

## CALL FOR APPLICATION - RSA CONFERENCE BURSARIES

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Regional Studies announces a Call for Application for those individual applicants who are interested in participating in the Regional Studies Association's 2010 Annual International Conference "**Regional Responses to Global Shifts: Actors, Institutions and Organisations**" 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Pécs, Hungary.

### WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?

The financial support is offered for:

- non-RSA members: RSA membership fee **and** conference fee
- RSA members: special-rate conference fee

### HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the attached application form with your proposed conference paper abstract and CV. Applicants may also include any relevant publications on their previous work that they think will support their application.

### WHAT ARE THE FORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF ABSTRACTS?

Abstracts should be between 200 and 400 words which – when selected - will form the submission to the conference abstract volume which carries an ISBN. Papers which are collaborative, international or multi-disciplinary are especially welcome. Papers should be more than descriptive.

### WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBLE THEMES?

- Innovative strategies and practices of firms in regional development
- Labour markets and labour organisations and their continued relevance for regional development
- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) and Civil Society Organisations (CSO): facilitators of regional development?
- Regional policies: government and quasi-government initiatives
- Reassessing EU Regional Policy
- People in regions: leadership, collective action and regional development
- Financing regions: global financial crisis and beyond?
- Cooperation across borders
- Global environmental change and the future of regional development
- Theory and research in regional studies
- Spatial planning in cities and regions
- Experience economy and experience society. Culture, leisure and experiences in spatial strategies
- Creative regions in a creative economy
- Regional policy and development in Southern, Central and Eastern Europe

<http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/2010/may-pecs/cfp.pdf>



**WHAT IS THE DEADLINE OF APPLICATION?**

The completed documentation (in the English language) must be received on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 by electronic mail to [lux@rkk.hu](mailto:lux@rkk.hu)

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Academics, PhD students and those working in policy and practice may apply.
- Applicants must be residents of one of the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey or Ukraine;
- Applicants must be under the age of 45 years.

**WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

For further information and details on the conference visit: [www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk](http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk) or contact [sule@rkk.hu](mailto:sule@rkk.hu).

**WHAT ARE THE FOCUS AND SELECTION CRITERIA?**

The bursaries will be given in preference to eligible candidates coming from European non-EU member states. The best abstracts will be accepted provided that they address the conference themes and meet quality thresholds. An expected maximum of 30 applicants will be selected on the basis of the quality of the submitted materials and with regard to the geographical balance of participants.

**WHO WILL DECIDE?**

The bursary decision process will be managed between the HAS Centre for Regional Studies and the Regional Studies Association's Hungarian Branch.

Members of the Evaluation committee:

- Prof Gyula Horváth, president of the Hungarian Regional Science Association
- Ass. Prof. Attila Korompai, chairman of the Hungarian Branch of the RSA

Prof. Attila Varga, director of the Institute of Regional Science and Economics, University of Pécs, member of the board of the HRSA

**WHEN WILL I GET NOTIFICATION? WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES?**

All applicants will be notified via e-mail following the decision of Selection Board. Notifications to candidates will be sent no later than 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2010.

Beneficiaries must register for the conference by email via the RSA conference office on [events@rsa-ls.ac.uk](mailto:events@rsa-ls.ac.uk) by: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Successful applicants must submit a full paper in time for entry to the Best International Conference Paper Award – no later than Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Successful candidates shall notify the HAS CRS about their travel arrangements no later than: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010