

Paper Submission

Papers relevant to the theme of the 10th PRSCO Summer Institute are hereby invited from regional science scholars and researchers.

Please submit an abstract (around 400 words) stating clearly the aim and major results of the work by February 15, 2008. Mail your submission in MS Word format to mzaman@urp.buet.ac.bd with 'PRSCO paper' as the subject. Abstracts must also contain the complete list of authors, their affiliations and e-mail address.

Upon acceptance of the abstract, the final paper may be submitted by March 31, 2008. Further instructions may be posted at the BRSA website.

Registration

- Foreign : US\$ 200
(Including conference proceedings, lunch and refreshments)
: US\$ 50 for field trip (optional)
- Local : Tk. 1200 (Tk. 1000 for students)
(Including conference proceedings and refreshments)
: Tk. 1000 for each lunch (optional)

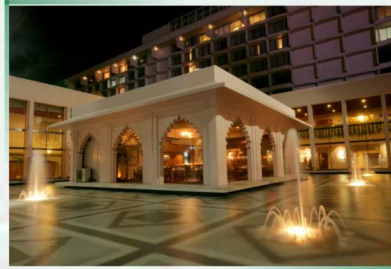
For further details regarding remittance of registration fees, please contact BRSA at the given address.

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Accommodation

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel will provide rooms at concessionary rates to participants of the Summer Institute. Please contact the hotel directly for reservations (e-mail: reserve.dac@panpacific.com or sales.dac@panpacific.com). BRSA may help in arranging reservations in other hotels upon request.

Key Dates

PRSCO Summer Institute : May 15-17, 2008
Abstract submission : By February 15, 2008
Notification of acceptance : By February 28, 2008
Final paper submission : By March 31, 2008

About Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA)

The prime objective of establishing BRSA as an association of regional scientists in Bangladesh is bringing together and fostering interdisciplinary interaction among regional science scholars in the country. It is expected that BRSA will function in close collaboration with widely known international body, The Regional Science Association International.

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Introduction

The Summer Institute of PRSCO is a biennial international conference that brings together members of PRSCO and other persons with an interest in Regional Science and related fields to discuss research advances, current issues, and new frontiers of knowledge in Regional Science and Regional Development. The previous two Summer Institutes were held in September 2004 in Chile, hosted by the Regional Science Groups in Chile and in July 2006 in Malaysia, hosted by the Malaysia Regional Science Association (MRSA). The 10th Summer Institute of PRSCO is going to be held in Bangladesh in May 2008 hosted by Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA).

Theme

Regional development and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is the theme of the 10th PRSCO Summer Institute (2008) in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The main objective is to reshape the goals and approaches of growth and development and harness the fruits of innovations in regional science towards better understanding of the problems of economic and spatial development.

United Nations (UN) has declared eight goals to be incorporated and achieved by all the member countries (including many developing countries in the Pacific Rim and elsewhere) through their overall development framework with the help and cooperation from global and local bodies.

While nations are making efforts to achieve the goals and targets stated therein in their own ways- mainly sporadically, planners, economists, geographers, sociologists, environmentalists, gender specialists, international and local development organizations and agencies and others are urging for an integrated and coordinated development approach.

Again, common problems encompassing from health, housing, land use, poverty, disparity etc. and their consequent and cumulative challenges have led to emergence of renewed interest in collective strategic response, both spatial and aspatial.

Thus there is a new need for redefining the role and scope of regional policies. And all these are required to be carefully calibrated with the innovative decision making of the responsive governance mechanisms at local, national and multinational levels.

This conference will try to address all the real life concerns expressed in MDGs from a broader and regional perspective and will at least (but not the last) try to focus on the following sub-themes.

Redefining the role and scope of regional planning and policies to meet the challenges of globalization

- Concepts, theories and practices
- Sectoral versus spatial development
- Problems and potentials of redefinition and restructuring
- Converging GloCal (global and local) economies: Changing aspects in regional and trans-boundary collaborations
- New tools, techniques and approaches

Attaining the Millennium Development Goals: The need for efficient, equitable and sustainable regional growth and development

- Poverty reduction
- Development of basic education and healthcare
- Gender equality and empowerment of women
- Environmental sustainability
- Transport and logistics
- Housing and land use
- Water and environmental sanitation
- Urban-rural linkage and migration
- Disaster management and increasing the coping capacity of the poor people

Good governance and regional development

- Institutional arrangement for regional development and democratic decision making
- Transparency in regional development policies
- Global forces and local responses
- Multicultural and Multinational initiatives
- E- Governance and improved decision making for local and regional development
- Local governance reform
- Capacity building for development authorities and sectoral agencies