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Word from the President

Dear ERSA members, colleagues and friends,

Let me first wish you a Happy New Year! Personally and for your professional wishes.

I am very honored and enthusiastic to start my term as President of ERSA.

I would like first, on behalf of ERSA, to express my gratitude to my predecessor Jouke van Dijk for his substantial achievements for the Association. The recent good developments of ERSA result to Jouke. He has been involved in many activities in front and behind the scenes, attending many events organized by our Sections, exchanging with key persons of our global network, but also strengthening our relationships and collaboration with international Institutions. He will be a hard act to follow and I want to continue to seek Jouke’s advice when needed in the future.

In short, in my five-year term as President, I will continue efforts to strengthen the position of ERSA as an essential and recognized scientific key player at the European level and worldwide. We must also enhance our interactions and collaborations with Institutions in order to increase our impact on evidence based regional and territorial policies.

My ambition is also to make ERSA an even stronger supportive body for all its members at both the Section and the individual levels. With the ERSA Office directed by Maristella Angotzi I want to seek closer interactions with our Section Representatives but also our individual Members. I am also very eager to working closely with the ERSA board, which includes our new young and talented Vice-President Eveline van Leeuwen.

Our Annual Congress takes places in Lyon this year, and I hope to have the opportunity to exchange with many of you during this unique platform gathering regional scientists from across the globe, the largest event in Regional Science worldwide. I will also visit various events like our Summer school in Katowice, or congresses and seminars in different countries Sections in order to meet you and to discuss about future and possible improvements of our unique relation for the sake of ERSA.

André Torre
ERSA President

see interview of André Torre here.
Keynote Sessions highlight

The Local Organising Committee is very honored and very pleased to welcome in Lyon 5 eminent scholars from across the world and with different background and research fields: The speakers' line up include:

- **Roberta Capello**, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- **Maryann Feldman**, University of North Carolina, USA
- **Susan Parnell**, University of Cape Town, South of Africa
- **Yannis Psycharis**, Panteion University, Greece
- **Jacques François Thisse**, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Call for Submissions REMINDER

Only one month left. Now is the time to prepare your participation for ERSA2019! We expect 1000 participants from across the globe in Lyon! Don't miss this unique opportunity to be part of the biggest platform in the field of regional science.

Call for Submission Deadline: **28 February 2018**. more

Join us on Twitter

Participate in our Campaign #LyonIwillbethere and start networking with fellow participants from around the world

Twitter [@ersa2019Lyon #ersa2019Lyon and #LyonIwillbethere](https://twitter.com/ersa2019Lyon)

1st ERSA-REGIO Academic Lecture 2019

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**7 February 2019, Brussels, Belgium**

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

Topic: **Innovation and the region’s context**

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

Registration is free but mandatory! Deadline 1 February

Can't attend? You are invited to follow the lecture via web-streaming. more
The ERSA-OECD Winter School concluded in Trento last Friday. 27 PhD Students and young researchers from Europe and beyond attended the 2nd ERSA Winter School in Trento (21-25 January). See final agenda and the lecturers' presentations posted on the event website. See key moments and exchanges of the event on Twitter @ERSA_Org #ersawinterschool #spatialproductivity

Section News

Türkish Section - Election
We are pleased to announce the re-election of Tüzin Baycan in the quality of President of the Türkisch National Committee of Regional Science. We wish Tüzin and the new Board a lot of success!

Events Agenda 2019 Update

ASRDLF 2019 Doctoral Courses
4-6 February, Grenoble, France
These doctoral courses are aimed at doctoral students in the Human and Social Sciences (planning, economics, geography, management, history, political science, sociology, etc.) as long as their work focuses on territorial issues.

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German Speaking Section
2019 Annual Winter Seminar of the GfR
16-23 February 2019, Matrei in Osttirol, Austria
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9th Slovak Winter Seminar of Regional Science,
13th – 16th March 2019, Low Tatras, Slovakia
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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
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Turkish Section: Annual Congress
Topic (tbc)
2-4 May 2019, Gaziantep, Turkey
Save the date!
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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
Special Session Proposal Deadline: 29 February 2019
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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 Deadline: 20 February 2019
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RSAI British & Irish Section
47th Annual Conference
16-19 July 2019, Cambridge, United Kingdom
Deadline for Abstract Submission: 22 February, 2019
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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
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Spanish Section
Annual Conference
20-22 November 2019, Castellón de la Plana, Spain
Save the date!

Vacancies
Looking for a new career opportunity?
• 10 Job opportunities at the University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences
• Call for international Grants on Sustainable Urbanisation from NC, JPI Urban Europe network and Chinese funding agency NSFC
• Postdoc Research Fellow – Economic geography/Urban geography
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To keep up-to-date with all events on the agenda, visit our [upcoming events page](#) on our website.