

Guidelines and Procedures for Affiliation to the PRSCO

I. PRSCO CONSTITUTION

II. Relation between the PRSCO and the RSAI

II-1. The PRSCO Constitution prescribes that the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organisation (PRSCO) is a federation of organisations affiliated to the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) in the Pacific Rim Area.

II-2. The RSAI CONSTITUTION prescribes that the PRSCO is one of superregional organizations of the RSAI.

III. Prescription for the new membership section of the PRSCO

III-1. The PRSCO Constitution prescribes that any new membership section of the PRSCO must be an affiliated section/association to the RSAI.

III-2. The definition of an affiliated section/association of the RSAI

III-3. Creation and Recognition of New Sections/Associations of the RSAI

IV. Guidelines and Procedure for Applicant Membership Sections of the PRSCO

IV-1. The PRSCO CONSTITUTION prescribes the guidelines and procedure.

Note: It goes without saying that any applicant section/association to the RSAI in the territory of the PRSCO shall seek approval through the above-specified PRSCO procedure to fulfill the provision of Article IV, Section 2, item c of the RSAI Constitution.

IV-2. Guidelines on the requirements of the applicant membership section to the PRSCO

Requirements for Applicant Membership Sections

- 1) A new group is expected to be able to demonstrate that it is self sustaining. Namely, it has numerical strength, it holds regular local meetings, it publishes some sort of newsletter, etc.
- 2) The PRSCO applicant should also demonstrate that its members are willing to play an active role in the global regional science community.
- 3) Priority will be given to fostering membership sections in those parts of the Asia-Pacific region where PRSCO is currently underrepresented.
- 4) A new membership section should be representative for the regional science community in its jurisdiction.

Constitution of the PRSCO, Provision I.2

I.2 (Territory of the PRSCO)

The Pacific Rim Area referred to in Article I.1 of this Constitution is comprised of countries or regions which border onto the Pacific Ocean. However, a country or region which is located in the neighbourhood of the Pacific Rim Area, and has close economic, political and social relations with this Area may, through approval of the Councils of both the PRSCO and the RSAI, be included in the territory of the PRSCO.

IV.1.2

A new Membership Section of the PRSCO must be an organisation affiliated to RSAI.

IV.2 (Procedure)

An applicant Membership Section of the PRSCO shall send the Executive Secretary of the PRSCO a letter which states that the applicant shall entrust the Executive Secretary with all the formal procedures that are necessary for the approval of its affiliation with RSAI, and for the approval of becoming a Membership Section of PRSCO, along with two applications that shall be submitted to the President of the RSAI and the President of the PRSCO, respectively.

RSAI Constitution

Article IV . Organizational Structure

Section 1. Superregional Organizations

RSAI comprises superregional associations which, in turn, comprise affiliated local sections/associations (see Section 2 of this Article). The superregional associations and their sections are specified in By-law 1 of this Constitution.

Superregional organizations shall actively promote the establishment of affiliated sections/ associations within their territory of responsibility.

Superregional organizations, in addition to promoting their own branding and that of their member sections, also promote the branding of RSAI (See By-law 2 of this Constitution).

Section 2. Affiliated Sections/Associations

a. Definition. An affiliated section/association of RSAI shall consist of a grouping of regional scientists defined on a geographic, language, or cultural basis who desire to organize scholarly meetings, publications, and other activities that contribute to the advancement of regional science.

b. Recognition of Existing Sections. RSAI shall recognize all existing, approved sections of the Regional Science Association which, individually or through an arrangement with a superregional organization to which they belong, participate in the universal membership of RSAI and thus contribute an annual capitation fee.

c. Creation and Recognition of New Sections/Associations. Any additional group of regional scientists meeting the criteria specified in Section 2a may propose to organize an affiliated section/association by adopting a constitution for consideration and approval by RSAI. Sections/associations located within the territory commonly associated with one of the superregional organizations specified in Section 1 of this Article shall seek approval through the procedures specified by that organization. Applicant sections/associations not located within any such territory shall seek recognition through RSAI Council (a body defined in Article V, Section I). The approving body (the superregional organization or International Council) shall take care to approve names which will not unnecessarily preclude the future formation of affiliated sections/associations with related interests.

d. Articulation of Membership. Membership in an affiliated section/association does not, in all cases, grant membership rights in RSAI. Affiliated sections/associations that do not make membership in RSAI a criterion for membership in the section/association shall actively encourage voluntary membership in RSAI according to the provisions of Article III, Section I of this Constitution.