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Call for Papers for...

Our 2008 Annual Meeting ~ The Big Island of Hawai'i The Spectacular Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort ~ February 17-20

With each passing year it becomes harder and harder to top WRSA's previous meeting sites. However... February 17–20, 2008, WRSA Annual Meeting participants will have the opportunity to experience a resort venue like no other in the World: the Hilton Waikoloa Village, located on the Kona Coast of the Big Island of Hawai'i.

A number of you may remember touring the Hilton Waikoloa Village's spectacular buildings, grounds and waterways when we last met on the island of Hawai'i back in 1997. That's the year our 36th Annual Meeting was held at the nearby Royal Waikoloan Resort (now called the Waikoloa Beach Marriott). Our 47th Annual Meeting in 2008 will actually be the Association's third to be held on the Big Island. The first was organized by Lay Gibson and held at the Kona Surf Resort in Keauhau back in 1987.

For those who have not yet made a trip to the Big Island, don't bypass this opportunity to visit the biggest, the least crowded, and the newest (geologically speaking!) of Hawaii's 'Neighbor Islands.' Plan to spend at least a few extra days preand/or post-conference exploring the active volcanic landscapes of Mount Kilauea and Volcanoes National Park on the southern end of the island, visiting the lush tropical rainforests on the wet side around Hilo, and relaxing or snorkeling along the great unspoiled sandy beaches on the Kona Coast – the dry side of the Big Island where our meeting will be held.

As usual we have negotiated excellent sleeping room rates. Hawai'i has been a popular tourist destination post-9/11, so get on the WRSA website SOON and book your reservation now. We are expecting a very large turnout for this conference.

Our February 17-20 meeting dates fall during Hawai'i's busy winter visitor season. Participants are advised to make air and rental car reservations much earlier than for mainland conferences.

Participants will very likely want to fly into the Kona International Airport at Keahole (KOA). It is 18 miles (29 kilometers) from the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort. (The other main airport on the Big Island is in Hilo, which is a several hour drive from the resort.) Kona International is served by a number of nonstop flights from the U.S. mainland as well as from Canada and Japan. There are also frequent interisland flights from Honolulu International (HNL). By the way, as of this summer a fare war is underway, and inter-island flights are cheaper than they have been for many years.

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Newport Beach 46th Annual Meeting: Hot Scholarship, Cool SoCal Sun & Fun

Southern California put on its February finest, with abundant sunshine and sparkly cool clear air as 200 participants came to Newport Beach for WRSA's outstanding 46th Annual Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, February 21–24. The Final Program listed 141 papers in 33 invited paper sessions.

The conference was kicked off late Wednesday afternoon with a plenary Opening Session chaired by WRSA's 47th (2006-2007) President Jack Osman. The speaker was WRSA's own inimitable Esmael "Essie" Adibi from Chapman College, who gave an erudite,

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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.

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.

Email the manuscript to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu) as a file attachment. Word documents or PDF formats are both acceptable.

Please do not send very large graphic files (high-resolution copies of figures can be transmitted directly to your chair and discussant later).

For multiple-authored papers, clearly indicate which authors plan to attend, and please include email addresses 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 mailed. Program Committee decisions 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.

All Program participants at the conference are required to pay registration fees and be dues-paid 2008 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.)

Reserve the Dates... Please be aware that the main events of the 2008 conference will be held on a Sunday through Wednesday format (rather than the Wednesday through Saturday one in effect for the last three conferences).

Rooms have been blocked for our group at the special negotiated conference rates beginning Friday night, February 15 and extending through Saturday night, February 23.

In addition, based on availability, those same rates will be honored three days prior and three days after the room-block nights. Presuming you reserve before the hotel sells out, you should be able to check into the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort as early as Tuesday, February 12 and/or checkout as late as the morning of Wednesday, February 27.

Overview of Our 47th Annual Meeting Dates...

- Sunday, February 17: Note: no paper sessions will be held on this day; Registration opens in the mid-afternoon; Opening Plenary Session in the late afternoon, followed by the Welcoming Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- Monday, February 18: Registration reopens and continues (throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); WRSA Board Meeting (late afternoon; by invitation only)
- ❖ Tuesday, February 19: Registration continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (for all registered meeting participants; tickets and fee required for non-registered accompanying persons); Evening President's Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- Wednesday, February 20: Registration continues (throughout the morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Conference ends (ca. 6:00 PM)

Our Website Has More Information... The WRSA Website with full conference information is accessible at http://geog.arizona.edu

Among the items posted already: hotel reservation information and a link to the Hilton website to book your room; travel information: airline, rental cars, taxi and shuttle van) and Big Island visitor information. Coming (in late-summer): the conference preregistration form. Coming (ca. January 1) the Preliminary Program.

Drop an e-mail to Executive Secretary Plane if you have any questions about our upcoming Big Island conference.

WRSA's 47th Annual Meeting should be a great one. Encourage your colleagues to participate!

WRSA Newsletter

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wide-ranging, not to mention fun talk on "The 'O.C.' Economy: Myth vs. Reality."

After a lively discussion period, participants and accompanying persons gathered under the Hyatt's Big Top – the Terrace Arbor – for a highly convivial Welcoming Reception.

The main business of the conference got underway bright and early on Thursday morning with the first of 6 slates of WRSA's 'signature' seminar-style invited paper sessions.

Also holding their business meeting on Thursday morning was the NE-1011 group of agricultural and resource economists who met this year in conjunction with WRSA. Later in the day a joint NE-1011/WRSA session was held to showcase the group's research and foster new collaborative links. Thanks to Elizabeth Davis, University of Minnesota, for organizing this year's successful joint venture!

In addition to a full schedule of afternoon paper sessions, the WRSA Board held its annual business meeting on Thursday afternoon. (See the related articles elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

The Thursday evening Gala Dinner in honor of WRSA Past President Koichi Mera was a special highlight of the conference. Fine food, good wine, and warm fellowship were shared by a large group of Koichi's WRSA friends and colleagues, and their families. The event was superbly organized by Janet and Lay Gibson. For a number of pictures of the event taken by WRSA staff photographer (and former First Gentleman) Doug Tom, please visit the WRSA website and click on the Newport Beach Annual Meeting Photo Album.

The brief Thursday evening rain showers cleared out, and Friday dawned crisp and clear. Participants were back in force for a second full day of paper sessions.

Two special events adorned the Friday program. The first was the Annual Banquet Luncheon, which featured incoming WRSA President Geoff Hewings's Presidential Address "On some conundra in regional science." Geoff's speech was engagingly discussed by newly named WRSA Fellow John Quigley. The Luncheon program also was highlighted by the presentation of the Springer and Tiebout Prizes (see articles elsewhere in this Newsletter). The second big event on Friday evening was the large and lively President's Reception, hosted by Geoff. Again, please go to the WRSA website and check out some photographs taken at these special events.

Saturday brought another very full slate of paper sessions. Among those were a pair of Remote Regions sessions organized again this year by WRSA Past President Lee Huskey, the annual Western States Economic Outlook sessions cosponsored by AUBER and organized by Keith Schwer, and a special session on regional science and terrorism put together by Adam Rose.

In all regards, the 2007 Newport Beach Meeting was a successful and memorable one; participants will likely cherish their memories of it for years to come.



New, Jolly Good, WRSA Fellow... John Quigley

The WRSA Board at its Newport Beach annual business meeting voted to appoint Professor John Quigley, University of California, Berkeley, and 41st WRSA President (2000), as a Fellow of the Western Regional Science Association.

John is the twelfth to be accorded WRSA's highest recognition for lifetime scholarship and service to the field and the Association. Those previously named as Fellows: Martin Beckman, Arthur Getis, Lay James Gibson, Michael Greenwood, Kingsley Haynes, Charlie Leven, the late Michael Mischaikow, Frank Mittelbach, Bob Monahan, Jean Paelinck, and Tony Pascal.

Holland chosen WRSA Vice President Kim Succeeds to President-Elect Bae Added to WRSA Board

At its annual business meeting held Thursday, February 22, 2007, the WRSA Board chose David B. Holland, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Washington State University, as the Association's 2007-2008 Vice President. Professor Holland has just spent the 2006-2007 year on Sabbatical Leave in Santiago, Chilé. He has a long record of distinguished scholarship and has organized a number of special sessions at previous WRSA Annual Meetings...

At the Newport Beach conference, T. John Kim, succeeded to become President-Elect for 2007-2008. Our currently reigning, 48th President, Geoff Hewings, will complete his year-long term at the Big Island Meetin. 47th President, Jack Osman, serves during 2007–2008 in the post of Immediate Past President. And Lee Huskey, 46th President, will chair the Tiebout Reading Committee.

The Board added a new member for a term beginning with the 2007–2008 year. She is Chang-Hee Christine Bae, Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington, and long-time WRSA active participant. The Board looks forward to Christine's continuing contributions to the Association and to her service on the Board in the years ahead.

Call for Entries:

2008-2009 Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship

Graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in North America are encouraged to apply for the Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science.

The fellowship pays a stipend of \$27,000 US and is intended to aid a student in completing his or her dissertation.

The deadline for entries is February 15, 2008.

For submission guidelines please visit the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) website: http://www.narsc.org/bapp.html The Fellowship is administered under the auspices of NARSC.

For more details, contact the Chair of the Selection Committee, WRSA Board Member, Brigitte Waldorf.

Entries Invited for the: 4th Reimut Jochimsen Prize

In honor of the renowned economist, Professor Dr. Dr. h. c. Reimut Jochimsen, and as a memorial to his service as its President, the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank will award a prize for the best paper on the topic of "European Infrastructure Policy: Challenges for Future Energy Markets in the European Community."

The prize sum is 5,000 euros, which may be divided, if more than one paper is selected.

Papers should be submitted in standard electronic form (PDF, PS, Word document; 12 pt./1.5 space) to Professor em. Dr. Walter Buhr, University of Siegen, 57068 Siegen, Germany, until **October 15, 2008** (buhr@vwl.wiwi.unisiegen.de). Each paper should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae of its author(s). Collaborators of the members of the Reading Committee may not participate in the competition. Recourse to legal action is excluded.

The papers will be judged by a Reading Committee consisting of the President of the Düsseldorf Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank and of three scholars formerly associated with Professor Jochimsen.

For further information: www.uni-siegen.de/infrastructure_research

3rd Reimut Jochimsen Prize Awarded

The Third Reimut Jochimsen Prize was awarded to Professor Erik Verhoef and Barry Ubbels, Ph.D., Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, for their "Auctioning concessions for private road"; submitted with reference to the general topic of European Infrastructure Policy, Advancement of Transport Policy in the European Community.

The award ceremony took place at the Regional Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank, Düsseldorf, Germany, on March 28, 2007.



Lena Birkelöf Awarded the 11th Annual Springer Prize

At the Newport Beach Annual Meeting, Lena Birkelöf, Umeå University, Sweden , was honored as the 2007 winner of the Springer Prize.

The Springer Prize is awarded annually to the author of the best paper presented at the conference by an early-career-stage scholar – as judged by the Editors of *The Annals of Regional Science*.

Birkelöf's prize-winning paper was titled: "Exploring Differences for the Functional Impaired: Neighborhood Interaction and the Federal Structure." At the Newport Beach Annual Banquet Luncheon she was presented with a large Award certificate and her choice of a number of books by Springer Representative Katharina Wetzel and the entire triumvirate of *Annals* editors: Börje Johannson, Roger Stough, and Euijune Kim.



CRSA Hosts Elegant PRSCO '07

The Canadian Regional Science Association hosted, in elegant fashion, the 20th Pacific Conference of the Regional Science Association, May 6-9, at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia.

A strong contingent of WRSA participants joined regional scientists from far and wide for four splendid days of conferencing and exploration of one of the world's most dynamically developing cities.

The conference was organized by David Edgington, U.B.C. The main conference theme was: "Creative City Regions: Examining their Role in the Pacific Rim."

WRSA Board Member, Warren Gill, V.P., Simon Fraser Univ., led an outstanding Tuesday Field Trip – a 'Skytrain' tour of transit village development.

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Wenz Wins 21st Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science

Michael Wenz, Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance, Winona State University, was named as the latest winner of the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science. Michael received his Ph.D. in 2006 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His prize-winning paper, based on his dissertation research, is titled, "Matching Estimation, Casino Gambling and the Quality of Life."

Dr. Wenz was presented with the Tiebout winner's certificate and the accompanying \$1,000 first-place prize check at the Annual Banquet Luncheon by WRSA Past President Juanita Liu, who chaired this year's Reading Committee.

Also honored at the Luncheon were four other student paper authors.

Named as Finalists in the 21st competition and presented with certificates at the Banquet Luncheon were Yao Li, University of Hawai'i, Manoa, and the East-West Center, for her paper, "International Trade and Industrial Agglomeration," and Jaewon Lim, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, for "Dynamics on the Spatial Structure of Interregional Migration in the U.S."

Receiving Honorable Mention recognition were Stephen Billings, University of Colorado, Boulder, for his paper "Do Tax Incentives Influence Economic Geography?: An Analysis of Colorado's Enterprise Zone Program Using Border Effects" and Luis A. Galvis, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign for his paper "Regional Wage Inequalities in Colombia."

Thanks to this year's Tiebout Reading Committee of WRSA Past Presidents Lee Huskey, Roger Stough, Koichi Mera, and Juanita Liu. They read and voted on a record-tying largest set of entries. Out of the total pool of submissions, thirteen students attended the Newport Beach Annual Meeting and presented papers in regular sessions. The Tiebout Prize Competition is serving admirably its role of bringing more top graduate students into the WRSA.

WRSA to Host November 2009 North American Meetings in "The City"

WRSA has agreed to host and organize the 56th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International. on behalf of the North American Regional Science Council.

We'll hold the Meetings in San Francisco during the period Wednesday November 18 through Saturday November 21.

NARSC Executive Director Jean-Claude Thill and WRSA Executive Secretary David Plane have just concluded negotiations and NARSC has signed the contract to hold the conference at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco.

The Hyatt's location on Union Square, the facilities, and the nightly room rate \$199 (plus tax) are all superb ones for a conference in "The City."

Professor Serge Rey, San Diego State University, has agreed to serve as the Program Chair for the 2009 Meetings. David Plane will be the Arrangements Chair. Other WRSA members are asked to join in a help make this a spectacularly successful conference by organizing special sessions. It is not too early to start thinking and planning those!

This conference will be the first time ever that the North American Meetings will have been held in San Francisco.

These will be the third North American meetings involving WRSA in a leadership role. We co-hosted, with the Department of Economics, University of Regional Development, University of Arizona, the highly successful 1998 Meetings in Santa Fe. (Meetings held in "the West" in 2004 in Seattle and 2005 in Las Vegas were organized, respectively, by the University of Washington and by the Mid Continent Regional Science Association.)

Upcoming North American Meetings:

- Savannah, GA ~ November 7-10, 2007
- New York, NY ~ November 19-22, 2008
- San Francisco, CA ~ November 18-21, 2009



Attention Graduate Students!

Call for Paper Submissions...

22nd Annual Competition for The Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 22nd 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 2006–2007). To be considered, papers should be in the general multidisciplinary realm 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 47th Annual Meeting to be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort, during the period February 17–20, 2008. 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) 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 will be awarded 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 <u>and</u> e-mail as an attachment an electronic copy of the paper in Word, WordPerfect, or PDF format to:

Professor David Plane, Organizer, 47th Annual Meeting of the WRSA Department of Geography & Regional Development University of Arizona / Harvill Building, Box 2 (2nd & Olive Streets)

Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA
E-mail: plane@email.arizona.edu

Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA by): October 15, 2007

- 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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WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort February 17 – 20, 2008

The conference will begin with registration, an opening session, and a reception on Sunday afternoon, February 17. Paper sessions will be held all-day Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 18, 19, and 20.

- PAPERS ON ANY TOPIC OF BROAD INTEREST TO REGIONAL SCIENCE ARE WELCOMED
- THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE SCREENS PAPERS FOR SUITABILITY BEFORE INVITATIONS ARE SENT
- PERSONS INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING SPECIAL SESSIONS SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH WRSA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DAVE PLANE IMMEDIATELY

POTENTIAL TOPICS INCLUDE: Resource Utilization; Impact Analysis; Regional Modeling; Location of Economic Activity; Housing; Regional & Urban Planning; Environmental Quality; Regional Development; Migration and Demographic Analysis; Transportation; Locational Criteria for Public Services & Facilities; Tourism & Recreation; Local Public Finance; Energy Issues; Regional Science Epistemology & Pedagogy

For consideration by the Program Committee, e-mail your paper before:

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Abstracts are <u>not</u> accepted;

Papers may be in DRAFT form at the time of submission; FINAL version due prior to December 31

ELECTRONIC PAPER SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS:

- Attach your paper as a Word or PDF File to an e-mail message and send to: plane@email.arizona.edu
- Please do not use any other word-processing formats
- Large graphics files should NOT be sent (you can later send hardcopy of figures separately from the text, if necessary)
- On multiple-authored submissions, indicate which author(s) plan to participate at the conference
- Please, one paper presentation per registered participant this year
- Be sure to include your e-mail address and institutional affiliation with your submission

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Regional Science Meeting Calendar

47th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA), Paris, France, August 29-September 2, 2007

See the RSAI website for more information: www.regionalscience.org

54th North American Meetings of the RSAI, Savannah, GA, November 7–10, 2007

The Meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Savannah. See the NARSC website for full details: www.narsc.org

47th Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort, The Big Island of Hawai'i, February 17-20, 2008

See article, pp. 1–2, this Newsletter. WRSA website has full conference information: http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa/

World Congress of the RSAI, Sao Paulo, Brazil, March 17-19, 2008

The main topic of the Congress will be: "World Integration, Emerging Countries, Lagging Regions, Sustainability. www.aber.fea.usp.br/rsai2008/new/htm/event/event.asp

37th Annual Conference, Mid Continent Regional Science Association, Kansas City, MO, June 7-9, 2008
The conference will be held at the Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel. John Leatherman, Kansas State University is the organizer. Visit the MCRSA's website for more details: www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa/annual conference.htm



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WRSA members are cordially invited to submit their best research for publication consideration in WRSA's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*, published quarterly by Springer.

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