

## 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

### Conference Overview<sup>80</sup>

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Regional Science Association International was held by the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration – West University of Timisoara and the Romanian Regional Science Association in Timisoara, Romania in May 9-12, 2012. The Conference entitled “Changing Spatial Patterns in a Globalizing World” has been organized in association with Timis County Council, Timisoara Municipality, Timis Prefecture, West Regional Development Agency and Timisoara Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.



The chair of the Congress was Roberta Capello and the members of the Scientific Committee, who have contributed to and participated in, were Dorel Ailenei, Åke E. Anderson, Richard Arnott, Patricio Aroca, Carmen Babaita, Antoine Bailly, Peter W. J. Batey, Ewa Bojar, David Boyce, Roberta Capello, Michel Carroll, John I. Carruthers, Richard Church, Graham Clarke, Daniela L. Constantin, Paul Dalziel, Tomaz Dentinho, Alessandra Faggian, Manfred M. Fischer, Henk Folmer, Grzegorz Gorzelak, Eduardo Haddad, Geoffrey J. D. Hewings, Yoshiro Higano, Takeo Ihara, Romeo V. Ionescu, Dorin Jula, Yoshitsugu Kanemoto, Charlie Karlsson, Tschango John Kim, Jan Kowalski, Johan Lundberg, Gunther Maier, Phil McCann, Peter Nijkamp, Jan Oosterhaven, Jean Paelinck, Alexander Pelyasov, Marilen Pirtea, Mark Partridge, John M. Quigley, Aura Reggiani, Laura Resmini, Piet Rietveld, Danni Shefer, Hiroyuki Shibusawa, Robert J. Stimson, Roger R. Stough, Ioan Talpos, Jean Claude Thill, André Torre, Maciej Turala, Jouke van Dijk, Anthony Venables, Eric Verhoef and Hans Westlund.

The Conference was separated into seven special sessions:

- ✓ The New Urban World
- ✓ NECTAR I – Equity in Networks
- ✓ NECTAR II – Modelling Accessibility in Spatial-Economic Networks
- ✓ Transport and Logistics in a Globalizing World
- ✓ Territorial development and governance of rural and periurban areas
- ✓ FDI in Europe: how is it going?
- ✓ Spatial Modeling and Location Analysis

During this Congress themes have been discussed including “Emerging challenges for Regional Development”, “Vision and management of sustainable cities”, “Rural and local development”, “Accessibility, infrastructure and regional economic growth”, “Social capital and regional development”, “Agglomeration, clusters, congestion and policy”, “Learning from failures in European Regional Policy”, “Crisis of Public Finances”, “Governance and Regional Development”, “Globalization and Regional competitiveness”, “Cross-border cooperation and development”, “Migration, cultural networks and regional development”, “Social segregation poverty and social policy”, “Spatial issues of the labor market”, “Climate change and sustainable regional development”, “Entrepreneurship, networks and innovation”, “Innovation, knowledge economy and regional development”, “Geographical information systems and spatial analysis”, “Spatial econometrics”, “New frontiers in regional science: theory and methodology”, “Infrastructure, transports and communications”, “Land use real estate and housing markets”, “Location studies”, “Tourism, Cultural Industries and regional development”, “Urban governance and cities regeneration” and “Territorial marketing”.

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