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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REGIONAL SCIENCE

Sustainability, Water and Territory: Regional Strategies for the Challenges of the 21st Century
Sostenibilidad, agua y territorio: estrategias regionales para los desafíos del siglo XXI

XLVIII REUNIÓN DE ESTUDIOS REGIONALES



Dear colleagues,

Prior to the presentation of the Congress, we want to highlight some changes with respect to the congresses of previous years agreed by the Board of Directors of the AECR:

1. The most relevant change is the advance of the congress one month (from November to October).
2. To simplify procedures, the previous round of communication summaries is eliminated so that the extended communications or summaries will be the documents to be evaluated by the Scientific Committee.
3. The submission date is brought forward to June 14. In this way, a response can be given as a deadline of July 1 and travel and registration for the congress can be organized before July 15 (prior to the summer holidays).
4. It is decided to maintain the virtual option, in order to encourage international participation. Although we encourage presence as an ideal formula.
5. In relation to the “Juan Ramón Cuadrado” young researcher award, the participation of any researcher under 33 years of age or whose doctoral thesis defense has been carried out, at most, two years prior to the date of celebration of the congress is permitted.

The Spanish and Castilian-La Mancha Associations of Regional Science cordially invite you to participate in the XLVIII International Conference on Regional Science, which will be held from the 16th to the 18th of October 2024 at the Campus of the University of Castilla-La Mancha in Cuenca.

As with previous editions, the International Conference on Regional Science is a multidisciplinary forum that offers an overview of regional science and territorial analysis as a starting point. It is the main annual event in Spain for the study, debate, and presentation of academic papers on territorial and regional concepts.

For the XLVIII edition we have chosen the slogan: "Sustainability, water and territory: regional strategies for the challenges of the 21st century", which reflects the importance of addressing, in a comprehensive and participatory manner, the environmental, social, and economic problems that affect the regions in a context of climate change and growing demand for water resources. Environmental sustainability and water scarcity are global challenges that require local solutions. From a regional perspective, these issues can be tackled through analysis, planning, management, and cooperation. Analysis entails gathering data and information and studying specific processes related to sustainability. Planning involves designing strategies and policies that promote the efficient and responsible use of natural resources, protect biodiversity, and adapt to climate change. Management involves controlling and regulating human activities that impact the environment and water, as well as implementing measures for prevention, mitigation, and restoration. Cooperation involves promoting participation and dialogue among different actors and interests in different territories, as well as seeking agreements and alliances that promote sustainable development and community resilience.

We aim for the XLVIII edition to serve as a forum for discussing the role of regions, cities, and rural areas in addressing the multidimensional challenge of sustainability and water management. This discussion will take a multidisciplinary approach, covering economic, social, political, technological, and cultural dimensions of the issue.

We encourage your participation in the XLVIII Meeting of Regional Studies and hope you enjoy the beautiful city of Cuenca. Its old town has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and offers a unique experience that combines history, art, and nature.

As in previous editions, the presentation of results of ongoing research work for which a complete article does not exist yet will be accepted. In order for the Scientific Committee to consider the acceptance of said works, the submission of an extended summary with a minimum length of 1,500 words will be required. [Here you can find the templates](#) and [more information about the congress](#).

Communications that, in addition to being unpublished, have been made by researchers of no more than 33 years of age or whose doctoral thesis defense has been carried out, at most, two years prior to the date of the congress and are presented as a part of the parallel sessions, they will be eligible for the Juan Ramón Cuadrado Young Researchers Award. The jury in charge of awarding the prize will be the Scientific Committee. The signing authors of the award-winning communication will receive a document accrediting the award and a gift.

Doctoral students who are in the early stages of their doctoral theses and research-oriented master's students will enjoy a reduced registration fee to access the parallel sessions of the conference and participate in the special sessions for young researchers. In these sessions you will be able to make a brief presentation of your research ideas.

The Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee also invite you to propose a Special Session at the Congress. Proposals can be made from today until May 15, and will be disseminated as they are received and approved by the Scientific Committee and the Organizing Committee. It is required to send the title of the session and the name of the coordinator or coordinators with a brief summary of its content to the Congress Secretariat: info@aocr.org. It is recommended to secure at least 4 contributions for each special session. In the case of receiving a high number of works, they will be distributed into several time slots, according to the criteria of the coordinators.

Sincerely. We are waiting for you in Cuenca,

The Organizing Committee