

## Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Mexico, 13 June, 2000)

Held on Tuesday 13 June 2000  
At the Inter-American Center for Social Security  
Studies, Mexico-City

Commencing at 5:00 PM

a) Apologies received, roll-call, and confirmation of Section representatives

*Apologies received:*

C. Hua (CRSA-T), J-S. Lee (KRSA), J. Madden (ANZRS AI), C. Mai (CRSA-T), D. Plane (WRSA), J. Quigley (WRSA), R. Stough (WRSA), M. Tawada (JSRS AI).

*Present:*

M. Camarena (Ex Officio and Friends, Mexico), A. Corona (AMECIDER), L. Gibson (WRSA), Y-J Hahn (representing J-S. Lee, KRSA), Y. Higano (JSRS AI), H. Kohno (representing T. Fukuchi, JRSAI), Y. Miyata (JSRS AI), S. Park (chair) (KRSA), J. Poot (ANZRS AI), J. Serrano (AMECIDER), H. Shibusawa (representing M. Tawada, JSRS AI)

*Confirmation of section representatives, as at 13 June 2000:*

**ANZRSA:** J. Madden, J Poot (Immediate Past President) **CRSA:** D. Edgington, vacancy **CRSA-T:** C Hua, C. Mai **JSRS AI:** T. Fukuchi, Y. Higano (Executive Secretary), Y. Miyata, M. Tawada **KRSA:** J. Lee, S. Park (President) **AMECIDER:** A Corona, J Serrano **WRSA:** L. Gibson, D. Plane (Vice-President), J. Quigley, R Stough

S. Park opened the meeting and proposed a vote of thanks to J. Poot for the work he carried out during his two-year term as PRSCO President. This was carried with acclamation. It was noted that one PRSCO council position to be nominated by the Canadian Regional Science Association was still vacant. Y. Higano would seek clarification from the CRSA Executive.

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council meeting in Montreal, 13 November 1999

After it was noted that J. Madden represented G. West as a ANZRS AI representative, the minutes were corrected and approved.

c) Report from the Chairman, LOC, 6th PRSCO Summer Institute

J. Serrano reported that the organisation of the Summer Institute had encountered difficulties due to the student strike at UNAM. Consequently, the venue for the meeting had to be changed at a relatively late stage. On the positive side, there was a much greater inter-institutional support within Mexico for the organisation of the Summer Institute than had been anticipated. The organiser had tried to encourage two-way interaction between international visitors and local scholars by ensuring that local Spanish language sessions would not be held concurrently with the international sessions. All plenary sessions would have simultaneous translation. Conference presentations included 140 papers in Spanish and 40 papers in English. A vote of thanks for the work of J. Serrano and his Mexican co-hosts was carried with acclamation.

d) Report from the Chairman, LOC, on the planning for the 17th PRSCO Conference, Portland, June 30-July 4, 2001

L. Gibson reported on behalf of D. Plane. The co-chair of the LOC is Dr Brian Holly of Portland State University. The current internet homepage is

<http://www.u.arizona.edu/plane/PRSCO17.html>

The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Portland Downtown, in the Historic Multnomah Hotel. It is particularly suitable to bring families along. The conference will emphasise the special features of Portland: innovative urban transportation, urban renewal, and high tech development. PRSCO Councillors are encouraged to start planning to organise sessions now.

e) Report from the Executive Secretary on IRSA affiliation and hosting of the next Summer Institute

Y. Higano has contacted Banbang Brodjonegoro, Executive Secretary of IRSA (Indonesian Regional Science Association) and Budy Resosudarmo. IRSA has indicated that they wish to join PRSCO. It is ex-

pected that formal confirmation of the affiliation of IRSA to PRSCO will be made at the Portland meeting in 2001. IRSA have expressed a willingness to host the 7th PRSCO Summer Institute in Bali in 2002. According to the Constitution, a decision would have to be made by the end of 2000. During the discussion of this item it was noted that the PRSCO Council should also explore the possibility of involvement of Malaysian regional science scholars as potential hosts of a future Summer Institute.

f) Contacts with colleagues in Latin America

J. Serrano noted that AMECIDER has contacts in Chile, Brazil, Peru and Columbia. There is a representative from Chile at the Mexico Summer Institute, namely Ramon Antonio Gutierrez. H. Kohno (President, RSAI) noted that he would visit a regional science meeting in Brazil organised by Prof. G. Hewings.

g) Other contacts with colleagues in the Pacific Rim

Y. Higano noted that no progress had been made regarding the contact between Mainland China regional scientists and CRSA-T members since the Montreal conference. However, it was noted that C. Hua would be in Beijing at the end of June and he would meet with Prof. Yang. J. Poot suggested that faster progress can be made if Mainland scholars would be invited personally by means of a letter that referred to the Pacific regional science conference in generic terms rather than to the specific sections. Y. Higano and S. Park hoped to meet Prof. Yang and other Mainland China scholars at the IGU meeting in Seoul.

h) Report from the Executive Secretary on section proposals for hosting the 18th PRSC in 2003

Based on the history of previous conferences and the principle of rotation, the following sections would be given priority to host the 2003 conference: AMECIDER, CRSA, CRSA-T and JSRSAI. Y. Higano noted that CRSA-T had expressed some interest, but had to pull out at this stage due to financial considerations. No communication had been received from CRSA. Y. Serrano said

that AMECIDER may be interested in hosting the 2003 meeting, but this would be contingent on the outcome of the general election. A change of government may improve the situation regarding funding for this type of activity. Y. Higano said that the JSRSAI would be willing to host the 2003 meeting if no other proposal came forward. L. Gibson then formally moved, seconded by J. Poot, that the JSRSAI section be invited to host the 2003 meeting and that, if JSRSAI accepted the invitation, that AMECIDER would be invited to host the 2005 meeting. This motion was carried. Note: according to the Constitution, a decision will have to be made at the end of 2000. If JSRSAI declines the invitation to host the 2003 conference, an alternative venue must be sought at the next Council meeting.

i) PRSCO delegate for the RSAI Council, 2001-2003

Y. Higano was informed that H. Kohno will serve as Immediate Past President of RSAI (and Chairman, Long Range Planning Committee) for the term 2001-2002. Consequently, Council agreed that H. Kohno should continue as PRSCO Councillor on RSAI after his current term (1998-2000) expires.

j) Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held some time during the NARSC conference at the Midland Hotel in Chicago, Thursday November 9 - Sunday November 12, 2000. Y. Higano would contact the local organiser, Andrew Krmenic, to find a suitable time slot.

k) Any further business

Y. Higano would write to the Executive Secretary of RSAI, K. Donaghy, to recommend that a RSAI Council meeting in 2001 would be held during the PRSC in Portland.

S. Park closed the meeting at 6:30 PM.