



36th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International

University of Wollongong, Australia, 4-7 December 2012

ANZRSAI is pleased to announce it has confirmed the following keynote speakers at its 36th annual conference on the theme *Connecting Regions: Research, Practice and Policy*.

Professor Mario Polèse *The Wealth and Poverty of Regions: Why Cities Matter*



Mario Polèse holds a Senior Canada Research Chair in Urban and Regional Studies at the Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS) in Montréal. Mario is Senior Adjunct Professor in the School of Urban Planning at McGill University and Co-Director of the Laboratoire d'Analyse Spatiale et d'Économie Régionale (see www.inrs.ca/english/mario-polese). He is the author of *The Wealth and Poverty of Regions: Why Cities Matter*, published by University of Chicago Press in 2010.

Professor Graham Clarke *The Potential of Microsimulation in Regional Science*

Graham Clarke is Professor in the School of Geography at the University of Leeds, UK. His research interests include GIS, urban services, retail and business geography, urban modelling and continuing professional education (see www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/people/gclarke/cv.html). Graham was Executive Director of the Regional Science Association International from 2004 to 2010, for which he received the Hirotada Kohno Award for Outstanding Service in 2011.



Dom Figliomeni *Port Growth and Regional Development*



Dom Figliomeni is Chief Executive Officer of the Port Kembla Port Corporation, a position he has held since 2005. In that role Dom has been responsible for developing and planning the port for the future. This work included the building of the new \$167million port facilities officially opened by the Premier of New South Wales in November 2008. Prior to this appointment Dom was Chief Executive Officer of the Bunbury Port Authority, a position he held for twelve years. Dom is a director of the Illawarra Business Chamber and the University of Wollongong.

Gary Bowditch and Pascal Perez *SMART Infrastructure*

Garry Bowditch is inaugural CEO of the University of Wollongong's SMART Infrastructure Facility. He is an Expert Panel Member of the Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortia at Oxford University, Board Member of the Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network, a Director of the Smart Services Cooperative Research Centre, Transport Specialist on the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan Advisory Group, and member of the Australia Pacific Economic Cooperation Committee to advise on regional trade and investment initiatives.



Professor Pascal Perez is Professor of Modelling and Simulation in the SMART Infrastructure Facility of the University of Wollongong. SMART is the national centre for infrastructure solutions. Pascal is a world leader in participatory modelling of complex systems. Before joining the University of Wollongong, he was a Team Leader at CSIRO and an Associate Professor at the Australian National University. Professor Pascal Perez has 20 years of experience working in South East Asia, Western Africa, Pacific Island Countries and Australia.

David Morgan Williams *Initiating Leadership Thinking to Connect Regional Centres*

Dr David Morgan Williams is Director of WILLIAMS DEANE a leadership development consultancy, having spent the majority of his working career in the human resources and the recruitment industry. He has held, and continues to hold, numerous leadership roles in regional development and community engagement. David holds a Doctor of Business Administration, is a Fellow of the University of Wollongong and his research interests lay in the field of leader selection and development.



Nieves Murray *Title to be confirmed*



Nieves Murray is the Chief Executive of IRT, one of Australia's largest community based seniors lifestyle and care providers. IRT began in the Illawarra as a truly community based, non-denominational, seniors lifestyle and care provider and for over 40 years has maintained this foundation. Nieves has worked in aged care since 1985. Before joining IRT in 1992 she held positions in health and local government. She was appointed to the role of Chief Executive in October 2006 after a two-year break from IRT working in the commercial sector.

The conference committee is inviting contributions from academics, practitioners and policy advisors on any aspect of regional science for the contributed papers sessions at the conference. The programme will include *academic papers* (which may be peer reviewed), *PowerPoint presentations* and *special sessions* on topics in regional science theory, regional development practice or regional planning policy.

The conference includes an Awards Dinner at the venue on Thursday 6 December, at which the following awards will be made.

- The John Dickinson Memorial Award for Best Paper in *AJRS*
- The ANZRS AI Award for Best Conference Paper
- The ANZRS AI Award for Best Conference Paper by a Student

Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by 7 September and early bird registration ends on 21 September.

The home page for the 2012 conference is hosted at the Association's own home page at www.anzrsai.org. There are two separate websites available to submit an abstract and to register, as follows:

A. To submit an abstract, please go to:

www.conferenceonline.com.au/index.cfm?page=booking&object=abstract&forceHB=1&id=261

B. To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=conference&id=16916&categorykey=779B1408%2D6290%2D4B06%2DA06B%2D7D7916BD9304&clear=1>

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