

November 19, 2009

**Sociedad de Economía Regional (SAER)  
Argentina  
Report to the RSAI**

1. Beginning in January 2009, a list of professionals/researchers that work in the area of regional economics was generated. There was great interest in the creation of the organization.
2. Since then, different steps have been taken to formalize the status of the organization:
  - Bylaws of the organization were presented for approval in the city of Viedma, Provincia de Rio Negro (bylaws are attached). The approval is just a matter of time.
  - The Board of Directors has been established for 2 years.
3. The Argentinean Association of Political Economy (AAEP in Spanish, <http://www.aaep.org.ar/>) organized its annual Conference in Mendoza, November 18-20. One of the sessions of the Conference was on Regional Economics. The SAER was in charge of the organization/coordination of this session.
4. Daniel Heyman, President of the AAEP, opened the session with Pedro Elosegui, President of SER. Three papers were presented in this session (members of the organization presented papers in other sessions; Osvaldo Meloni, Vice-President of SER, coordinated some of them).
5. Session coordinated by SER. Coordinator: Pedro Elosegui (BCRA/UNLP). Papers presented:
  - Anastasi Alejandra(\*), Blanco Emilio (\*); Elosegui Pedro Luis(\*\*), Sangiácomo Máximo (\*)/(\*)BCRA, (\*\*)BCRA/UNLP - Determinantes de la disponibilidad regional de servicios bancarios en Argentina. Comentarista: Maria Florencia Granato (Universidad de Rio Cuarto)
  - Viego Valentina (UNS) Rendimientos crecientes, costos de transporte y eslabonamientos verticales en un modelo de crecimiento regional guiado por la demanda. Comentarista: Pedro Elosegui (BCRA)
  - Granato María Florencia (Universidad Nacional de Río Cuarto) A Review of the Literature on 'Regional' New Economic Geography. Comentarista: Maria Cecilia Gáname (UNC)
5. The organization held its second Assembly Meeting (during the Conference) on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm. New members attended the meeting, including researchers and professionals from Mendoza, Bahia Blanca, Cordoba, Salta, etc.
6. Conclusions from the meeting:
  - Create the organization's website. The Universidad Nacional de San Martin (UNSAM) offered IT assistance and offered to design the webpage. The webpage will allow the organization to share information, post an updated directory of members of the organization, post papers, publicize grants, and projects, etc.
  - Next Assembly Meeting will take place in November 2010 at the UNSAM campus (before the Annual AAEP Conference).
  - A motion to organize an Annual Award to recognize research conducted in the area of Regional Economics was approved. Members will look for sponsors.

- An Academic Committee will be in charge of recognizing national (and/or international ) researchers that have contributed with their work in the area of Regional Economics.
- The annual membership will be AR\$120.
- The Board was instructed to advance in the formal affiliation of the SER with the RSAI.

Colleagues from Uruguay will be invited to be part of the organization