



## Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia

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Date and Time: Thursday, November 9, 2017, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Regency A, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.

### **a) Apologies Received, Roll-call, and Confirmation of Section Representatives (Fu-Chuan Lai):**

Present:

Fu-Chuan Lai (PRSCO Vice-President, CRSA-T); Budy Resosudarmo (RSAI President, IRSA); Tomáz Dentinho (RSAI Executive Director); Sutee Anantsuksomsri (Thailand), Rachel Franklin (WRSA); Kingsley Haynes (WRSA); Jean-Claude Thill (past RSAI President); Hiroyuki Shibusawa (PRSCO Executive Secretary, JSRSAI); Suminori Tokunaga (JSRSAI); Jen-Jia Lin (CRSA-T); Roger Stough (WRSA); Luis Armando Galvis (ACER); Roberta Capello (Editor PiRS); David Plane (WRSA); Katsuhiko Sakurai (JSRSAI); S. Eréndira Serrano-Oswald (AMECIDER); and Yuko Akune (JSRSAI)

Apologies received:

Patricio Aroca (SOCHER); José Rodríguez (Perú); Fabian Vilema (RECIR); Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI); Nij Tontisirin (Thailand); Paul Dalziel (ANZRSAI); Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI); Lay J. Gibson (WRSA); Fakrul Islam (BRSA); Jacques Poot (ANZRSAI); David Edgington (CRSA); Binh Tran-Nam (Vietnam); Ronny Correa Quezada (RECIR); Chitta Ranjan Pathak (IRSA); Hidehiko Kanegae (JSRSAI); and John Madden (ANZRSAI)

### **b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in Tainan, May 18, 2017 (Fu-Chuan Lai):**

Fu-Chuan suggested the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. His suggestion is accepted.

### **c) Report on the 25<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) in 2017 (Fu-Chuan Lai):**

Fu-Chuan presented a brief report on the Pacific Conference of the RSAI in Tainan, which was attended by around 200 participants from 20 countries. The finances of this event broke even.

### **d) Report on the 15<sup>th</sup> PRSCO Summer Institute in 2018 (José Rodríguez):**

José was unable to attend the meeting and thus sent his report to Hiroyuki, who stated that José was setting up the conference website, which will be announced after the local organization committee meeting in Perú. Fu-Chuan also reported that José was preparing the organizing affairs of the Perú Section. Fu-Chuan confirmed the date of the conference to be July 4–6, 2018, and the venue to be Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

### **e) Report on the 26<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI in 2020 (Rachel Franklin):**

Rachel reported that in the previous meeting in Tainan, two possible options of venues in North America were proposed: Victoria, Canada, or Seattle in 2019 and Hawaii or Los Angeles in 2020; However, the decision was postponed. The WRSA and PRSCO eventually decided that the 26<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI will be held during March 18–22, 2020, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki. The rate of a hotel room is about \$230, which is quite reasonable in Hawaii.

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**f) Report on the 16<sup>th</sup> PRSCO Summer Institute in 2020 (Binh Tran-Nam, Mathews Nkhoma):**

Unfortunately, Lyndal and Bihn could not attend the council meeting. Fu-Chan reported that the representative from Vietnam, Lyndal, was leaving the RMIT. Therefore, the local organizer had been changed to Mathews Nkhoma. Mathews will organize the Summer Institute in Vietnam in 2020 and expressed his wish to have a successful conference. Hiroyuki reported that the RSAI will conduct a workshop in Vietnam. Tomáz suggested that the PRSCO could also support their activities in Vietnam.

**g) Discussion on the Venues of the PRSCO Conference and Summer Institute in 2022–2024:**

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| 27 <sup>th</sup> PRSCO 2021 Japan (JSRSAI) | 17 <sup>th</sup> Summer Institute 2022 (the Philippines) |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> PRSCO 2023                | 18 <sup>th</sup> Summer Institute 2024                   |

Fu-Chuan reported that PRSCO 2021 will be held in Japan, and the Summer Institute 2020 will be held in the Philippines. The venues for PRSCO 2023 and the Summer Institute 2024 were still undecided. Budy reported that he and Hiroyuki will meet Haydee Jacklyn Malubay in University of the Philippines in the following week, given that she had an interest in hosting the Summer Institute in 2022. Budy also suggested that Malaysia could be a potential host for PRSCO in 2023. (It was noticed later that Mexico had been mentioned as a potential host in our last meeting.) Pakistan would also be considered as a possible host country for the Summer Institute, 2024. Tomáz suggested that when his colleagues from Pakistan attend the RSAI Congress in Goa, we can contact them for organizing the PRSCO Summer Institute in 2024.

**h) Procedure for Affiliation with the PRSCO (RSAI) of the Thailand Section (Patricio Aroca):**

Fu-Chuan reminded everyone that Thailand hosted the Summer Institute in 2016 and the meeting was successfully organized by Sutte and Nij. Sutte reported that a legal process would be concluded soon, and the Thailand Section will also be well organized. The affiliation of PRSCO with the Thailand Section was approved.

**i) Nomination of the PRSCO Representative for the RSAI Council:**

Jichung Yang (2013–2015, 2016–2018), Serena Eréndira Serrano Oswald (2015–2017)  
Fu-Chuan Lai (PRSCO President, 2018–2019), new representative (2018–2020)

Fu-Chuan indicated that from the three representatives for the RSAI council, Serena's term will expire soon, because she will be appointed as a representative from LACRSA. Hiroyuki suggested that Jacques Poot had made a policy to appoint a representative for the RSAI Council in 2015. Fu-Chuan would organize a committee for the nomination. Andrés mentioned that the rule of the RSAI had changed and that the Presidents of the supra-regions will be automatically selected as the representatives to the RSAI Council. Budy suggested a reminder about the discussion for the replacement of the representative in the Tainan meeting. Fu-Chuan stated that if the PRSCO representative missed all the meetings during a year, he/she should resign from his/her position and the PRSCO Council should appoint another member. David Plane suggested the discussion of two other pending issues. First, the subcommittee should choose one of its members as a new representative and second, the term of Yang's representation. He thus thought that the subcommittee should suggest solutions for these two issues. Rachel and David proposed that the members of the subcommittee should be considered by including the

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President, Vice-President, immediate-past President, and Executive Secretary. After an e-mail discussion, the determination will be announced to all our council members.

**j) Confirmation the President of the PRSCO, 2018–2019 (Patricio Aroca):**

Fu-Chuan was grateful to serve as the President of the PRSCO in 2018–2019.

**k) Nomination of the Vice-President of the PRSCO, 2018 –2019 (Patricio Aroca)**

Fu-Chuan reported that in order to keep with the tradition of PRSCO, Rachel must be nominated as the Vice-President of the PRSCO for the term 2018–2019 from the WRSA. Her nomination was approved.

**l) Confirmation of the PRSCO Executive Secretary, 2018–2019 (Patricio Aroca):**

Fu-Chuan confirmed that Hiroyuki was appointed as the PRSCO’s Executive Secretary in 2018–2019.

**m) PRSCO Awards:**

The PRSCO Prize for the Best Paper by a Young Regional Scientist (John Madden)

John could not attend the meeting and sent a letter of absence. Fu-Chuan reported that the winner for 2017 was Juan Soto, and the age limit for candidates was changed from “under 33” to “under 35” in order to have more potential candidates. Moreover, John needed to add one committee member from Perú, where the next PRSCO conference will be held. Hiroyuki stated that no one was available from Perú for this membership and that José will be asked to select a committee member from Perú. Fu-Chuan committed to contact José by e-mail.

**n) Report on the Activities of Pacific Rim Regional Science Communities:**

1) Committee for RASC:

Budy reported that RAI had organized a committee for the entry of Regional Science of China (RSAC). Fu-Chuan was appointed as one of the committee members, and the related affairs of RSAC will be discussed in this committee.

**o) Report on Editors, Papers in Regional Science (PiRs) (Roberta Capello):**

Roberta made a report on the current situation of PiRS.

**p) Report of Editors, Regional Science Policy & Practice (RSPP) (Tomáz Ponce Dentinho):**

Tomáz gave a short report explaining the current situation of RSPP.

**q) Any further business:**

1) The next PRSCO Council Meeting will be held in Goa, India.