

## Regional development and globalization: Best practices

### Conference Overview<sup>1</sup>



The 54th ERSA congress 2014 is held by the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) under the leadership of the St Petersburg Local Organising Committee and the Scientific Committee 2014 in St Petersburg, Russia, on August 26 –29, 2014. The Conference entitled “Regional development and globalisation: Best practices” hosted in the the Smolny convent, 1/3 Smolny str and featured "benchmarking issues in regional policy and planning as well as Arctic issues in the regional development".

The Organizing Committee – Chairmen of the Conference were Igor Gorlinskii (St Petersburg State University), Victor Razbegin (SOPS) Alexander Pelyasov (Chief Scientific Secretary), Andrey Zynovyevn (St Petersburg State University), Asya Gilmanova (Monomax), Elena Margulis (Monomax) and the members of the Scientific Committee who have contributed and participated were Peter Batey, Roberta Capello, Paul Cheshire, Daniela Constantin, Juan Cuadrado Roura, Jouke van Dijk, Manfred Fischer, Henri de Groot, Geoffrey Hewings, Gunther Maier, Peter Nijkamp, Yannis Psycharis, Laura Resmini, Andres Rodriguez-Pose, Andre Torre, Attila Varga, Hans Westlund.

The Conference was separated into 22 special sessions:

- New frontiers in Regional science
- Regional economic growth and development
- Urban sprawl and shrinkage
- Regional and urban labor markets
- Regional and urban policy, planning and governance. Best practices
- Location of economic activity
- Entrepreneurship, small business and regional diversity
- Multinational corporations, social embeddedness/alienation
- Institutional factors in regional and urban development
- Migrations, diasporas, and aging in the regions
- Spatial econometrics and regional economic modelling
- Spatial agglomerations - economic clusters and metropolitan areas
- Innovations in space
- Tourism and regional experience economy
- Realty and housing markets
- Arctic and Northern frontier regions
- Natural environment, resources, and sustainable development
- Infrastructure, transport, communications for mobile regions
- Social segregation, poverty, and social policy in space
- Regional finances, investments and capital markets
- Transitional economies
- Regional cooperation and competition

---

<sup>1</sup> Conference overview by Nicolaos Hasanagas