

The 9th International Conference of the RRSA - Galati, April 2013

Some words from the Executive Director of the Regional Science Association International

Dear Colleagues,

First of all many thanks for the invitation to participate in the 9th International Conference of the RRSA in Galati. The financial crises in Portugal does not allow me to be with you during these days but, somehow, I am you in our duty to promote sustainable development; through common dreams, shared methodologies, effective interdisciplinary dialogues and committed responsibilities to people and places. Many thanks Daniela and all the other colleagues with whom we have the pleasure to be friends through this global work of science and peace as Walter Isard thought about.

We are more than 4000 colleagues around the world in more than 40 countries and we are expanding steadily both in quantity and in quality. In quantity we hope to reach 5000 members within one or two years. In quality our conferences, journals and courses are also thriving in the quality of the papers presented, but we want to go further in the humble process of involving people through trust and service. We hope to have China and some African countries on board during 2013, there are some promising mobilizations around the Mediterranean, there is and Ibero-American regional science network in formation,....and something has being done with the Romanians around the Black Sea and in the Balkans. In the last months very interesting and promising email exchanges were done with Ukrania and Armenia and I knew from Daniela Constantin that Bulgarian and Serbian colleagues are also very interested in joining ERSA and RSAI. We trust in you to have them on board.

The rules are very simple: - with 10 Euros per person per year paid to RSAI, and 250 Euros per section to ERSA, members will have access to the two RSAI journals, to reduced fees in every RSAI conference, to be elected for RSAI and ERSA boards that approve the budgets and the accounts and, mainly, to be part of a very nice scientific community where information, knowledge and, through friendship, also wisdom and Grace is available.

And we want to provide more since we know – from our own experience as members - that every single member should fill the benefit of being part of this challenging scientific network. We want to provide more Summer Courses around the world with very high quality for young researchers, we want to provide access to more regional science journals, we want to announce globally each local activity and vice-versa, we want to promote and qualify regional science courses around the world. As I said in the beginning we want to promote sustainable development through common dreams, shared methodologies, effective interdisciplinary dialogues and committed responsibilities for people and places.

Many thanks for listening. Please send us the information and knowledge you gathered in the Conference. With Grace I hope I can get also some of the wisdom you shared.

All the best,

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