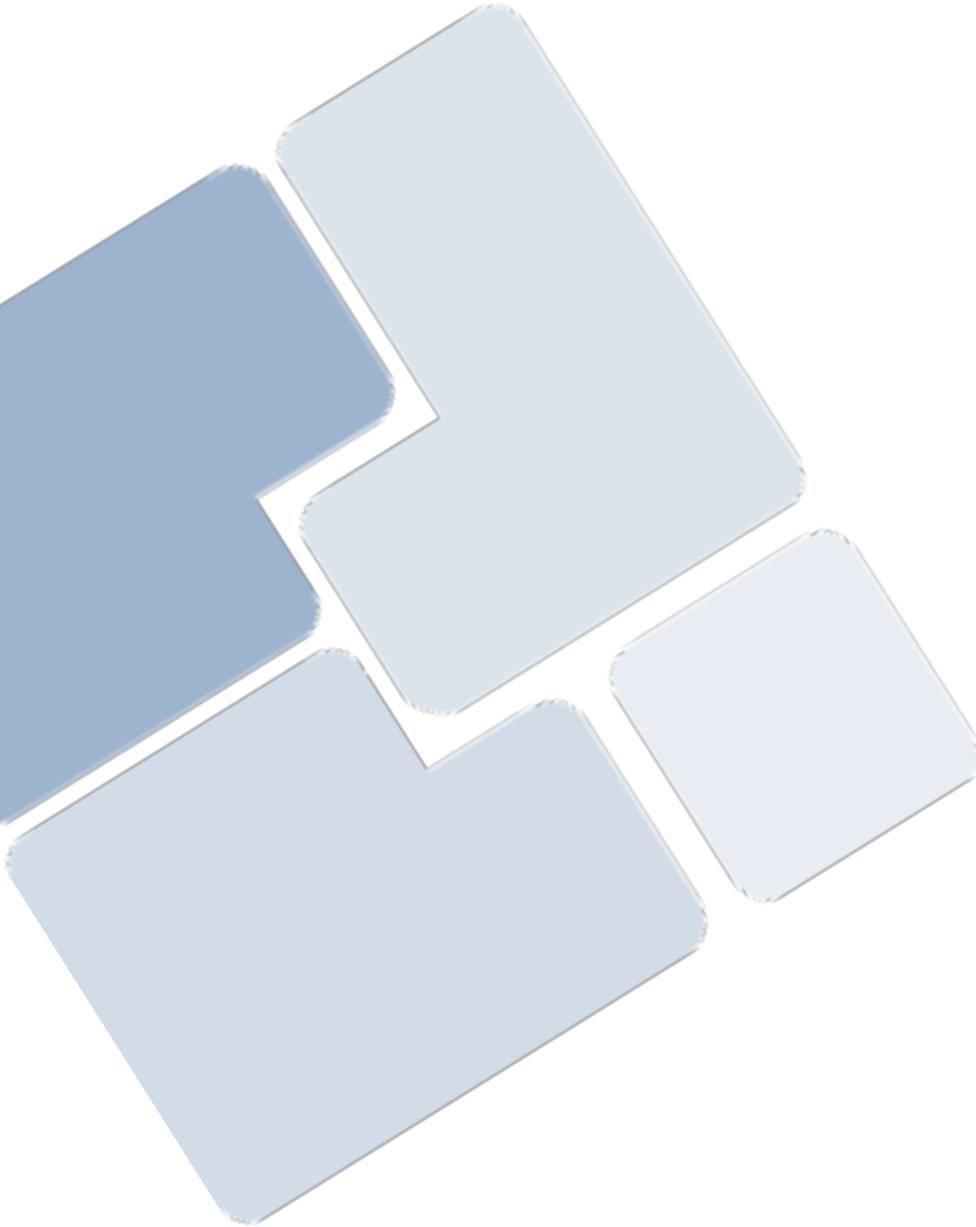
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**APDR**

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Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Regional

## **Nota da Direção (note from APDR board of directors)**

Throughout 2013 APDR continued to promote and organize scientific meetings that streamlined the life of the association feed Portuguese Journal of Regional Studies and disseminate and mobilize regional scientists. There were five meetings and one Congress involving 400 communications in total:

- Workshop at the University of Évora (16 WORKSHOP APDR), on Networks of Higher Education: Contributions and challenges for the New Economy and Society, with 37 participants and a gross margin of € 1,094;

- Workshop at the University of Aveiro (17 WORKSHOP APDR), on Growth and Performance of Firms: a regional, institutional and policy perspective, with 23 participants and a margin of 965 €;

- Workshop at the University of Aveiro (2nd conference PRU, which integrated the VIII ENPLAN e.18° WORKSHOP APDR) on "Europe 2020: rhetoric, discourse, policy and practice", in collaboration of the Department of Social, Political Science and territory of the University of Aveiro (UA-DCSPT), the Portuguese Association of Planners Planning (APPLA) and the Research Unit in Governance, Competitiveness and Public Policy (GOVCOPP);

- Workshop at the University of Algarve (19° WORKSHOP APDR) on Resilient Territories: Innovation and Creativity for new modes of regional development, with 20 participants and a margin of € 1,161;

- There was still the NECTAR 2013 International Conference in Ponta Delgada, with the theme "Dynamics of Global and Local Networks", which featured 131 participants and there was a margin of 979 €.

- The Annual Congress of the APDR took place at the University of Minho with the theme "PLACE-BASED POLICIES AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY", with 144 participants and a margin of 18801 €, . As usual our conventions we benefited from the presence of key speakers of the International Regional Science Association: Prof. Eduardo Haddad, Prof. Eric Vaz, Prof. Henri LF de Groot, Dr. Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Prof. Peter Nijkamp and Mr. Jacob Remy.

- It was also a productive year in editorial terms. We launched the Proceedings of the 19th Congress ISBN: 978-989-96353-8-8, the 16th Workshop, ISBN: 978-989-96353-6-4, the 17th Workshop ISBN: 978-989-96353-7-1, the 19th Workshop ISBN: 97898996353-9-5, and the numbers 32, 33 and 34 of the International Journal of Regional Studies conducted by Prof. Pedro Nogueira Ramos. The numbers of the Journal, now mostly distributed in digital format, cost € 9,679.

- Along 2013 APDR continued to support the Executive Secretariat of the Regional Science Association International. Charge services to RSAI in 2013 amounting to 10,000 Euros as we planned. Payment of Engineering Elisabete Martins, paid 50% by RSAI in 2013, plus the support of the Engineering Intern Lisandra L Meneses, made the cost of 23351.88 Euros staff were only 11103 Euros net.

The payment of 250 Euros was paid to ERSA. The payment of 10 Euros per member to RSAI were only paid in January 2014.

In 2013 is still received the Margin of Setúbal Workshop held in November 2012 which will be used in the publication of a selection of articles from the Proceedings, there were expenses of 166,98 Euros with ERSA, during the visit of a delegation to prepare the ERSA Congress in 2015,

expenditure on the net, the software management and accounting conferences were respectively 403.33 Euros Euros 1328.4 and 1570.35 euros. In 2013 it was possible to resume 7000 Euros that were retained on the VAT tax with the balance was positive amounting to 6775.10 Euros. Finally if we take the balance of 70883.49 Euros of December 31, 2013 the amount to be transferred to the Interreg Project POECMAC worth 32227.88 Euros arrived at an effective balance at the end of 38,605.61 Euros.

The results of the operating account of -12,598.73 improved considerably in 2012 to 5840.99 Euros in 2013 because we started charging this year for service to the Regional Science Association International in the amount of 10,000 Euros and we begin printing RPER in digital format; also because the Congress of Minho yielded significantly more than the Congress of Faro in 2012 conducted jointly with the Symposium Uddewala.

The activity of APDR is maintained by contributions, by the initiative of the partners in promoting workshops and organizing the Annual Congress. This ensures a secretariat with responsiveness and the regular edition and increasing quality of the Portuguese Journal of Regional Studies. It is expected that at the end of the year in office in 2014, it reset the security fund in excess of € 35,000 which was similar to the value received directions from previous value. This plus the organization of the European Congress in Lisbon in 2015, a scientific journal on a regular basis, the attraction of the headquarters of RSAI to Portugal and a recognized routine and internationalized meetings and conferences.

Thank you very much.

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho,

APDR

## Anexo

Descriminação das contas de 2013 por Centros de Custos			
Centro de Custo	Receitas	Despesas	Balanço
14 Workshop - Setubal	3.936,68 €	- €	3.936,68 €
16 workshop - Évora	1.640,00 €	545,89 €	1.094,11 €
17 Workshop - Aveiro	1.090,00 €	124,65 €	965,35 €
19 Workshop - Algarve	1.360,00 €	198,55 €	1.161,45 €
19 Congresso - Braga	25.525,00 €	6.713,43 €	18.811,57 €
NECTAR Conference 2013	7.309,92 €	6.330,48 €	979,44 €
Ersa 2015	- €	166,98 €	-166,98 €
Projecto - POECMAC *	77.973,05 €	45.745,17 €	32.227,88 €
Quotas	7.188,64 €	568,94 €	6.619,70 €
Website	- €	403,33 €	-403,33 €
Contabilidade e faturação	- €	1.570,35 €	-1.570,35 €
Pessoal (Elisabete + Lisandra (estagiar L))	12.248,11 €	23.351,88 €	-11.103,77 €
RPER	451,96 €	10.130,94 €	-9.678,98 €
Impostos (IVA+IRC)	7.000,00 €	224,90 €	6.775,10 €
Geral (PT+CTT+Papel+Toner+etc)	1.031,52 €	1.385,32 €	-353,80 €
Software Gestão de Conferencias	- €	1.328,40 €	-1.328,40 €
<b>Balanço para o Período</b>	<b>146.754,88 €</b>	<b>98.789,21 €</b>	<b>47.965,67 €</b>

\*os 32.227,88 € foram devolvidos em Janeiro de 2014

<b>Conta Bancária - Saldos</b>			
<b>Saldo de 2012 (01-01-2013)</b>			22.867,82 €
<b>Saldo no final de 2013(31-12-2013)</b>			70.833,49 €
<b>Balanço 2013</b>			<b>47.965,67 €</b>

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### APPENDIX 3.8 – SECTION REPORT 2014: ROMANIAN SECTION



## **ROMANIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

### **2014 REPORT to the ERSA**

At present the Romanian RSA (RRSA) counts 70 members, who have paid both the RRSA and RSAI individual membership fees in 2013. The 250 euro collective membership fee to the ERSA for 2014 has been already paid by the RRSA in April. Also, the collection of the RSAI individual membership - 2014 is in an advanced phase (more than 50 members have already paid it). The RRSA is enlarging with new members who, according to the Romanian RSA Constitution, have demonstrated a deep, mature and constant interest in regional science as well as in the RRSA activities.

The international conference of the RRSA is organised every two years. The next one – the 10<sup>th</sup> - is scheduled for 8-9 May 2015 and will be hosted by the “Stephan the Great” University of Suceava, located in the wonderful Bucovina area of the North-East region. The Call for Papers will be launched at the beginning of October 2014.

The members of the Romanian RSA have been involved in many national and international projects in regional science field and have authored quality books and articles published in Romania and abroad. For example, a special session at the ERSA Congress in Sankt Petersburg is dedicated to “Regional Regeneration in the EU New Member States” (chair: Daniela Constantin) and contains four papers presenting the results obtained by the authors (all members of the Romanian RSA) within the FP7 project “Growth-Innovation-Competitiveness: Fostering Cohesion in Central and Eastern Europe (GRINCOH)”, in which Bucharest University of Economic Studies is one of the 12 partners.

Also, the RRSA representatives are members in the Consulting Committee for Territorial Cohesion and the Consulting Committee for Regional Operational Programme set up by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration in the context of the preparations for the 2014-2020 programme period. In addition, the Romanian RSA has close collaboration relationships – materialised in joint seminars, workshops, etc. - with Regional Development Agencies and other organisations interested in a scientific view on the territorial dimension of the Cohesion Policy in Romania.

*The Romanian Journal of Regional Science* has released in 2014 its 8<sup>th</sup> volume, with two issues per year. In 2013 each of the two issues was accompanied by a special issue. The journal has a large international participation, more than half of the articles being authored by foreign scholars. It is indexed in many international databases (e.g. RePEc-Ideas,



EBSCO, DOAJ, Cabell's) and the articles have a large number of citations in other journals. The RJRS is an online journal, all articles being downloadable from [www.rrsa.ro/rjrs](http://www.rrsa.ro/rjrs)



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APPENDIX 3.9 – SECTION REPORT 2014: TURKISH SECTION

## TURKISH SECTION REPORT 2014

### MEMBERSHIP

After Prof. ATALIK's death in 2013, Turkish Section has started a restructuring process and has had a remarkable progress in the last year. Turkish Section has been opened to a wider researcher community in Turkey and **the number of members has tripled**, it has increased from **36** in 2013 to **107** in 2014. Turkish Section has become one of the big ERSA Sections.

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

#### Administrative Restructuring: The New Board and the New President

After Prof. ATALIK's death, old Board Members of the Turkish National Committee of Regional Science Prof. Tüzin BAYCAN, Prof. Gülden ERKUT, Prof. Ferhan GEZICI KORTEN and Assoc.Prof.Seda KUNDAK decided first to fill the three vacant positions in the Board due to retirement of two members and the death of Prof. ATALIK. In July 2013, an election realized via an electronic voting system and Prof. Alpay FILIZTEKIN, Prof. Aysenur OKTEN and Dr. Mete Basar BAYPINAR have been elected by the members of the Turkish Section as the new Board Members. The New Board of the Turkish Section consists of seven members is as follows:

#### The New Board of the Turkish Section:

Prof. Tüzin BAYCAN  
Prof. Gülden ERKUT  
Prof. Alpay FILIZTEKIN  
Prof. Ferhan GEZICI KORTEN  
Prof. Aysenur OKTEN  
Assoc.Prof.Seda KUNDAK  
Dr. Mete Basar BAYPINAR

The new Board decided that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer should be normally elected by the General Assembly, but given the time limitation and difficulties of organizing a General Assembly in a short term as well as the need for establishing the infrastructure of the transition period, this election can be realized within the Board for a temporary period. The Board also decided that the election should be realized for the President and the new President can decide with whom to work. An election realized via an electronic voting system in November 2013 and Prof. Tüzin BAYCAN has been elected as **the New President of the Turkish Section**. Next, Prof. BAYCAN proposed the following core group to work together:

#### The New President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer:

President: Prof. Tüzin BAYCAN  
Vice-President: Prof. Alpay FILIZTEKIN  
Secretary: Assoc.Prof.Seda KUNDAK  
Treasurer: Dr. Mete Basar BAYPINAR

#### Institutional Restructuring: The Website and The Logo

Turkish Section **website** that was inactive in the past years has been **updated** and **activated** in order to increase the communication among the members. A **new logo** also designed and started to use. The new logo has been elected among the different alternatives by Section members.



### **Joint Special Symposium of Society for Risk Analysis Europe (SRA-E) and European Regional Science Association (ERSA) 16-18 June 2014, Istanbul**

The 23rd Society for Risk Analysis Europe (SRA-E) Conference on Analysis and Governance of Risks Beyond Boundaries was held on 16-18 June 2014 in Istanbul. Taking this opportunity a Joint Special Symposium of Society for Risk Analysis Europe (SRA-E) and European Regional Science Association (ERSA) on Resilience of Regions in the Face of Risks was organized by Prof. Tüzin BAYCAN. This **Joint Special Symposium of SRA-E and ERSA** aimed to bring together the members of these two networks who have common research interest. While the main interest of SRA-E is risk analysis including risk assessment, risk management, risk communication and policy related to risks, ERSA is interested in regional, urban and local development and related issues and spatial and territorial aspects of risks as well as the resilience of territories and regions. This Joint Special Symposium on **'Resilience of Regions in the Face of Risks'** aimed to provide a platform for discussion how resilience of regions can be improved in the face of risks from an interdisciplinary perspective. This Joint Special Symposium also aimed to initiate a collaboration between the two networks that may lead to further joint activities in the future.

The **SRA-Europe 2014 Istanbul Conference** hosted **259 participants** not only from Europe and Turkey but also from Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Iran, Japan, South Africa, Taiwan and the U.S.A. During the conference, 3 plenary sessions, 13 symposiums and 27 parallel sessions were organized; 163 papers and 16 posters were presented.

The **Joint Special Symposium on 'Resilience of Regions in the Face of Risks'** realized with presentation of **12 papers** in **3 sessions** on Socio-Spatial Vulnerability and Resilience of Regions; Disaster Governance and Regional Adaptation Strategies, and Urban Vulnerability and Resilience Planning. The Joint Special Symposium has been attractive and provided a high level of participation. The large audience has had a great contribution to a nice discussion during the Symposium.



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A very good communication with the Ministry of Development, Department of Regional Development has been also developed and financial support has been provided for the National Congress. In addition, the Director of the Department of Regional Development has confirmed his participation to the Plenary Session at the Congress. How a **long-term institutional collaboration can be provided between the Turkish Section of the Regional Science Association and the Turkish Ministry of Development** is currently on the agenda of both institutions. Turkish Section would like to sign a cooperation protocol with the Ministry of Development for a long-term collaboration, even the Ministry can become an institutional member of the Turkish Section.

Turkish Section has many issues in its agenda including the institutionalization and representation of the Section, the necessary regulations, development strategies, future events etc. These issues and many others will be discussed first by the Board and then by the General Assembly in the next months.

Prof. Tüzin BAYCAN  
President of the Turkish Section