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Dear Members of ERSA, dear Colleagues,

With a few days' delay, let me wish you a happy New year 2021.

2020 was a year like no other where we all had to adapt, mobilize our forces to continue the production and sharing of valuable knowledge, especially on the understanding of the impacts of the pandemic.

In 2021, and in close consultation with our sections, through our activities and the great researches made by our regional scientists, we will continue to advocate for the role of regional science research in providing valuable inputs to policy decision making and for civil society.

Regarding ERSA events, our agenda remains virtual in the short term. In January, we have started with a remarkable webinar with the OECD on 'Covid-19 and regional disparities' followed by our ERSA-JRC Winter School.

In this newsletter you will see that opportunities to learn and meet virtually are still numerous for this year, keeping the hope that physical meetings will be possible as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

André Torre
ERSA President

Internal Communication



The upcoming EOC (European Organising Committee) Meeting will be held virtually on 13th February 2021.

On the Agenda: ERSA business activities including our upcoming ERSA 2021 Congress and Summer School.



Foto: Nees

Professor Johannes Bröcker passed away on 19 January 2021 at the age of 70.

Johannes Bröcker was a very active member of the “Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung”, the German Speaking Section of the Regional Science Association International, for more than 35 years.

[Obituary](#)

Hot news

EPAINOS AWARD Young Regional Scientist

More opportunities will be given to young scientists to be eligible for the Epainos Award during the ERSA Congress

Stay tuned to the [Congress website](#) for upcoming information regarding the new terms and conditions for eligibility.



19th European Week of Regions and Cities 11-14 October 2021



University Sessions: The Call for Session Proposals is OPEN!

Deadline: **5 pm CET, 11th March 2021**

The broad themes of this edition are: Green development, Cohesion, Citizens, Digital assessment

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ERSA Turkish Section is pleased to announce the creation of its YouTube Channel

The video on the recent online webinar titled "Places that are left behind: Understanding the Landscape of Discontent in Turkey" with the participation of **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose** as keynote speaker is now available.

[Bölge Bilimi Türk Milli Komitesi - YouTube](#) .

ERSA YouTube Channel



2020 Review and best wishes for 2021

In this video, André makes a review of 2020 very special year with ERSA and ERSA Section activities



Online Events: the ERSA solution

ERSA is now offering its services for the organization of virtual events.

Watch our promotional video.

Feel free to share it.

Interested: contact us at events@ersa.org

Upcoming Events

>>> On ERSA Agenda



34th ERSA Summer School

Spatial Analysis of Regional Inequality

27 June - 3 July 2021, Groningen, Netherlands

Event website and Call for Application to be available at the end of February.

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Save the date!

Call for Abstracts and Papers Start: **8 February 2021**

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>>> On ERSA Sections Agendas



Italian Section: 1st AISRe Winter School

European territorial challenges and regional policy: theories and methods

1-5 February 2021, Milan, Italy

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French speaking Section: Doctoral Student Conference 2021



24-26 February 2021, Poitiers, France

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Greek Section: Annual Conference 2021

Regional Science in times of the pandemic,
economic crisis and uncertainty

25-26 June 2021, Athens, Greece

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**German speaking Section: 11th Summer
Conference in Regional Science**

Structural change in rural and urban economies

1-2 July 2021, Braunschweig, Germany

Papers/Extended Abstracts submission between
15 January and 28 February 2021

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AISRe

**Italian Section: 2nd AISRE Summer School
July 2021, University of Padua**

Focus: on the emergence of the Industry 4.0
paradigm and its impact on global value chains and
clusters' competitiveness, on the role of
institutions on productivity and regional
development and on the recent advancements in
the study of spatial agglomeration and its effects.

More info to be available soon at www.aisre.it



**RAI British & Irish Section: 48th Annual
Conference**

5-8 July 2021, Stirling, United Kingdom

More info to be published on [RAI-BIS website](#)



**French speaking Section: 57th ASRDLF Congress
1-3 September 2021, Avignon University, France**

Submissions deadline: **30 April 2021**

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AISRe

**Italian Section: XLII AISRe Annual Scientific
Conference**

Local Sustainable Development and Relaunch:
What Role for Tradition and Innovation?

8-10 September 2021, Lecce, Italy

Call for Abstracts/Posters deadline: **5 March 2021**

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AISRE AWARDS CALLS 2021 to promote the dissemination of Regional Science [more](#)



Bulgarian Section: 2021 Annual Conference
Just transition plans and regional resilience in Bulgaria

26-28 November 2021, Bulgaria

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[See all events 2021](#)

Latest on ERSA Forum on Coronavirus

You want to share a contribution?

Email us at coronavirus@ersa.org

[See all contributions](#)

ERSA Members Publish



New publications to share?

You are member of the ERSA Community and you have recently published a book, grasp this opportunity to inform us about it. We are looking for

- Books published in **2020 - 2021**
- Written in English

Send an email to ersa.member@ersa.org

[See all recent publications](#)

Vacancies

Looking for opportunities to boost your career?

- **University Professor of Spatial Research and Spatial Planning**, University of Vienna. Application deadline: 17 February 2021
- **15 fully funded positions for Early Stage Researchers (ESR)**. Application deadline: 14 March 2021

[Read more about current offers](#)

To Keep up-to-date with all events on the agenda,

visit our [upcoming events page](#) on our website.

