



34th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International

Rydges on Swanston Melbourne, Australia, 7-10 December 2010

ANZRSAI is pleased to announce it has confirmed the following keynote speakers at its 34th annual conference on the theme *Innovation and Regions: Theory, Practice and Policy*.

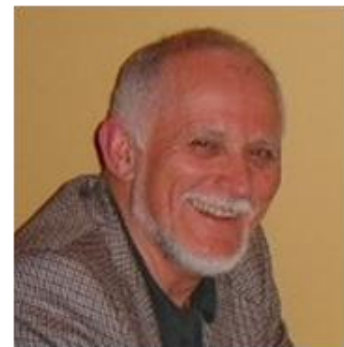
Professor Brian Dabson *Rural Regional Innovation*



Brian Dabson is Vice President of the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), Director of the RUPRI Rural Futures Lab, and Research Professor at the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri, Columbia. He is Board Chair of the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship and a member of the Community Affairs Advisory Council at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He has over 30 years of experience in public, private, and non-profit sectors and is recognized nationally and internationally for his work on entrepreneurship development, particularly in a rural context.

Professor Bob Stimson *Australia's Changing Economic Geography Revisited*

Professor Bob Stimson is Professor of Geographical Sciences and Planning at the University of Queensland and Program Director in the UQ Institute of Social Science Research (ISSR). He is an analytical human geographer and regional scientist, specialising in urban and regional analysis, development and planning and research into human spatial behaviour. Bob was elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia in 2007 and was elected a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International in 2010, the first Australian to be honoured with this prestigious award.



Dr Daniel Rutledge *The 'Creating Futures' Regional Science Project*



Daniel Rutledge is a senior scientist with the Sustainability and Society Team in Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research in Hamilton, New Zealand. His research uses the principles and theories of landscape ecology and complex systems analysis to better understand coupled human-natural systems, develop multi-scale models to explore future scenarios of development, and integrate new knowledge and methods into policy and decision-making, especially related to spatial planning and land-use/cover change. Daniel is Science Leader for the four-year FRST-funded research project, *Creating Futures*, in New Zealand.

Special Session on Developments in ABS Regional Statistics

Chaired by Andrea Woods

Assistant Director, Rural and Regional Statistics National Centre, ABS

The conference will include a special session on Developments in Regional Statistics within the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). ABS is Australia's national statistical agency, providing statistics on a wide range of economic, social, population and environmental matters. This special session will cover recent developments, including:

- **Lisa Conolly** outlining work by the ABS Rural and Regional Statistics National Centre on regional income, and on-line access to regional statistics
- **Alec Bamber** explaining the introduction in 2011 of new ABS geographical boundaries for the presentation of regional statistics; and
- **Jenny Telford** describing plans for the 2011 Census of Population and Housing.

The home page for the 2010 conference is hosted at the Association's own home page at www.anzrsai.org. **To register for the conference**, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=conference&id=15319&categorykey=0815D35A%2D1DD6%2D4BC9%2DBF15%2D762FC2189981&clear=1>

Please note: Early bird registration ends on 7 October.

Conference Accommodation

There is a wide range of accommodation options available close to the conference venue of Rydges on Swanston. The conference organisers have arranged for reduced accommodation rates of \$180 per night at Rydges on Swanston, and this is also the venue for the conference dinner on 9 December. To book this special rate, please go directly to the hotel's website for conference bookings at <http://www.rydges.com/cwp/anzrsai>.

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