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Last Call for Papers; Discussants and Session Chairs needed...

San Diego Program Filling Up Nicely: Join Us February 23–26!

Make your plans NOW... to participate in our 44th Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt-Regency Islandia on Mission Bay in San Diego, California, February 23–26, 2005. The return of WRSA to San Diego after a decade-long gap is generating a lot of excitement. Don't miss out!

As this issue of the *WRSA Newsletter* was going to press our traditional October 15 paper submission deadline was looming. We already have a large number of papers submitted. These are being read and screened by the Program Committee, and formal invitation letters are now being sent out via regular U.S. mail or foreign airmail.

Last Call for Papers... If you haven't already sent in a paper, there's still time – but do it immediately! We'll continue to try to squeeze a few more onto the Program. Late submissions will be accepted this year up through early November. Please e-mail papers to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@u.arizona.edu) as either a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF file attachment. Be sure to clearly indicate each author who plans to attend the conference and include complete contact information for all intended participants.

Remember WRSA Board policy requires the submittal of *complete papers*; Program Committee invitations to present are never made on the basis of an abstract alone. Manuscripts may, however, be submitted in *draft* form, with the final version (the one to be sent out by the WRSA office to the discussant and session chair) due no later than December 31.

Speaking of discussants and chairs... Even if you do not have a paper ready to submit this year, we would be delighted to put you to work discussing papers and/or chairing sessions. Although all paper

presenters are assumed to be available for discussant/chair assignments, we always give non-presenting volunteers first preference! If you'd like to reserve a spot or two on the Program as a discussant and/or chair, simply drop Dave Plane an e-mail message (by November 20) indicating session topics for which you have special interest or expertise.

Arrangements Information... We urge you to make your travel and hotel reservations *immediately*, and to pre-register. The WRSA room block could fill early, before the February 2 cutoff date, and this year the special rate only applies for reservations made before the cutoff!

Please see: Annual Meeting Preliminary Schedule and Arrangements Checklist on Page 2...

2005 Dues Now Being Collected...

It's now time to renew your WRSA membership!

Included with this issue of the *WRSA Newsletter* is a copy of the 2005 combined Annual Meeting Preregistration and Dues form.

Renew your membership TODAY! Complete and mail the form to the WRSA office in Tucson.

Continue your subscription to the *Annals of Regional Science* and your lifelong affiliation with the best little regional science organization in the Western World!

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...Annual Meeting Preliminary Schedule and Arrangements Checklist (continued from Page 1)

To facilitate planning, here's an overview of our 2005 schedule, followed by a checklist of meeting arrangements:

- ❖ **Wednesday, February 23:** *Note: Most participants should plan to arrive during the day on Wednesday;* RSAI Council Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only); Golf Tournament (AM); Registration opens (3:00 PM); Opening Plenary Session about the San Diego Region (4:00 PM), followed by the Welcoming Reception (For all Meeting Participants and Accompanying Persons)
- ❖ **Thursday, February 24:** Registration Reopens (7:30 AM) and Continues (Throughout the Day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All Day); WRSA Board Meeting (Late Afternoon, By Invitation Only)
- ❖ **Friday, February 25:** Registration Continues (Throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All Day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (For All Meeting Participants); President's Reception (For all Meeting Participants and Accompanying Persons)
- ❖ **Saturday, February 26:** Registration Continues (Throughout the Morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All Day)
- ❖ **Sunday, February 27:** No scheduled conference activities; *Note: Most participants should plan to depart on Sunday*

✓ **Book your room at the Hyatt-Regency Islandia**

As usual, we've negotiated excellent rates at a top-of-line San Diego conference hotel located directly on the Mission Bay waterfront. Our rates are: \$140 (+ tax) per night based on single or double occupancy. Because it now looks like there will be a large turnout for the conference, our special room block *could fill early*. We urge you to make your reservations as soon as possible. Please check the detailed hotel reservation information posted on our website at <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>

Reservations are easily placed using the special link installed on our website. If you do phone the hotel or Hyatt central reservations number be sure to mention you are part of the Western Regional Science Association group in order to receive our negotiated conference rate. Note that the cutoff date for the block is February 2. Our special rate should also be extended to you three days before and three days after the conference (if rooms are available).

✓ **Make your air reservations**

Space on air flights to and from San Diego during our conference week could be tight. Please make your plans early. International participants may wish to fly in through Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and then take a short connecting flight to San Diego to avoid a couple-hour

(depending on traffic conditions) drive on Southern California's congested freeways.

✓ **Reserve a rental car**

Although the hotel is not far from the airport, and cabs are available to take you to downtown San Diego, La Jolla, Ocean Beach, the world-famous Zoo, or other area visitor attractions, your stay in the auto-oriented San Diego metropolitan area may be enhanced if you have a rental car to explore the sights. San Diego's airport is served by all major rental car companies offering competitive rates.

✓ **Preregister for the Conference**

Meeting planning and conference check-in is greatly facilitated if everyone is preregistered. Please use the enclosed form or print out the combined preregistration and dues form from the website. Mail it to the Association office in Tucson as soon as possible – and not later than February 1. The special combined preregistration **and** 2005 dues amount is \$245. On-site registration will be \$270 – so pay early and save \$25! Please note that per WRSA Board policy all persons whose names appear on the Program and who are in attendance must be current year (i.e., 2005) members of the Association.

✓ **Inform us of any scheduling constraints**

The Preliminary Program will be put together in mid-to late-November and posted on the website before the end of December. Please inform Program Chair Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu) or WRSA Grad Assistant, Chris Bitter (wrsa@email.arizona.edu) prior to November 20 of any special scheduling constraints. If we don't hear from you, we shall assume your paper presentation and chair/discussant assignments may be made on any of the three main days of the conference (Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, February 24, 25, or 26). Once the Preliminary Program is posted it can be a serious inconvenience to others to accommodate rescheduling requests; the Program Chair will resist making changes once the schedule is set!

✓ **Revise your paper; prepare your presentation**

In the event you make changes to your paper, please e-mail the updated version to WRSA grad student assistant, Christopher Bitter (wrsa@email.arizona.edu) no later than December 31. In January Chris will send the latest versions of all papers to the appropriate discussants and session chairs. After January 1 it becomes the responsibility of the author to send any later updates to their session chair and discussant.

In preparing your presentation, please note that all papers at the WRSA are allocated 45 minutes of Program time. This breaks out roughly as 25-30 minutes for presentation by the author, 5-10 minutes for the discussant, and 5-10 minutes for feedback and open discussion by all session attendees. This year we will have both LCD and overhead projectors in the rooms to accommodate **either** PowerPoint slideshows or the use of transparencies. Paper handouts are a third (and foolproof!) option.

WRSA's 2004 Annual Meeting on Maui: Warm Memories of a Spectacular Event

WRSA's 43rd Annual Meeting was held on the island of Maui, Hawaii at the Wailea Marriott Resort during the period February 25–28, 2004. The 250 participants, many of whom brought spouses and other accompanying persons, partook of the kind of experience WRSA is known for: a multi-faceted and high-quality academic program amidst a few special days of life lived in tropical Paradise.

Following a successful Tuesday, February 24 pre-conference special seminar on University Research Parks organized by Lay Gibson and Bruce Wright (University of Arizona), and the annual Wednesday morning "Turnbull Cup" golf tournament organized (and won, per usual!) by Jack Sommer (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), the formal conference program was gotten underway late Wednesday afternoon in unique and spectacular fashion. The plenary Opening Session was started by Native Hawai'ian Clifford J. Nae'ole offering an oli (traditional chant) and then speaking elegantly about the cultural landscapes of Maui. The main address at the session then followed, and it touched on related themes. WRSA 2004–2005 President Juanita Liu (University of Hawai'i, Manoa) presented her memorable address entitled: "The Value of Culture in Regions."

Following the opening session, a Welcoming Reception was enjoyed by all in attendance on the rooftop Pacific Terrace with its panoramic sunset-lit views of ocean surf, breaching whales, windblown palms, and volcanic slopes rising off into the clouds.

The scientific program got into full-swing on Thursday with full morning, afternoon, and evening (!) slates of six concurrent invited paper sessions, plus the special sessions of the W-1133 ag econ group held in conjunction with the main conference.

Friday's agenda featured a large number of WRSA signature sessions setup in the hollow-square 'seminar-style' format with a full 45 minutes of Program time devoted to the presentation and discussion of each participant's paper. In all, seven concurrent morning and six concurrent afternoon sessions were held, with W-1133 once again in session in the afternoon. The Annual Banquet Luncheon was chaired by outgoing 2003–2004 WRSA President Koichi Mera (USC) in the rich Koi-wood paneled Lokelani Ballroom with its unique colorful murals of Native Hawai'ian traditional lifestyles. The Banquet program featured the presentations of the 9th Springer-Verlag and 18th Charles M. Tiebout Prizes. (See related stories below).

Amidst the downpour of a tropical storm, Friday evening found the group back together enjoying a highly convivial President's reception featuring traditional Hawai'ian music and some nice hors d'oeuvres furnished compliments of the School of Travel Industry Management at the University of the Hawai'i. Mahalo! Saturday featured the third and concluding day of papers, with seven concurrent sessions held in both the morning and afternoon.

While a number of participants had their return travel plans distributed by an incident shutting the Maui airport for a time on Sunday, no one complained too much about being forced to linger an extra day enjoying the wonders of Maui.



Juanita Liu delivers her WRSA Presidential Address

Dall'erba Wins 18th Tiebout Prize

The 18th Annual Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science was awarded at the Annual Luncheon Banquet of the 43rd Annual Meeting held on Maui to Sandy Dall'erba, University of Pau, France. Dr. Dall'erba completed his doctoral work at the University of Illinois under the direction of WRSA Board Member, Professor Geoffrey J.D. Hewings. His winning paper was entitled: "Productivity Convergence and Spatial Dependence Among Spanish Regions." The Prize carries a \$1,000 award.

Honored for achieving the status of "Finalist" in the 18th Competition was Shaoming Cheng, a doctoral student at George Mason University, for his paper: "Location Decisions of Japanese New Manufacturing Plants in China: A Discrete Choice Analysis."

The Reading Committee voted to accord "Honorable Mention" status to three papers, those authored by Lei Zhang, University of Minnesota, Nicholas Nagle, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Clifford Lipscomb, Georgia Institute of Technology.

The authors of all five papers receiving recognition were able to present them at the conference, as were the authors of several other of the Tiebout entries. The Prize seems to be serving its function of drawing top-quality graduate students to our Annual Meeting.

The 2003–2004 Reading Committee was chaired by WRSA Past President Brenda Moscové and included Past Presidents Arthur Getis, Roger Stough, and John Quigley – who made the awards at the Banquet.

Newest WRSA Fellow: Art Getis

At the Maui Annual Meeting, Professor Arthur Getis, WRSA's 40th President and the Mary Birch Foundation Chair in Geographical Studies at San Diego State University, was named as a WRSA Fellow.

In the 44 years of WRSA history, Professor Getis becomes only the 11th individual to have been so honored. Art joins fellow Fellows: Martin Beckmann, Brown University; Lay James Gibson, University of Arizona; Michael Greenwood, Colorado University; Kingsley Haynes, George Mason University; Charles Leven, Washington University, St. Louis; the late Michael Mischaikow, Western Washington University, Frank Mittelbach, U.C.L.A.; Robert Monahan, Western Washington University; Jean Paelinck, Erasmus University; and Anthony Pascal, Rand Corporation.

Osman New WRSA Vice President, Huskey New President, Gill, Rey, Schwer and Waldorf Join Board

At its annual business meeting held on Thursday, February 26 at the Wailea Marriott, the WRSA Board chose Jack W. Osman, Professor of Economics, San Francisco State University as the Association's 2004-2005 Vice President.

Lee Huskey, University of Alaska, Anchorage, succeeds to become President-Elect for 2004-2005 and will give his Presidential Address and host the President's Reception at the San Diego 44th Annual Meeting.

45th WRSA President, Juanita Liu, University of Hawaii, will complete her year-long term at the San Diego conference, where she will chair the Annual Banquet Luncheon Program. 44th President, Koichi Mera, University of Southern California, succeeds to the post of Immediate Past President

Selected as new members of the Board, for terms beginning the 2004-2005 year, were Warren Gill, Simon Fraser University; Sergio Rey, San Diego State University; Keith Schwer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Brigitte Waldorf, University of Arizona.

Among other Board actions, it was decided that beginning with the San Diego conference we will rent projectors for all sessions to facilitate PowerPoint presentations.

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Zeng Takes 9th Springer-Verlag Prize

At the Annual Banquet Luncheon of the Maui 43rd Annual Meeting, The Annals of Regional Science Coeditors Börje Johansson, T. John Kim, and Roger Stough presented the 9th Annual Springer-Verlag Prize to Dao-Zhi Zeng, Kagawa University, Japan, for his paper "Spatial Economy with Multi-Manufacturing Industries."

The Springer Prize is awarded each year to a junior scholar who, in the opinion of the Editors, has authored the most outstanding paper presented at the conference. The prize a number of complimentary Springer-Verlag books.

Regional Science Meeting Calendar

44th Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, San Diego, California, February 23-26, 2005

(See articles pp. 1 and 2, this *Newsletter*.)

Joint 44th Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association and 36th Annual Conference of the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, Arlington, Virginia, April 7-9, 2005

The conference will be held at the Key Bridge Marriott within walking distance of Georgetown and the Washington Metro System. Abstracts should e-mailed to 2005 Program Chair, Cynthia Rogers at crogers@ou.edu by December 17. Prospective grad student participants are encouraged to enter both the SRSA's Barry M. Moriarty and the MCRSA's M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competitions. Further conference details visit the SRSA or MCRSA websites (click the links on WRSA's homepage).

Knowledge and Regional Economic Development, Barcelona, Spain, June 9-11, 2005

For information about this open conference please visit the website: www.ub.edu/ere/aqr/openconference2005.htm or contact Jordi Suriñach, chairman of COST A-17 from the European Union aqr@pcb.ub.es WRSAsers Henk Folmer, Charlie Karlsson, and Ed Bergman are all involved with conference promotion and organization.

35th Annual Meeting of the British and Irish Section of the RSAI, Warwickshire, England, August 17-19, 2005

Abstract deadline: January 31, 2005, contact: Dimitris Ballas: d.ballas@sheffield.ac.uk

New WRSA Membership Directory

The 2004-2005 WRSA Membership Directory is now being provided to all dues-paid 2004 members. It went out to U.S. members in the same mailing as the most recent issue of the *Annals of Regional Science*. For those outside the USA, the Directory is enclosed with this *Newsletter*. The Association's final 2004 membership count was of 283 (up from 247 last year!).