



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

## WRS A Returning to San Diego for 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in 2014

After a hiatus of nine years, the WRS A will be returning in 2014 to its favorite meeting place... assuming revealed preferences count for something. The Association has met nine times in San Diego, California, more than any other single location. Our hotel for 2014 is special, too. The Paradise Point Resort, formerly known as the Vacation Village Hotel and the San Diego Princess Resort, has hosted us seven times in the past (but rest assured that the facilities and rooms are definitely of *this* millennium).

Our meeting will be held February 16–19, with our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lay James Gibson Plenary Session and Welcoming Reception scheduled for Sunday afternoon, the 16<sup>th</sup>, followed by three full days of sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Feb. 17–19). Even though those dates may seem far off, remember that the deadline for paper submissions comes sooner: **October 15, 2013**.

As always, meeting attendees can expect WRS A's signature session format, which includes 45 minutes allocated to each paper, as well as an assigned paper discussant and a lively and friendly seminar-style form of interaction. These paper sessions are ideal for both junior and senior researchers looking for real feedback on beginning or ongoing projects.

And, of course, no WRS A meeting would be complete without a solid social program and 2014 will be no different. Aside from the opening reception, formal meeting social activities will include the President's Reception, the Annual Banquet Luncheon, and a reception for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis (see story on Page 4 for further details).

### Things to Know Now...

- **Hotel:** We have negotiated a room rate at the Paradise Point Resort and Spa of \$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 (which means, 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 WRS A website for those who want to book online. Reservations can also be made by calling 800-344-2626 and referencing the WRS A annual meeting. To receive this lower room rate, bookings must be made by **January 15, 2014**. Also, as in recent years, our block may fill: book early!

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- **Paper Submission:** To be included on the San Diego meeting program, papers must be received by **October 15, 2013**. All submissions are reviewed by a member of the Program Committee before invitations are issued. Papers in draft format are acceptable for the October 15 deadline, so long as the final versions are received by the end of the year. No invitations will be issued on the basis of presentation slides or outlines!
- **Tiebout Prize:** Graduate students and faculty should keep in mind the October 15 deadline and requirements for this year's 28<sup>th</sup> annual Tiebout Prize. A call for this year's competition is posted on the WRSA website under the Tiebout Prize link.
- **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. Submission is simple: simply send a note to Rachel Franklin by January 1, 2014 that you would like to be considered for the Prize.

**Additional Meeting Information...**Over the course of the next several months, we will be updating the WRSA website ([www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info)) with further meeting details, including travel and program information. Should any questions come up in the meantime, feel free to direct your inquiries to Rachel Franklin ([rachel\\_franklin@brown.edu](mailto:rachel_franklin@brown.edu)).



*An aerial view of the Paradise Point Resort (photo courtesy of the resort)*

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## Remembering David Holland

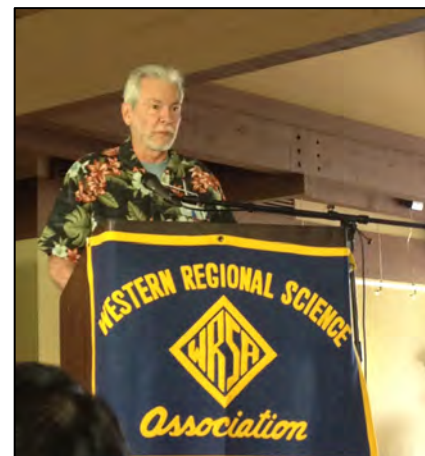


Shortly before the 2013 meeting in Santa Barbara, we received the sad news that WRSA Board member and 50<sup>th</sup> President, David Holland, passed away suddenly while scuba diving in Mexico. He was in his early 70s. David was one of the WRSA annual meeting stalwarts, rarely absent and most often in attendance with his wife, Rita (both are pictured above). Many will especially remember his fondness for the occasional Hawaiian shirt.

An agricultural economist, David taught at Western Washington University from 1973 up until 2007, the year of his retirement. He specialized in regional economic modeling, in particular the economic development of small and rural places.

Along with his contributions as a regular meeting participant, David had been particularly helpful over the past several years as one of the Past Presidents serving as readers on the Tiebout Prize Committee.

David is already missed. He was an integral part of the cadre of old-school WRSA members, those who, to the younger generation, anyway, appear to have always been a part of the WRSA fabric.



*David, announcing the Tiebout winners, at last year's Meeting in Hawaii*



## WRSA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting: The Recap



Really, what more could we have hoped for? The weather cooperated perfectly, the meeting venue was perfectly sized for our group and in an excellent location, and the meeting program unrolled completely as expected and hoped for.

In the end, WRSA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting attracted over 200 participants from around the world and just over a dozen accompanying partners. As always, Korea and Sweden vied for the top spot in terms of numbers of foreign participants—but we note that the Netherlands is making great strides in catching up! In all there were 42 paper and panel sessions spread over the three full days of the meeting.

Stuart Sweeney of the University of California, Santa Barbara got the meeting off to a strong start with his talk on the surfboard industry at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lay James Gibson Plenary Opening Session. Sweeney's talk was accompanied by discussant remarks from David Rigby from UCLA and followed by the Welcoming Reception.



*Hans Westlund delivers his Presidential Address at the Annual Banquet Luncheon*

Another high point of the meeting was the annual luncheon, during which the Tiebout Prize was awarded and Hans Westlund delivered his Presidential Address. Since Westlund's talk focused on locations of economic growth and referred to Tobler's First Law of Geography, it was quite fitting that the discussant for his talk was none other than Waldo Tobler himself!



*Waldo Tobler provides gracious and thoughtful commentary on Hans Westlund's Address*

The annual luncheon fulfills a formal function but also serves as the only occasion when all meeting participants are invited to sit down together and interact. For many this is one of the high points of the entire meeting. For a taste of the conviviality evident at this year's luncheon, see the photos on Pages 6–7 of this *Newsletter*. A full album of meeting photos is available on the WRSA website. Have a few photos you'd like to see included? Feel free to email them to Rachel Franklin.

Naturally, no recap of this year's annual meeting would be complete without due consideration of the main focus of the meeting: the paper and panel sessions. Over the years we have come to depend on the reliable hard work of several volunteer organizers, who pull together annual sessions on particular themes. This year was no exception, with several sessions on "remote regions," organized this year by Greg Protasel, who is taking over from Lee Huskey. A big thank you to Lee for his many years of hard work and a vote of appreciation to Greg for his willingness to step in. Gratitude is also owed to Rich Wobbekind for his organization of the Western States Economic Outlook session and to Claude Gruen for the "debate" he organized on the effects of smart growth policies. For a second year, Qisheng Pan pulled together papers on planning in China for a session; both topic and region are of interest to many WRSA members and hopefully this session will become a fixture of future annual meetings.

## The Inaugural Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis

The first Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis—a new feature at the Annual Meeting—was given in Santa Barbara and was, by all accounts, a great success. To get the lecture series started on the right foot, the inaugural speaker was J. Keith Ord. Ord is a professor at Georgetown University and is well known for his work in the area of spatial statistics, in particular. Ord's talk was titled, "Spatial Statistics: From Bristol to Santa Barbara." His lecture was followed by commentary by longtime WRSA member and Vice President, Serge Rey, who is also well known for his work in spatial statistics. Following the Lecture, the audience was treated to drinks and hors d'oeuvres...all in all, a great start to a new WRSA tradition.

## The Getis-Ord Lecture in 2014: Luc Anselin to Speak



WRSA is excited to announce that Luc Anselin, longtime WRSA member and very highly regarded spatial econometrician, will be the speaker for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis in San Diego, California next February. Luc is Director of the School of Geographical Sciences and

Urban Planning at Arizona State University. He has published extensively and is well known for his SpaceStat and GeoDa software applications. He is also the recipient of numerous awards in both regional science and geography. Although WRSA already benefits from Luc's frequent presence at annual meetings, it is most fitting that his next appearance should be under the auspices of the Getis-Ord lecture.



*Henk Folmer reads the commendations for the Tiebout Prize Finalists, Andy Krause and Sofia Tano, and Honorable Mention, Chenxi Yu*

## Douglas Wrenn Wins 27<sup>th</sup> Charles M. Tiebout Prize

For the second year running, this year's Tiebout Prize, the 27<sup>th</sup>, went to an individual from Ohio State University. Douglas Wrenn won this year's Prize for his paper, "Time is Money: An Empirical Examination of the Dynamic Effects of Regulatory Uncertainty on Residential Subdivision Development." Doug recently completed his PhD in agricultural economics at OSU and is now appointed as a post-doctoral researcher in the program. He studied with Elena Irwin.



*Henk Folmer, Tiebout Prize Reading Committee member, awards the 27<sup>th</sup> Tiebout Prize to Douglas Wrenn*

This year, the Reading Committee also awarded two Finalists and two Honorable Mentions. The finalists were Andy Krause from the University of Washington for his paper, "Exploring the Re-urbanism Hypothesis through an Analysis of Land Market Trends," and Sofia Tano from Umeå University. Sofia's paper was titled, "Regional Clustering of Human Capital: School Grades and the Migration of University Graduates." The Honorable Mentions went to Chenxi Yu from the University of Illinois and Zhenhau Chen from George Mason University.

Along with nurturing the next generation of regional scientists, the purpose of the Tiebout Prize is to honor "Charlie" Tiebout's contributions to regional science and the impact he had on the graduate students with whom he interacted. Winners of the Prize receive \$1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the WRSA annual meeting. The members of this year's Reading Committee for the Prize were Henk Folmer, David Holland, T. John Kim, and Bob Stimson (Chair). Thank you for your work!

Please consider contributing to the Tiebout Prize Endowment Fund—it's a worthy cause! All donations are U.S. tax deductible. Donation details are available on the WRSA website.

## Updates from the WRSA Board

### ***Bruce Newbold Selected as Vice President***

At its annual business meeting this year, the WRSA Board selected Bruce Newbold as the incoming WRSA Vice President. Bruce teaches in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University in Canada and is a long-time WRSA member.



### ***Serge Rey Becomes President-Elect***

At the annual meeting, Serge Rey, from Arizona State University and the current Vice President, climbed a rung of the WRSA leadership ladder to become President-Elect. This means that at next year's annual meeting in San Diego Serge will deliver his presidential address and will serve as host of the Presidential Reception. For many years Serge was a professor in San Diego, so it seems somehow fitting that he will deliver his Address there next year.

### ***Stein Østbye Joins WRSA Board; Ted Lane Named WRSA Fellow***



The WRSA Board selected one new addition to its ranks at its annual business meeting. Stein Østbye, from the University of Tromsø in Norway, was selected for his scholarly standing and his long-time affiliation with the Association. He also adds geographical representation to the Board for a

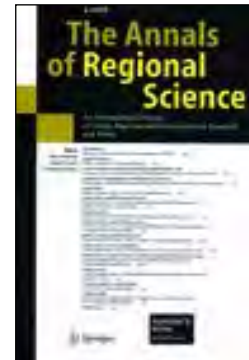
part of the world that contributes a sizable portion of the WRSA membership. Welcome, Stein!

For his many years of service and support, the Board selected Ted Lane, 33<sup>rd</sup> WRSA President, as its only new Fellow this year. Ted has been an integral part of the organization since its youth and the Association is happy to recognize his achievements by making him a Fellow. Well done, Ted!

### ***Submitting Papers to:***

### ***The Annals of Regional Science***

WRSA members are encouraged to submit their best research for publication consideration in the Association's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*.



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Visit the *Annals* page on the Springer website:  
<http://www.springer.com/economics/regional+science/journal/168>.



*At the Luncheon in Santa Barbara, Annals Co-Editor, Euijune Kim, reminds annual meeting attendees to consider submitting their research to the journal and encourages nominations for the Springer Prize*

## **WRSA and Social Media**

WRSA maintains a strong presence on Facebook and is working to increase its visibility on Twitter and LinkedIn. Facebook and Twitter in particular may be of interest to those to prefer those modes of communication to the blunter, more old-fashioned listserv communications. WRSA's Facebook page is a good place to look for updates on job openings, upcoming conferences, and other regional science news. Like us!



# Some Snapshots from WRSA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in Santa Barbara

*Conviviality at the Annual Banquet Luncheon...*



*Dave Plane and Henk Folmer discuss a topic that is clearly of the utmost importance*



*A portion of the strong and growing Dutch group, Eveline van Leeuwen, Jouke van Dijk, and Sophia Klaassen*



*Old friends enjoy a catch-up*



*The Canadian + New Zealand contingent, Bill Clark, Bruce Newbold, and Mark Brown*



*Stuart Sweeney entertains; topic unknown*



*More scenes from the Luncheon...*



*WRSA as a family affair...*





## Western Regional Science Association

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## Regional Science Meeting Calendar

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI**

*Bandung, Indonesia, July 2–4, 2013*

<http://www.prsco.info/>

### **53<sup>rd</sup> European Congress of the RSAI**

*Palermo, Italy, August 27–31, 2013*

<http://www.ersa.org/53rd-ersa-congress/>

### **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**

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

<http://www.srsa.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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