Word from the President

Dear ERSA members, colleagues and friends,

The last five years as President of ERSA I have experienced that the fundamental strength of ERSA lies in its members and its twenty very active sections. This resulted in the very successful annual congresses attracting 700-800 participants and each year summer- and a winter schools for PhD’s and young researchers. During my presidency it was a great pleasure to participate in a great number of very lively and well attended regional events organised by the ERSA sections. A new and emerging trend are meetings jointly organized by combinations of sections attracting also international scholars and fostering a vibrant regional science community both at the European and section level. ERSA developed strong relations with institutions like the European Commission (i.e. ERSA-DG REGIO Lectures series, University Workshops and Master Classes at the annual Week of Regions and Cities) and the OECD (i.e. the upcoming Winter School). We can say that we succeeded in positioning our Association as a key point of interaction with these institutions, which is of utmost importance to enhance the science-policy interaction, leading to higher societal relevance of regional science research and increasing impact of evidence based regional policies. Also our Open Access journal REGION, first published in 2014, is developing very well.

Looking back, it was a great honour and pleasure for me to serve for five years as ERSA President. ERSA is in very good shape, also financially, and I am sure that under the leadership of André Torre's as new President, ERSA will continue to develop its prominent role in the regional science community. I like to offer him my full support and wish him a lot of success in this new endeavours.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and look
forward to meet you all again in 2019 at one of the events of ERSA and its sections.

Jouke van Dijk
ERSA President 2014-2018

ERSA Summer School 2019

The Call for Application is OPEN

We are happy to launch the Call for Application of the 32nd edition of our Summer School, co-organized by ERSA Polish Section and the University of Katowice, Poland.

Target: PhD students and junior researchers with less than 10 years of research experience.

Call for Application Deadline: 8 March 2019. more

Highlight on the Invited professors to provide ex-cathedra lectures
Ron Boschma, Utrecht University, The Netherlands; Andrea Caragliu, Politecnico di Milano, Italy; Chiara del Bo, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy; Leila Kebir, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland; Stefan Rehak, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovak Republic; André Torre, University Paris Saclay, INRA-Agroparistech, France; Eveline van Leeuwen, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands

Journals : Calls for Special Issues

REGION, the online and open access journal of ERSA
We welcome submissions for two special issues. The first explores the role of Institutes of Higher Education in the sustainable development of regions (contact: Rüdiger Hamm, ruediger.hamm@hs-niederrhein.de) and the second special issue will explore new forms of territorial development through collective action, commons and commoning (contact: Artur Ochojski, artur.ochojski@ue.katowice.pl). Both calls are available on REGION’s website. Also, visit the website to read REGION’s latest article about the role of spatial spill-overs in regional economic development in Europe.
Seasonal greetings from the REGION editorial team and see you in 2019!

Vassilis Tselios, Roberto Patuelli, Özge Öner, Francisco Rowe, Sierdjan Koster, Declan Jordan

Investigaciones Regionales Journal of Regional Research of AECR

The Journal of Regional Research – Investigaciones Regionales (http://investigacionesregionales.org/en) currently welcome papers for a Special Issue devoted to the spatial dimension of Social Inclusion policies:

**Topic:** Towards a social inclusion model: territorial experiences and challenges

21 December 2018: Deadline for Title and Abstract

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**Award #ersa #regionalscience**

**Daniela-Luminita Constantin**, President of the Romanian Regional Science Association and EOC member, has been awarded the 2018 Researcher of the Year title at the Excellence Gala and Ceremony recently held at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.

Photo: Professor Constantin receives the award from Professor Nicolae Istudor, the university Rector.

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**On the agenda in 2019**

**2nd ERSA Winter School**

Spatial Productivity for Regional and Local Development

21-25 January 2019, Trento, Italy

**1st ERSA-REGIO Academic Lecture 2019**

7 February 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Speaker: Prof. **Enrique López-Bazo**, AQR-University of Barcelona, Spain

Discussant: Dr. **Michaela Backman**, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden

**Topic:** Innovation and the region’s context
German Speaking Section
2019 Annual Winter Seminar of the Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung
16-23 February 2019, Matrei in Osttirol, Austria
more

9th Slovak Winter Seminar of Regional Science,
13th – 16th March 2019, Low Tatras, slovakia
Abstract submission deadline: 31 December, 2018
more

13th International Conference
Challenges of Europe
22-24 May 2019, Bol, Island Brac, Croatia
Special session co-organised by the ERSA-Croatian section, EURA and RSA
Title: Monitoring systems for measuring progress in spatial, urban and regional development – Case of Croatia
more

32nd ERSA Summer School
Cities and regions in the process of transformation
16-22 June 2019, Katowice, Poland
Call for Application Deadline: 8 March 2018
Target: PhD students and junior researchers with less than 10 years of research experience. Places are limited to 30 participants. more

Portuguese Section: 26th APDR Congress
Evidence-based territorial policymaking: Formulation, implementation and evaluation of policy
4-5 July 2019, University of Aveiro, Portugal
Deadline for Special Session Proposal : 29 February 2019
more

French Speaking Section and Romanian Section:
The 56th Colloquium of the ASRDLF and the 12th
Conference of the Romanian Regional Science Association
4-6 July 2019, ”Al.I. Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania
Call for Abstracts Start: 20 December 2018  Deadline: 20 February 2019

RSAI British & Irish Section
47th Annual Conference
16-19 July 2019, Cambridge, United Kingdom
Deadline for Abstract Submission: 22 February, 2019

59th ERSA Congress
27-30 August 2019, Lyon, France
Deadline for Abstract (and Papers) Submission: 28 February, 2019

Italian Section
A. I. S. Re XXXX Annual Scientific Conference
16-18 September 2019, L'Aquila, Italy
Save the date! More info to be published shortly

Spanish Section
Annual Conference
20-22 November 2019, Castellón de la Plana, Spain
Save the date!

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