

PRRES Newsletter

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Message from the President

Greetings to all our PRRES members and to an enjoyable and productive year for 2015. Delegates enthusiastically travelled to Kuala Lumpur in January this year for an enjoyable conference hosted by the University of Malaya, conference chair was Sr Dr. Yasmin Mohd Adnan. The conference was great and a special thank you to Yasmin and her team, who participating in helping to organise the event for PRRES Inc.

The conference was also memorable for Associate Professor Clive Warren who received the PRRES Inc. achievement award. Clive has made a significant contribution to the Society as a Board Member, Webmaster and is the current Executive Director. He is also actively involved with the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) and has also held the position as President of AsRES, in conjunction with his commitments to PRRES Inc. Congratulations Clive!

PRRES Inc also presents other awards and prizes at the annual conference, and the recipients are mentioned within this newsletter. A special thank you to all board members; new, retiring and continuing, for their tireless work and dedication to the society.

It would be wonderful to have your support for the 2016 PRRES annual conference which will be held at the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Australia. The conference will be held from the 17th to 20th January 2016, chaired by Professor Mike Hefferan and hosted by the University of the Sunshine Coast, and supported by the Queensland University of Technology. The call for abstracts has been distributed and additional information is provided in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to catching up with everyone at the conference.

Hera Antoniades
PRRES President

News from Sunshine Coast Australia 2016

22nd PRRES Conference.

Sunshine Coast, Queensland will be the next location for the PRRES 2016 Conference. The 22nd annual PRRES Conference will be hosted by the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) and supported by the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Planning is currently underway to ensure that the 2016 Conference promises to be a fun and memorable gathering. Classed by the Excellence Research Australia as an 'A' level conference, reflecting the high quality research and range of activities involved, this conference is aimed at keeping the property academic community at the forefront of the sector,

The 2016 theme, *"Closing the gap between theory and practice in property and the built environment"*, focuses on building stronger connections between property and built environment academics, industry leaders and policy makers in a collegiate setting for the advancement of research, teaching and learning.

The conference will be held at the USC Sippy Downs Campus from 17-20 January 2016 and introduces panel and round table discussions in addition to the extensive program PRRES members have come to expect.

Whether travelling alone or with your families, the Sunshine Coast is a tourist's haven that offers many attractions and activities pre and post conference. Only an hour's drive north of the state's capital, Brisbane, we highly recommend extending your stay and exploring this unique region.

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Please use the link below to access all conference details.

<http://www.prrs2016.net/>



Some of the campus pets!
You'll never know whom you'll meet on campus!

PRRES Awards for 2015

Congratulations to the numerous PRRES award winners for 2015! Here's the list of our best!

PRRES Achievement Award

Assoc. Prof. Clive Warren for his active involvement in the Society, his contribution to the Society as a Board Member, Webmaster and Executive Director and his liaison with the Asian Real Estate Society.

PRRES Early Career Achievement Award

Dr Chyi Lin Lee of the University of Western Sydney for his contribution to the Society as a Board Member, co-convener of the Postgraduate Colloquium and regular contributor to the Pacific Rim Property Research Journal.

Meritorious Service Award:

Dr Valerie Kupke in acknowledgement of her contribution to the Society.

Prof. Graeme Newell in acknowledgement of his contribution to the Pacific Rim Property Research Journal



Best Pacific Rim Property Research Journal (PRRJ) Paper:

Graeme Newell, Valerie Kupke and Stanley MacGreal for the paper *'The significance of capital flows into the Australian commercial property markets.'* PRRJ 19(1)

PRRJ Red Pen Award

John MacFarlane in acknowledgement of his contribution to the Journal

Most Innovative Conference Paper Award

Janet Ge for the paper *'Measurement of house price bubbles: a case in Sydney.'*

PRRES Post-graduate scholarship

Hyunbum Cho for the paper *'The strategic role of Asia-Pacific property in mixed asset portfolios.'*

Jian Liang for the paper *'REIT Regulatory Regimes and Earnings Managements.'*

Kusal Nanayakkara for the paper *'Impact of organisational culture and work practices on corporate office layouts and designs.'*

PRRES Corporate Excellence Award

Emerald Group Publishing

PRRES PhD Award for Best Presenter

Norshazwani Afiqah Rosmera for the paper *'The investigation of housing market segmentation in capturing the spatial autocorrelation effect.'*

PRRES Early Career Researcher PhD Prize for Best Paper

Norshazwani Afiqah Rosmera for the paper *'The investigation of housing market segmentation in capturing the spatial autocorrelation effect.'*



Janet Ge receiving her award

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API Awards for Excellence

Congratulations to the following winners of the API Awards for Excellence. These awards reflect the hard work and commitment to excellence in our profession and are well deserved by the winners.

API Award for Excellence – Early Career Academic: Lyndall Bryant from QUT

API Award for Excellence – Senior Academic: Greg Costello from Curtin University.

Forthcoming Postgraduate Colloquium- Reminder

Continuing on from the success of the Postgraduate Colloquium at the PRRES conference this year at the University Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, another Postgraduate Colloquium is being scheduled for the PRRES conference January 2016, at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia. The aim of this colloquium is to provide an opportunity for postgraduate students in property to discuss and present their postgraduate work-in-progress in a supportive and non-confrontational environment to a group of senior academics and peers.

The colloquium caters for students throughout their candidature, from those who are nearly complete to those just thinking and mapping out their ideas for research. There are experienced academics on hand to provide feedback to students presenting their research at all stages. In addition, senior academics will be invited to contribute to plenary sessions discussing topics related to PhD study. Also, if there is sufficient interest a workshop will be run to cover key interest areas for research students.

More details will be provided once they have been finalised. Look out for them in the next newsletter.

RICS Awards

Congratulations to the award-winning students of the 2015 RICS Oceania Awards held in Melbourne recently. Awards for excellence, presented by RICS's first female President, Louise Brook-Smith, were presented to industry winners and graduate students for excellence in their respective categories. The winning students, shown below, were graduates of RMIT University, University of Melbourne and Deakin University and all were delighted to have their efforts recognised by the RICS.



University news

News from UTS.

Congratulations to Sara Wilkinson and Vince Mangioni on their new roles within the School of the Built Environment. Sara has been appointed as the Associate Head of School for Research and External Engagement, and Vince is the Associate Head of School for Academic and Staff.

Two colleagues, Janet Ge and Hera Antoniadis are on sabbatical during the Autumn semester. Janet is currently a visiting scholar at the School of Geographical Science, learning spatial multilevel modelling skills using MLwiN software. Janet also attended the University College Dublin working on research with Dr Brendan Williams on house price bubbles; she was also a visiting scholar at the National Dong Hwa University; at the National Ping Tung University Janet presented her research to students and academic staff.

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Hera is visiting the United Kingdom and America during June and July, to participate in research on property agency governance and white collar crime. She is also meeting with government to discuss her research and the prevailing trends identified within property agencies and the impacts associated with consumer protection.

The School of the Built Environment has been privileged to meet Professor David Proverbs Assistant Dean at Birmingham City University and Associate Professor Jessica Lamond for the Centre for Flood Risk Management at UWE in Bristol; during a recent seminar, they presented their research which examined green roof retrofit measures to mitigate CBD flood events.

Janet and Hera have each recently won a university grant for research. Janet's research project is titled - 'Influence of Financing Facilities on House Prices in Australia'; and Hera's research project is titled 'Capital Gain Compliance and Disclosure on the Disposal of Real Property'.

RMIT University

Over the last two years the property group within the School of Property, Construction & Project Management at RMIT University, Melbourne, have experienced a very busy time, with an increase in offshore delivery along with expanding student numbers in the onshore undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including 7 full time PhD students. This expansion of student numbers and course delivery, has led to an increase in staff requirements.

We are very pleased to welcome the following staff who have joined us over the last year;

- Dr Woon-Weng Wong, economist joined us from the Business school at RMIT University.
- Neville Hurst joined us from Deakin University (also the editor of the PRRES newsletter).

- Dr Rebecca Leshinsky, barrister joined from ACU
- One appointment pending.

The growth will see staff teaching into programs in Singapore, Hong Kong and China.

Study Tours

Callum Logan is preparing for another study tour to New Zealand incorporating Christchurch & Queenstown. This tour was very successful last year with around 30 students getting a close up look at the rebuild in Christchurch along with presentations from local experts, including CERA (government agency in charge) across the rebuild. Property students were joined by students from planning and engineering to make this a cross disciplinary experience.

The annual study tour run by the school to Dubai, including Abu Dhabi, is about to depart. This year they are extending to include London. This tour has nearly 40 students from across Property, Construction & Project Management visiting some exciting sites under construction along with the mega-structures already completed.

Dr Judith Callanan
Program Manager

Deakin University

Congratulations to Chris Ratcliffe who has completed his PhD in Finance at Deakin University titled: '*The Market for Corporate Control: The Case of Australian Listed Property.*'

Pacific Rim Property Research Journal

The Pacific Rim Property Research Journal is inviting contributions in the following research areas and members of PRRES are strongly encouraged to submit papers Journal editor Professor David Parker:

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- Property market dynamics
- Modelling property markets
- Property valuation
- Property cycles
- Housing markets and policy issues
- Property and IT
- Property management
- Corporate real estate
- International property
- Property development
- Property investment and finance
- Property education

Papers must follow PRPRJ editorial guidelines (see www.prres.net) and be submitted to:

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