



# Western Regional Science Association

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Newsletter

*Call for Papers...*

## **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting ~ Paradise Point Resort ~ San Diego, California February 16–19, 2014**

Here at WRSA headquarters, the signs of autumn are all around: the leaves are beginning to change, there's a faint nip in the air, and paper submissions for the 2014 annual meeting are beginning to arrive. Although a month remains before the traditional October 15 deadline for the submission of papers, it really is already time to start thinking about next year's meeting. You'll want to get your paper submission in order, but it's also a good idea to think about your hotel reservation and even whether you'll want to spend a little bit of extra time in the region, before or after the meeting. That's because, for its 53<sup>rd</sup> annual conference, the WRSA is coming to a wonderful resort in a wonderful location.

The 2014 annual meeting will be held February 16–19 at the Paradise Point Resort in San Diego, California. For those of you imagining San Diego the Big City, take a moment instead to picture San Diego the Resort Destination. Paradise Point is, as the photo opposite suggests, a resort of the old school: peaceful surroundings, mainly one-story buildings, winding pathways, and lush vegetation. The perfect environment, really, for sharing research and catching up with friends and colleagues. Those who prefer sightseeing to sitting by the pool can rest assured, however, that there's plenty to do in San Diego. Aside from the world-renowned SeaWorld park and the Zoo, the San Diego region is home to many attractive ocean communities, like La Jolla and Del Mar, wineries galore, the Old Town area, and miles of beach.

Of course, you may be having such a great time at the meeting that you forget the sightseeing! As always, the annual conference promises three full days of sessions, plus the opening plenary and Welcoming Reception as well as the annual luncheon and the Presidential Address and Reception. We also look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial

Analysis, which will be given by longtime WRSA member, Luc Anselin.

If you're planning to attend the San Diego meeting and won't be presenting a paper, we are always happy to assign you session chair or paper discussant duties, if you're willing. Simply drop Rachel Franklin a line sometime before the end of the year to let her know your availability.



The Paradise Point Resort and Spa (photo courtesy of the resort)

To help you plan your meeting attendance, we've pulled together some key information:

- **Paper Submission...** Papers should be submitted electronically, in pdf format, by **October 15, 2013**. If there are multiple authors on the paper, please do indicate who will be attending the meeting. Remember that each registered participant is allowed to present only one paper! All submissions are vetted by a member of the Program Committee before formal invitations to the meeting are issued. Papers in draft format are acceptable, so long as we receive the final version before the end of the year.

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Website: <http://www.wrsa.info> ~ WRSA is now on Facebook!

• **Meeting Preregistration...**Our meeting registration is handled via the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) website. Meeting registration instructions are available under the Annual Meeting tab on the WRSA website. All meeting attendees are required to pay registration fees. As an added benefit to attending the meeting, all participants will become 2014 members of the WRSA. Membership benefits include the twice-yearly *Newsletter* as well as print or electronic access to the association's journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*.

When you register for the meeting, please complete the online form even if you are paying your fees by check. Please also take the time to update your mailing address and contact information: we use these details to send your *Newsletter* and, if you live in the U.S., your paper copy of *The Annals*.

Preregistration for the meeting helps us to gauge the number of participants accurately and also speeds up service at the registration table on-site. Those registering in advance of the meeting save a hefty \$90 (for regular registration, if completed by January 15, 2014).

• **Reserving Your Room at the Paradise Point Resort...**Our specially negotiated room rate is \$199/night (plus taxes). The hotel is also offering Junior Suites at \$259/night and Bayside Bungalow Suites at \$349/night, should these be available at the time of booking (if you're interested, you should be sure to book early!). Our room rate includes wireless internet in guestrooms and complimentary parking.

A link is already available on the WRSA website for those who want to book online. Reservations can also be made by calling 800-344-2626 and referencing the WRSA annual meeting. To receive this lower room rate, bookings must be made by **January 15, 2014**. After this date, the resort has no obligation to honor our negotiated room rate. And, as in recent years, our block may fill: book early!

• **Getting to San Diego...**The city is served by the San Diego International Airport, which is approximately 15 minutes away from our meeting venue. The airport is served by all major U.S. carriers and direct flights are available from all the main U.S. hub cities. Short connector flights from Los Angeles and San Francisco are also an option. Taxi fares from the airport to the resort will cost between \$20 and \$30.

If you have the time, driving from the Los Angeles airport, about 120 miles away, may be a viable option, especially if you want to see a bit more of the area.

• **Planning Your Trip...**

- \* **Sunday, February 16:** *No paper sessions will be held this day*; Registration opens in the early afternoon; 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gibson Opening Plenary Session in the late afternoon, followed by Welcoming Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- \* **Monday, February 17:** Registration reopens and continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis, to be followed by a reception (open to all meeting participants)
- \* **Tuesday, February 18:** Registration continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Annual Awards 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 19:** Registration continues (morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Conference ends (ca. 6:00 PM)

**More Information...**For additional conference details, visit the WRSA website at [www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info). Questions? Contact Rachel Franklin, WRSA Executive Director: [rachel\\_franklin@brown.edu](mailto:rachel_franklin@brown.edu).

## Call For Tiebout Prize Submissions

One of the signature awards in regional science is the Tiebout Prize, given out every year at the WRSA annual meeting for research by current or recently-graduated doctoral students. The Prize is named for Charles Tiebout, who, aside from his many contributions to the field of regional science, is particularly well remembered for his mentoring of graduate students. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> year the Tiebout Prize has been given.

A call for this year's competition is posted on the WRSA website under the Tiebout Prize link and an informational flyer has been included with this *Newsletter*. Of particular importance is the hard and fast **October 15, 2013** deadline for submission of papers. If you have eligible students, please do encourage them to submit their research.



## Early Career Scholars: Consider the Springer Prize

This award is offered for the best paper presented at the WRSA meeting by an early career scholar (degree completion within the past five years). The winner receives a certificate and \$300 worth of Springer books, to be selected by the winner, as well as the option to have his/her paper considered for publication in WRSA flagship journal, *The Annals of Regional Science* (see advertisement in next column).

Submission is simple: simply send a note to Rachel Franklin by January 1, 2014 that you would like to be considered for the Prize.

## Conference Assistant Opportunities

As in previous years, WRSA is seeking several students to assist with meeting registration in San Diego. In exchange for eight to ten hours of volunteering at the registration desk, students will receive a complete rebate of their preregistration fees (worth \$150, to be processed as a refund following the meeting). Discounted hotel room rates may also be available for early volunteers.

Duties will be assigned around other conference obligations and can be broken up over several shifts as necessary. This is a great way to save a little cash and also to meet other students attending the meeting. Volunteers will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. To sign up, or for questions, contact Rachel Franklin ([rachel\\_franklin@brown.edu](mailto:rachel_franklin@brown.edu)).

## WRSA 2013 Membership Statistics

As this *Newsletter* went to press, WRSA's 2013 membership stood at precisely 250. As always, the bulk of memberships are the result of annual meeting attendance, although our increased efforts at encouraging those not attending the annual meeting to renew their memberships have started to bear fruit.

International membership has always formed an important component of the WRSA community and this year is no different: about 40 percent of WRSA members reside outside the U.S. and Canada. Of that 40 percent, a substantial number come from Korea, Japan, Sweden, and the Netherlands. Want to see your country break into the "Big 4?" Let your colleagues know about the WRSA meeting and encourage them to attend!

Also, almost a quarter of WRSA members this year are current students, hopefully a sign of robust WRSA demographic health!



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**The Annals of Regional Science**

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The prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented by a recent post-graduate scholar of no more than 5 years\* at the Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association.

**Prize US \$300.-**  
(to be awarded in Springer books of the winner's choice)

The paper will be published in **The Annals of Regional Science**, official Journal of the WRSA, and announced on the Springer Website.

## WRSA Remembers Denis Maillat

Sad news: longtime WRSA member, and our friend and colleague, Denis Maillat passed away on September 7<sup>th</sup>, in Neuchâtel, Switzerland after a fight against leukemia. Denis was 73 years old.

After his Ph.D. from the University of Neuchâtel and post-graduate studies in England and France, he became in 1969 one of the youngest professors in Neuchâtel. He was later elected as Rector of his University from 1991 to 1995 and was also the Director of the Institute for Economic and Regional Research.

Co-founder of the GREMI in 1986 (Groupe de Recherche Européen sur les Milieux Innovateurs), Denis was one of the most respected researchers on industrial districts, territorial dynamics, and innovative and learning regions. His books and papers in French and English are basic references in this field.

Past-President of ASRDLF (Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française), he was also active in ERSA and WRSA. He was the organizer of many regional science workshops and meetings, including the RSAI World Congress in Lugano in 2000.

Always open for discussion, friendly, Denis always took time to share a drink or a lunch, or join colleagues on field trips. Thank you Denis for your smile and your guidance.

You will stay in our memories.

—Antoine Bailly



## Western Regional Science Association

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## Regional Science Meeting Calendar

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the RSAmericas**

*Arica, Chile, September 26–28, 2013*

<http://www.rsamericas.com/web/>

### **60<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the RSAI**

*Atlanta, Georgia, November 13–16, 2013*

[http://www.narsc.org/newsite/?page\\_id=10](http://www.narsc.org/newsite/?page_id=10)

### **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the WRSA**

*San Diego, California, February 16–19, 2014*

(See article, Page 1, this *Newsletter*)

<http://www.wrsa.info>

### **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA)**

*San Antonio, Texas, March 25–29, 2014*

<http://www.srsa.org>

### **10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the RSAI**

*Bangkok, Thailand, May 27–29, 2014*

<http://www.regionalscience.org/>

### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA)**

*Madison, Wisconsin, June 3–5, 2014*

<http://www.mcrsa.org/>

## **News Contributions Welcomed!**

The WRSA *Newsletter* is published twice yearly and welcomes contributions from members and friends.

Please feel free to send along news, employment opportunities, research updates, calls for papers, brief reviews of published work, or related items.

We especially appreciate updates from our peer regional science associations!

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