

RSAmericas Council Meeting
11:30 pm-1:00pm, Thursday, February 12, 2009
Almirante Estelar Hotel
Cartagena, Colombia

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mario Polese
Mark Partridge
Jean-Claude Thill
Patricio Aroca
Eduardo Haddad

OBSERVED - INVITED

Carlos Azzoni, Brazil
Roberta Capello, President RSAI, Italy
Luis Galvis, CEER, Chile
Daisuke Nakamura, IDEAR, Chile
Normand Asuad, AMECINDER, Mexico
Harold Banguero, Colombia

Regrets: Maureen Kilkenny

Topics:

1. Future RSAmericas Conferences

Proposal (accepted) for

NARSC 2011 in Miami, USA – Joint meeting with RSAmericas – November
Chile 2013 RSAmericas and proposing PRSCO to make a joint meeting at the same time.

2. Web site:

- a. www.rsamericas.org
- b. FIPE will support the development, will be multilingual with the help of the sections of different languages
- c. Wait for changes in RSAI site to launch HP

3. Activities of member organizations

- a. Brazil will host its 7th conference in September (9-11); will try tighter procedure for evaluation of papers
- b. Chile – Joint conference SOCHER and SECHI – September 3,4 and 5th 2009
- c. NARSC – next meeting in San Francisco

4. Update on sections in other Americas countries: Mexico, Colombia, Colombia

- a. MEXICO – Represented by Normand Asuad, Vicepresident of AMECINDER he states:

- i. AMECIDER is interested in participate in RSAmericas.
 - ii. AMECIDER has been having regular meetings since 14 years ago.
 - iii. Jean-Claude Thill proposes to invite formally to AMECIDER become part of RSAmericas and second by Mario Polese and it is approved by unanimity.
 - iv. AMECIDER will send a proposal, after internal deliberation.
 - b. COLOMBIA
 - i. Harold Banguero speaks on behalf of the organization that is leading the creation of the Colombian Section of the Regional Science Association.
 - ii. They have a formal institution, recognized by the Colombian State, called ASCER (Asociacion Colombiana de Estudios Regionales – Colombian Association of Regional Studies) which is not active. They expect to rebuild this organization and become part of RSAmericas and PRSCO.
 - iii. Jean-Claude Thill proposes to ask a report for the Council to be presented in the San Francisco Meeting, November 2009, showing the results of the tasks aiming at rebuilding ASCER.
 - c. ARGENTINA
 - i. Thill reports on recent developments of the creation of the Argentinean section. Very promising.
5. Next Council Meeting to be held in San Francisco, during NARSC conference.