



Western Regional Science Association

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Newsletter

Send Your Paper NOW!

Newport Beach: The 'Quintessential WRSA Experience,' February 21-24

Send in a paper NOW and make your plans to experience the 'quintessential' WRSA Annual Meeting: The Hyatt-Regency Newport Beach, February 21-24, 2007. The traditional October 15 paper submission deadline will soon be upon us. Don't miss out on this chance for a great mid-winter scholarly refresh; come partake of the warm international conviviality of WRSA.

Although WRSA is well-known for its Annual Meetings held at classic resort hotels on the California Coast, we've not met on the Orange County coastline for more than two decades (1986, to be exact, when the 25th Annual Meeting was held at the Surf and Sand in Laguna Beach).

This coming February, the WRSA clan will gather for the 46th Annual Meeting at the Hyatt-Regency in Newport Beach. Don't you owe it to yourself to be part of it?

Though most of the current hotel buildings are now new or renovated, longtime Association members will fondly recall its WRSA ambiance from the years back when it was known as the "Newporter." The resort hosted both our memorable 20th Annual Meeting in 1981 and the 8th in 1969. Located across the street from the world famous shopper's mecca, Fashion Island, the Hyatt's extensive grounds back onto a scenic marine estuary. Nearby seascapes, fine dining and sightseeing opportunities, and the now bustling John Wayne Orange County airport just minutes away, make this is a superb place to enjoy a midwinter conference visit.

Get working on a paper for submittal by the customary October 15 deadline! We'd also love to hear from anyone who won't have a paper ready to go, but would like a spot or two on the Program as a discussant or/or session chair.

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2007 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 2007 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 world.

WRSA: The way academic life should be.

Call for Papers: PRSCO 2007 Vancouver, B.C., May 6-9

The 20th Pacific Regional Science Conference will be held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, from May 6 to 9, 2007. Post Conference Excursions will be held on May 10.

Hosted by our friends from the Canadian Regional Science Association, this spring will mark the first time since the very successful and memorable 1993 conference at the Chateau Whistler that PRSCO has met in Western Canada. We trust that the scientific program, the opportunity to interact with

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Call for Papers... Papers on all regional science topics are welcome. Please e-mail your paper before October 15. Draft versions are acceptable at this stage. (Final versions DUE: before December 31.) Send the manuscript to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu) as a Word, WordPerfect, or PDF file attachment. Please do **not** send large graphic files (high-resolution copies of figures can be transmitted directly to your chair and discussant later on). For multiply authored papers, clearly indicate which authors plan to attend, and please include complete contact information for all intended participants.

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

All Program participants at the conference are required to pay registration fees and be dues-paid **2007** members of the WRSA. We ask that only one paper be presented per fee-paying registrant. (Coauthors who do not attend the conference are not required to pay registration fees.) A copy of the Combined Preregistration/Dues form is included with this copy of the *WRSA News*.

Overview of Meeting Dates... To facilitate your travel planning, here's an overview of the 2007 Annual Meeting schedule:

- ❖ **Wednesday, February 21:** *Note: Most participants should plan to arrive during the day on Wednesday; no paper sessions will be held on this day;* Registration opens; Opening Plenary Session (ca. 4:00 PM), followed by the Welcoming Reception (For all participants and accompanying persons)
- ❖ **Thursday, February 22:** Registration reopens and continues (Throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All day); WRSA Board Meeting (Late afternoon; by invitation only)
- ❖ **Friday, February 23:** Registration continues (All day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (For all registered meeting participants); Evening President's Reception (For all participants and accompanying persons)

- ❖ **Saturday, February 24:** Registration continues (Throughout the morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (All day)
- ❖ **Sunday, February 26:** No scheduled conference activities. *Note: Most participants should plan to depart on Sunday*

The WRSA website with full conference information is accessible at <http://geog.arizona.edu> More items will be posted in the months ahead, including hotel reservation information, travel information, and (ca. January 1) the Preliminary Program. Drop an e-mail to Executive Secretary Plane if you have any questions.

We're expecting our 46th Annual Meeting to be the quintessential WRSA experience. Encourage your colleagues to participate!

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regional scientists from around the Pacific Rim, and the exciting downtown Vancouver venue will attract a large delegation of WRSA members!

The main conference theme will be "Creative City Regions: Examining Their Role in the Pacific Rim." Papers on *any* regional science conference will be welcome. With respect to the main theme, advance publicity for the conference notes:

Cities have always been the crucible of culture and civilization, and the hubs of wealth creation. But today they face enormous challenges. Compounded by infrastructural, economic and social problems, dramatic changes are taking place. If cities are to flourish, there has to be a paradigm shift in the way they are managed, to draw on the talents and creativity of their own residents – businesses, city authorities and the citizens themselves. The host city, Vancouver, is a multicultural and diverse area with a high quality of life. It is poised to stage the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Join us at PRSCO 2007 when we shall examine the role of the 'new economy' and 'cultural industries' in Pacific Rim city regions.

Chair of the Organizing Committee is Professor David W. Edgington, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia. Email David at: David.Edgington@ubc.ca. Visit the conference website at: www.prSCO2007.confmanager.com The PRSCO Conference Secretariat can be reached by email at registration@housing.ubc.ca, phone: 604-822-1050, fax: 604-822-1069.

Plans are for the conference to begin with a registration from 4:00 PM and a reception at 7:00 PM on Sunday, May 6. Paper sessions will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 7–9, with Post-Conference Excursions on Thursday, May 10.

New Membership Directory... **Final 2006 Membership Count: 250 And From Far and Wide**

The 2006-2007 WRSA Membership Directory is now being provided to all dues-paid 2006 members. The Directory is enclosed in the same mailing as this *Newsletter*.

The Association's final 2006 membership count as of September 1 was 250.

Mailing addresses of members indicate 19 different countries of residence. There were 181 members in 2006 with U.S. addresses; 13 were from Canada.

Of the 56 members from outside North America, Korea assumed the top rank for 2006, accounting for 11 active WRSA members. Sweden came next with 9, followed by Japan with 8, Germany and The Netherlands with 4 each, and France and the UK with 3. Australia, Norway, Mexico, and Columbia each had 2 members, while single members were found in Austria, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, and Turkey.

The North American membership was also broadly distributed. Among Canadians, Alberta and Ontario were the leading provinces with 4 members each. British Columbia and Québec both had 2 members, and Nunavut 1. A total of 36 states were represented by the U.S. members. California led the pack with 38, followed by Arizona with 16, Washington with 11, and Colorado with 10. A total of 9 members listed addresses in Washington, DC, equaled by the number from Ohio. A total of 8 members came from Alaska and 8 from Virginia. Others states represented (with their numbers of members): Illinois (7), Maryland (7), Missouri (5), Massachusetts (4), New Mexico (4), Nevada (4), Texas (4), Minnesota (3), Nebraska (3), Pennsylvania (3), New York (3), and Utah (3). Two members came from each of Idaho, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Oregon. States with a single member: Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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Attention Graduate Students! **21st Annual Competition for The Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science**

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 21st Annual Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

The Tiebout Prize is awarded for the best paper submitted by a full-time graduate student enrolled at an accredited academic institution (currently, or during Academic Year 2005–2006). To be considered, papers should be in the general discipline of regional science; topics in the fields of regional economics, urban economics, urban/regional planning, geography, and local public finance are especially encouraged. Papers will be judged by a Reading Committee of former WRSA Presidents, and the decision of the committee (which will be rendered by late November) will be final.

The Author of the winning paper must present at the WRSA's 46th Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt-Regency, Newport Beach, California, during the period February 21–24, 2007. The winning author will receive \$1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the Meeting. The paper also will be published in the prestigious international quarterly journal *The Annals of Regional Science* (published by Springer-Verlag) following regular review procedures. Authors of all submitted papers judged by the Program Committee to be worthy of presentation will be invited to deliver them in regular sessions of the Meeting. Registration waivers may also be made to authors of papers judged worthy of designation for "Finalist" status in the competition.

Graduate students wishing to submit papers for the competition should send five (5) hard copies and e-mail as an attachment an electronic copy of the paper in Word, WordPerfect, or PDF format to: Professor David Plane, Organizer, 46th Annual Meeting of the WRSA. Plane's mailing address is listed on Page 1 of this Newsletter. E-mail: plane@email.arizona.edu

Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA by): October 15, 2006

Submissions must include a cover page giving the paper's title, author's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers. Please indicate your Department and University affiliation and the name of your primary faculty supervisor. Papers should be double spaced. Only one submission per author, and only singly-authored papers will be considered. NOTE: Any paper exceeding 50 pages in length will NOT be considered by the Reading Committee.

This prize is awarded in honor of the outstanding contributions to regional science made by Charles M. Tiebout before his untimely death in 1968. In addition to his scholarly achievements, "Charlie" Tiebout brought wit, irreverence, and goodwill to everything he did and everyone he knew. He was particularly good in advising, counseling, and encouraging graduate students: thus, it is fitting that the WRSA's annual prize bearing his name be awarded to the best graduate student paper in regional science.

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Regional Science Meeting Calendar

53rd North American Meetings of the RSAI, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 16–18, 2006

The Meetings will be held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. See the NARSC website for full details:
<http://www.narsc.org>.

46th Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, Newport Beach, California, USA, February 21–24, 2007

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WRSA website has full conference information:
<http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa/>

46th Annual Meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Charleston, South Carolina, USA, March 29–31, 2007

The Meetings will be held at the Francis Marion Hotel. For more information visit the SRSA website:
<http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/>

20th Pacific Conference of the Regional Science Association International, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, May 6–9, 2007

Please see article, pp. 1–2, this Newsletter. Conference website: www.prsco2007.confmanager.com

New Book by WRSA Members:

Kenneth E. Corey and Mark I. Wilson
(2006) *Urban and Regional Technology
Planning: Planning Practice in the
Global Knowledge Economy*, London and
New York: Routledge.

The contribution of the book is to empower regional and urban planners to work with and mobilize other local stakeholders to engage and plan for the opportunities and challenges that are presented by the forces of globalization.

A principal theme is that these forces are facilitated by information and communications technologies (ICT). A further emphasis is the need for local communities to be innovative and planful by creating productive content for the ICTs to enable.

The book's message is constructed from analyses of global knowledge economy trends, relational planning theory and local knowledge-economy cases from the global economy's three primary technology-economic regions from Eastern Asia, Western Europe and North America.

For additional information on the book, refer to:
www.planningpractice.org