



Regional Science  
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British and Irish Section

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**43rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
and  
4th ANNUAL DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM**

**Welsh National Library,  
Aberystwyth**

19th to 21st August, 2014

**Conference Pack**

# Welcome!

Dear Participant,

The Committee of the Regional Science Association International: British and Irish Section warmly welcomes you to Aberystwyth. We hope you enjoy your stay and find the conference interesting and useful.

We are very grateful to our local organiser Maria Plotnikova and the support of colleagues in Aberystwyth University.

The RSAI-BIS welcome new members. Your conference fee includes annual membership of the Section, with all of the benefits that membership brings. Please get involved with the Section. If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to improve the Section, our annual conference or developing the Section for all members we would love to hear these. Also included in this booklet is a form to submit your name for election to the Section's committee. The committee is appointed at the AGM which takes place on Thursday afternoon. We welcome applications. The minutes of the 2013 AGM are also included in this booklet.

Please feel free to discuss any RSAI-BIS or conference matter with our Chairman Aisling Reynolds-Feighan, Treasurer Maria Abreu or myself.

On a personal note, this is the first year in my term as Secretary of the Section. I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow officers Aisling Reynolds-Feighan and Maria Abreu, the committee and members for their help and support in this first year. In particular, my predecessor, Declan Jordan, has been an invaluable source of help and clarification.

I look forward to working with committee and the membership as the Section goes from strength to strength.

***Kristinn Hermansson***  
**Secretary**

Dear Delegate,

As Chair of the Section, I would like to welcome you to Aberystwyth and to the Welsh National Library. We are delighted to see so many delegates from the UK and Ireland, as well as many from further afield in Europe, the US, Australia and New Zealand. This promises to be a terrific conference and we are very happy to welcome you all to Wales.

Dr Maria Plotnikova is the local organiser for this year's conference. We are very grateful to Maria for the fine job that she has done in preparing for the event. She has been supported by a new committee and many thanks to them for their input. Dr Kristinn Hermannsson, our secretary, has also been working hard on our behalf to help in the preparations for this year's conference.

As usual among the features of this year's conference are:

- The Early Career Prize for the Best Paper (for those within 3 years of a PhD).
- The Early Career Prize for Best Presentation (for those prior to PhD). Short-listed candidates are presenting on Wednesday.
- The Moss Madden Medal for the best journal paper on a regional science topic published by a member of the Section.

Winners of all three prizes will be presented at the Conference Dinner on Thursday night.

Many thanks to members of the Section for their support in adjudicating these prizes. Special thanks to Professor Kim Swales for his work on the Moss Madden Medal Award.

We are very happy to welcome our plenary speakers. This year we bring some very distinguished speakers and, on behalf of the section I'd like to thank them for giving of their time.

Professor Geoffrey Hewings from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will deliver a lecture on Wednesday entitled "Unraveling the Internal Complexity of a Metropolitan Economy". Professor Hewings has been a strong supporter of the British and Irish Section for the past 40 years and we very much look forward to his lecture.

On Thursday, Professor Max Munday from Cardiff University will deliver his plenary lecture entitled "Inward Investment in Wales 1970- 2010: A survey with the benefit of hindsight". Professor Munday also has a long association with the Section and we look forward to his presentation.

Both of the plenary lectures are sponsored by the Section's journal, *Spatial Economic Analysis*. The journal has gone from strength to strength under the excellent stewardship of Professor Bernard Fingleton, the founding editor. We are very pleased to showcase our outstanding journal during the conference and support the wonderful work done by the management and editorial teams.

The British and Irish Section encourages the involvement of doctoral students and early career researchers. The annual Doctoral Colloquium will take place on Tuesday afternoon. We welcome our new student members and first time presenters and hope that they will continue to be involved with the RSAIBIS.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section will take place on Wednesday at 4.30pm. We would encourage you to come to the meeting and consider joining the committee. A nomination form is included in your delegate pack. The committee has worked very diligently to support the Section's membership this year and I very much appreciate and enjoy working with such an enthusiastic and lively group of colleagues.

Thank you for participating in our annual conference. We hope you find the experience both academically rewarding and enjoyable socially.

Best Wishes

Aisling Reynolds-Feighan  
Chair

## **Our Association**

Regional Science is an expanding field devoted to the development of theory and method in urban and regional analysis and policy. It has a conscious aim of cutting across the traditional disciplinary approaches to these issues. The British & Irish Section of the Regional Science Association International was founded in 1968. The membership is drawn, in the main, from academics, consultants and scientists in local and national government, who share an interest in spatial issues. They come from a range of disciplines including economics, geography and planning.

### **Our Main Activities**

- Organisation of an annual conference, workshops and seminars;
- Award of an annual prize, the Moss Madden Memorial Medal;
- Award of annual prizes for undergraduate, taught masters and research postgraduate students in regional science;
- Award of Early Career / Doctoral Prize for Best Presentation at the Annual Conference;
- Award of Prize for Best Paper at the Annual Conference;
- Organise joint meetings (every four years) with the Israeli Section of RSAI.

The Section is run by a committee of thirteen elected members. The committee may co-opt a further three members. The Chairman and the committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held during the Annual Conference each year. The conduct of the business of the Section is governed by the Constitution.

**We are continually seeking new elected members of our committee. If you are interested in becoming an elected member then please contact our Chairman (Aisling Reynolds-Feighan), Treasurer (Maria Abreu) and/or Secretary (Kristinn Hermannsson) in the first instance.**

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# **General Information**

### *The Conference Venue*

The conference will be held in the National Library of Wales. This is located on Penglais Road, overlooking the town centre of Aberystwyth. All of the sessions will take place within the National Library of Wales. The library's website is: <http://www.llgc.org.uk/en>. Library Parking is available for £2 per day and the £2 are redeemable at the library shop.

### *Dining at the Conference*

There are breaks each day for tea and coffee which will be as timed on the programme. Lunch will be served each day. These are included in the conference fee.

### *Meet and Greet, Tuesday, 19.08.2014*

There will be a Meet and Greet social event in the Scholars pub in Aberystwyth on Tuesday night after the Doctoral Colloquium from 19:00 onwards. This will be an opportunity for new and old colleagues to meet in an informal atmosphere. More detail on this pub is available here: <http://www.scholarsaber.co.uk/> Italian and traditional pub food is served. The event is not included in the conference fee.

### *Social Event, Wednesday 20.08.2014*

The social event on Wednesday evening will include a walking tour of Aberystwyth guided by Michael Freeman, the former curator at the Ceredigion museum followed by a ride on the Cliff Railway (<http://www.aberystwythcliff railway.co.uk/>) up to the Y Consti restaurant at the top of the Constitution Hill. The walking tour starts from the seafront end of Terrace Rd at 18:45 and finishes at the entrance to Cliff Railway. A two-course dinner included in the conference fee will be served (dessert is available at extra charge). The restaurant kindly asks that the delegates get their drinks at the bar on arrival. If you wish to bring an accompanying person (not a delegate) this can be booked on the conference website registration page.

### *Conference Dinner, Thursday 21.08.2014*

The conference dinner will take place on Thursday night of the conference and will be held at Nanteos mansion in Rhydyfelin, just outside Aberystwyth. The dinner is preceded by a drinks reception at the same venue sponsored Spatial Economic Analysis. For details on the dinner venue see: <http://www.nanteos.com/> A coach will pick up delegates from Aberystwyth bus station at 19:00. This event is included in the conference fee. If you wish to bring an accompanying person (not a delegate) this can be booked on the conference website registration page.





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**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 at 4.30 p.m.**

**National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth  
(Drwm Room)**

**Agenda**

- 1. Minutes of 2013 AGM**
- 2. Chair's Report**
- 3. Treasurers Report**
- 4. European Matters**
- 5. *Spatial Economic Analysis* Journal Report**
- 6. Election of Committee, 2014/15**
- 7. AOB**

Nominations for the Committee will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday August 20th.



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### **NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE**

Members are encouraged to stand for election to the Committee.

If you would like to be considered for membership of the committee for 2014/15 please complete the details below and submit it to the Secretary, Kristinn Hermannsson, by Wednesday August 20th at 3 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Each committee member must be proposed and seconded by a member of the Section.

Proposer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Proposer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Proposer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Programme

Please note that the programme may be subject to minor revisions and delegates should refer to the registration desk where a daily updated programme will be posted.