

## **REPORT ON THE PhD WORKSHOP IN REGIONAL SCIENCE – “NURTURING NEW TALENT”**

On May 19-20, 2016 the PhD Workshop in Regional Science entitled “Nurturing New Talent” took place at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (BUES), Romania. It was supported by the Regional Science Association International and organised by the Romanian Regional Science Association (RRSA) in collaboration with the Faculty of Administration and Public Management (FAPM) of BUES.

The workshop started with the Opening Ceremony in the Aula Magna of the BUES. After the “Gaudeamus Igitur” hymn, speeches were delivered by the local organisers – Prof.Dr. Nicolae Istudor, Rector of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (represented by Prof. Dr. Dorel Mihai Paraschiv – Vice-Rector) and Prof.Dr. Elvira Nica, Dean of the Faculty of Administration and Public Management, by Prof.Dr. Daniela L. Constantin, President of the Romanian Regional Science Association as well as by Prof.Dr. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, President of the Regional Science Association International.

Two Plenary Sessions hosted four outstanding keynote speeches delivered by Prof.Dr. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, London School of Economics, RSAI President, Prof.Dr. Tomaz Dentinho, University of Azores, RSAI Executive Director and Mrs. Aura Raducu, Former Romanian Minister of European Funds – on May 19 and by Prof.Dr. André Torre – INRA and University Paris-Saclay, ERSI Vice-President and member of the RSAI Council – on May 20.

16 PhD students from Bucharest as well as from other Romanian cities with important academic and research communities (e.g. Timisoara, Iasi, Suceava) presented the preliminary results from their ongoing PhD research in five paper presentation sessions, offering a relevant image of the productive explorations in regional science undertaken by the Romanian young scientists. The keynote speakers as well as Romanian professors acting as PhD advisors, together with scientific researchers – most of them also RRSA members - from Bucharest, Timisoara, Cluj-Napoca, Pitesti and other cities and FAMP professors served as excellent chairs and audience members, stimulating effervescent debates and offering valuable suggestions to the PhD students.

At the Closing Ceremony each PhD student received a certificate of participation signed by the Rector of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, the RSAI President and the RRSA President. Also, all PhD students have been urged to apply for RRSA and RSAI membership and have been advised to submit their papers to the Romanian Journal of Regional Science and other regional science-related journals and to participate in the future regional science meetings organised in Romania and abroad.

To conclude, the workshop has been a complete success, the participation of all key actors being gratefully acknowledged. Special thanks go to the RSAI and the local organisers for their invaluable support!