

PRRES Newsletter

June 2019



Message from the President

Greetings to all PRRES Members! We are now half way through 2019 and preparation for the 2020 Conference in Canberra is already well underway thanks to the hard work of Hera Antoniadou. The conference in Canberra is a break with tradition in that it is located in a city in which we do not have a strong university presence and so organisation by Hera from UTS is undertaken remotely with the help of a Canberra based conference organiser. I look forward to meeting you all for what I am sure will be yet another interesting and informative annual conference.

The 2019 conference in Melbourne marked a significant milestone for PRRES as it marked the 25th anniversary of PRRES and was the 25th annual conference. I unfortunately had to miss the conference due to a last-minute family emergency but thank Chyi Lin Lee for stepping in at the last minute to take on my role. I would also like to thank Chris Heywood and Bill Dimovski for all the hard work they put into making the conference a success. It was particularly pleasing to award the PRRES Achievement Award not to a single individual as is the usual practice but to four outstanding individuals who have supported PRRES from the very first conference and attended virtually every conference barring those where exceptional family circumstances prevented attendance. Congratulations to Peter Rossini, University of South Australia, John MacFarlane (Ret'd), Graeme Newell, Western Sydney University and Chris Eves, RMIT University for their support and dedication to PRRES.

PRRES also presented other awards and scholarships at the conference, and the recipients are mentioned within this newsletter. A special thank you to Peddy Pi Ying Lai who received the Meritorious Service Award. Peddy is the past president and worked tirelessly for PRRES during her term as president and managed to attract new members and sponsorships for the society.

Many of you will be aware that the Australian Business Deans Council is undertaking a review of the ABDC Journal Ranking List. We are all driven by our publication record and coerced into publishing in the highest ranked journals. Property

journals are poorly represented within the ABDC list with no A* journals and only a couple of A journals in which we can publish. The Pacific Rim Property Research Journal is currently ranked by the ABDC as a C journal which somewhat limits the papers that are submitted. This year with the support of the Editor David Parker and publisher Taylor and Francis we are hoping the ABDC review will at long last recognise the importance of property research and upgrade our society's journal. I would like to thank all those members that have made submissions to the ABDC in support of the journal.

Once again thank you to all PRRES members for your continued support.

Clive Warren
President PRRES

IRES Update – Academic Freedom

Recently all IRES Board members were asked to support the publication by IRES of a statement of academic freedom. For most of the PRRES membership academic freedom is a given. However, the IRES President and executive felt that we should make a clear statement supporting academic freedom in light of a recent case in which a member of the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) was named in a defamation lawsuit claiming slander because she criticized the property tax valuation method adopted in South Korea and the lack of appraisal qualifications of the public servants who calculate the values. The researcher's defence is that academic freedom allows her to make these assertions based on years of research in valuation and her expertise in the area.

While we enjoy a significant degree of academic freedom in the PRRES region we also collaborate with researchers in many other countries and present our research at international forums. We should perhaps be aware that not all regions we travel to are as tolerant of our research findings and publications. I would recommend that members read the IRES statement on academic freedom that can be downloaded at www.iresnet.net/corporate-documents/.

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25th PRRES Conference Award Winners

The following awards were presented at the 2019 PRRES conference in Melbourne. These awards recognise the contributions and achievements of PRRES members. Congratulations to the winners!

Award Winners – Certificates

PRRES Postgraduate Research Scholarship

Chuyi Xiong, University of Auckland, for the paper *“The Role of Housing Affordability in Locational Preferences of Key Workers: A Spatial Mismatch Perspective”*

PRRES Postgraduate Research Scholarship

Caroline Porto Valente, University Technology Sydney, for the paper *“Ageing Populations, Climate Change and Housing Affordability: Residential Adaptation for a Resilient Sydney”*

PRRES PhD Best Presenter on the Day

Jyoti Rao, University of Melbourne, for the paper *“An analysis of the land acquisition process and compensation methods for ‘public projects’: Comparative study of Australia, India and the UK”*

PRRES Early Researcher PhD Prize for 'Best Paper'

Erika Bartak, University of Melbourne, for the paper *“Changing the energy efficiency conversation in the Australian volume home building sector”*

Pacific Rim Property Research Journal Best Journal Paper Award

David Higgins, Birmingham City University, for the paper *“Residential property market performance and extreme risk measures”*

PRRES Best Refereed Paper Award

Pernille Christensen, University Technology Sydney, for the paper *“Where are we now? Understanding the current considerations of counter terrorism protective security when developing crowded places in Australia”*

Award Winners – Plaques

PRRES Corporate Excellence Award

Altus Group in recognition of their valued and ongoing support of PRRES.

PRRES Early Career Achievement Award

Wejendra Reddy, RMIT University

PRRES Meritorious Service Award

Peddy Pi Ying Lai, National Pingtung University, Taiwan

PRRES Achievement Award

Each of the four following recipients received the PRRES achievement award for their extensive and ongoing commitment to the society since its inception. Each of the recipients has attended at least 24 of the 25 years the society has been active. As a result of their contribution, attendance and dedication, PRRES has evolved into a vibrant and collegial society and their legacy is greatly appreciated.

Peter Rossini, University of South Australia
John MacFarlane (Ret'd)
Graeme Newell, Western Sydney University
Chris Eves, RMIT University

Membership Renewal

Renewal of your 2019 membership for PRRES Inc is now due. If you registered and attended the 2019 PRRES Inc Conference at Melbourne, Australia, your 2019 membership fees were included within your registration, and there is no need for further membership fees for 2019.

The renewal membership fee for 2019 GST inclusive is \$50.00. This has not increased from 2018. Please use the link below for all renewals, **(except full time research students)**.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=451104&>

There is a brown tab at the top right-hand side of the web page labelled “book now” – click the brown tab and follow the prompts for your name and address details, and credit card payment.

Full time research students are provided with **FREE MEMBERSHIP**. Please contact hera.antoniades@uts.edu.au for further details.

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26th PRRES Conference 2020, Canberra, Australia

The 26th PRRES annual conference will be held in Canberra, Australia, from Sunday 19th January 2020 to Wednesday 22nd January 2020, inclusive, and hosted by PRRES Inc. The theme chosen for the 2020 conference is:

The Built Environment beyond 2020

Key Dates

Submission Deadlines	Item
31 st July 2019	Abstract submission
10 th August 2019	Notification of abstract
1 st September 2019	Registration Opens
15 th September	Full paper submission
15 th October 2019	Notification of acceptance
1 st November 2019	Early-bird registration
30 th November	Last day for registration
10 th January 2020	Last day for registration

Canberra Highlights

National Museum of Australia, Australian National Botanical Gardens, Canberra Glass Works, Questacom, Lennox Gardens, Royal Australian Mint, Parliament House, National Zoo and Aquarium, Namadgi National Park, Australian War Memorial, and more.....

<http://www.events.act.gov.au>

<https://www.australia.com/en/places/canberra-and-surrounds/guide-to-canberra.html>

<https://www.canberraconvention.com.au/>

Conference details: <http://www.prres.net/>

EstateMaster Student Competition

The EstateMaster Competition has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with the PRRES community and this has carried over with the merging of EstateMaster with Altus Group. The competition prize is \$2000 cash for the winning team that can be made up of both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students.

This year is based on a site coming out of Perth, Western Australia with a focus on commercial development rather than residential. The site is interesting as it has been merged from a couple of different acquisitions therefore putting the challenge on to get creative!

We encourage all students and staff to get involved as it really does go a long way for developers when looking for students who have experience in both EstateMaster software as well as conducting a proper feasibility case analysis that would be presented to a board.

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University News

University of Technology Sydney

UTS welcomes Dr Shanaka Herath who has recently joined the School of the Built Environment as a lecturer in Property. His research interest includes housing economics, urban economics and urban planning. Shanaka has published in leading international academic journals in regional science, urban planning and real estate economics.

Landcom and Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) are working with Pernille Christensen on a project to develop 'Strategies for planning safe and secure public domains'.

A 3-year project at the Frasers Fairwater development in Sydney with ClimateKic, Frasers and Wattwatchers started in 2019. Sara Wilkinson is working with Leena Thomas in UTS Architecture to evaluate sustainable housing performance in Sydney. They are measuring energy and water consumption in 40 households, as well as human behaviour. The houses are fitted with Ground Source Heat Pumps and this is the largest evaluation of performance of this technology in Australia.

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The Algae Prototype Panel (The APP) Project, funded by the City of Sydney Innovation Grant with Arup, G James (Brisbane) and Lendlease has set up two photo bioreactor (PBR) panels on the Faculty of Science building roof in May. This technology provides solar thermal and biomass energy for buildings. Sara Wilkinson is working with C3 marine biologists on the project. They will be hosting an industry event later this year to showcase the technology.

Sara Wilkinson and Hera Antoniadis, University of Technology Sydney

RMIT University

We welcome Associate Professor Karien Dekker to the Property team at RMIT. Karien is also the HDR Director for the College of Design and Social Context and is on secondment for the next 2 years in this role. Congratulations to one of our new staff members, Dr Kwabena Mintah who has completed his PhD. Many of you will know Mintah as he has been an active participant over the last few years at the PRRES Conferences, along with being the recipient of a couple of awards along the way.

Our postgraduate students had a very successful study tour to Barcelona and London. We had some fantastic presentations and site visits, with one of the highlights including to Geovation which is a Proptech start-up incubator company. They provided many examples of successful ventures that they have helped in the start-up process. Following is their website for those that want to have a glimpse into the innovative technologies that are out there in the Proptech world. <https://geovation.uk/>

While in London we also had a great presentation by RICS and once again we need to thank them for their continuous support of us in hosting this and for setting up contacts for us. In Barcelona we hosted a 2-day seminar at RMIT Barcelona campus, which included an inaugural meeting of participants from around the world that are at the forefront of Blockchain and land registration / transfer. The seminar provided valuable insights into the challenges that we will face with using Blockchain for registering and transferring property rights. Rebecca Leshinsky did a fantastic job in setting up this seminar and bringing these world leaders from industry and academia together. We are hoping to make this an annual event so if you have a keen interest in Blockchain then keep your eye out for this next year.

We have had a good start to the year with our postgraduate student numbers continuing to increase and staff keeping busy on research projects with funding from AHURI and RICS.

Judith Callanan, RMIT University.

University of Melbourne

Jyoti Rao joined the property program at the University of Melbourne as a Lecturer in Property. Jyoti has been teaching sessionally in the Faculty for some time now and is also close to finishing her PhD in Property in the Faculty. Jyoti holds a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Real Estate from the University of Aberdeen, a Master of Planning in Urban and Regional Planning from the Centre for Environment, Planning and Technology (CEPT) University, India and a Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.) with Honours from the Government College of Architecture, India. Her areas of research are land and housing economics.

During this year's CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 4.0, the University of Melbourne students Mina Li (MProp), Fiona Huang (MProp) and Chao Feng (MConstruction), coordinated by Dr Georgia Warren-Myers, took on the challenge of linking disruptive technological impact (eg. AI, IOT, blockchain, automation) to organisation's short-and-long term corporate real estate (CRE) strategies and their proposal was the winning proposal. Master of Property students (Yingqi Wang, Clarybelle Loi, Chengya Qian and Siqi Zhao, coordinated by Dr Georgia Warren-Myers) at University of Melbourne took on the Argus Challenge and have received an honourable mention.

Piyush Tiwari, University of Melbourne

Western Sydney University

Dr. Jufri Marzuki recently joined the property team at Western Sydney University as a lecturer in property. Dr. Marzuki specialises in property investment and finance. He completed his PhD in 2018. He has published a number of papers in leading property journals (e.g. Journal of Property Investment and Finance).

Chyi Lin Lee and Graeme Newell, Western Sydney University

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Queensland University of Technology

In May 2019, Dr Johari Hussein Nassor Amar commenced a Lecturer in Property position for the QUT Science and Engineering Faculty. She holds a PhD in Sustainable Development and Architecture from Bond University, MSc Real Estate Management from KTH Royal Institute of Technology Sweden and a BSc (Hons) Land management and Valuation from University of Dar es Salaam Tanzania. Dr Amar is an author and co-author of several papers in refereed journals and conference proceedings, both national and international. Her research interests include real estate, land rights, built heritage management and conservation.

Connie Susilawati, Queensland University of Technology

TAFE NSW

The TAFE NSW Excellence Awards Ceremony for Sydney Region and TAFE Digital was held at Ryde with students, teachers, leaders, industry partners and employers celebrating graduates' personal, workplace and community achievements. TAFE NSW regional general manager Michael Cullen said the awards recognised the "most passionate, industrious and skilful students". Students were selected for their exemplary academic achievements, demonstrated leadership qualities, commitment to their industry and their exceptional attitude to learning.

Charlie Le was awarded Higher Education Student of the Year having graduated from the Bachelor of Property Valuation at TAFE NSW Ultimo. Charlie, is "extremely passionate" about property and the environment. Mr Le, a valuer in the Sydney South Metro team at National Australia Bank, said he did a Bachelor of Property Valuation at Ultimo TAFE because it offered the best industry-relevant qualification. He got a scholarship for TAFE having had extensive experience in residential sales, management and commercial leasing. As well as writing academic papers for the Australian and New Zealand Property Journal, he is on the Australian Property Institute of NSW's Young Professionals Committee.

Ken Rayner, TAFE NSW

Women panel discussion at the 24th AsRES Annual Conference 2019

Our sister society (AsRES) will organise a women panel as part of its main conference. This year the theme is: "Women's Voice: Facing the Challenge of Real Estate Research". The main objective of the roundtable discussion is to make junior and senior women aware of the strengths and contributions they could make to the global real estate research and to discuss various ways of playing a prominent role and leadership in this area. Peddy Lai and Professor Yong Tu (National University of Singapore) will be the lead speakers in the panel. Our members are encouraged to join the panel discussion in July in Shenzhen, China.

Peddy Lai, National Pingtung University

Opportunity to publish your paper in PRPRJ in 2019

Do you need a pipeline of upcoming publications in a recognised international property journal?

The Pacific Rim Property Research Journal has its next edition for 2019 due for publication soon and is currently seeking papers for publication.

PRPRJ gives preference to PRRES members for publication in PRPRJ – so, if you need a publication pipeline for 2019, submit your paper to PRPRJ for refereeing as soon as possible at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/rprj/default.aspx>

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Composition of the PRRES Board

Following the elections held at the annual meeting of the 25th Annual Pacific Rim Real Estate Society, we are pleased to announce that the following board members have been appointed:

Executive positions:

President: Clive Warren
President Elect: Chyi Lin Lee
Executive Director: Neville Hurst
Secretary: Sara Wilkinson
Treasurer: Hera Antoniades
Past President: Peddy Pi Ying Lai

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