

March 10th, 2010.

TO: Professor Roberta Capello, President RSAI
FROM: Pedro Elosegui, President Sociedad Argentina de Economía Regional (SAER)
SUBJECT: Request affiliation to RSAI

Dear Professor Capello:

I am writing you on behalf of the newly elected board of the Sociedad Argentina de Economía Regional (SAER) to formally request affiliation to RSAI. We are aware that RSAI requires new members to: (i) have a section officially in place; (ii) have a board democratically elected; and (iii) be an active section. We believe that SAER meets the three requirements.

We have been working hard since 2008 in the formation of the SAER, and we are very happy with the results that we have accomplished thus far. In summary, since 2008, the following events have been taking place:

1. In 2008, a Seminar on “Financial Development and Regional Economies” was organized at the Central Bank of Argentina sponsored by RSAI. This meeting set the foundations of the SAER. Researchers and policy makers from different regions of Argentina were invited to present their work at the meeting. Additional information about this event can be found at Central Bank’s website, <http://www.bcra.gov.ar/> under Investigaciones Económicas, Seminarios y Jornadas, Conferencias.
2. The Board of Directors of SAER was formally elected in November 18th, 2009 at our first general meeting through open and democratic procedures. The meeting took place during the XLIV Annual Conference of the Asociación Argentina de Economía Política (AAEP) in Mendoza, Argentina. At that meeting I was elected President of SAER.
3. SAER sponsored a Special Session on Regional Science at the XLIV AAEP Annual Conference. The session was presented by Daniel Heyman (President of AAEP) and coordinated by Pedro Elosegui. Three members of the organization presented papers: Florencia Granato (Universidad Nacional de Río Cuarto), Valentina Vigo (Universidad Nacional del Sur), and Pedro Elosegui. In addition, members of the organization presented papers in other sessions. Osvaldo Meloni, Vice-President of SER, coordinated some of them.
4. SAER is already recognized as a legal entity by the IGJ (Inspección General de Justicia) including its bylaws and boards, pending the final approval of its legal books.
5. SAER is also in the process of organizing its next Annual Meeting that will tentatively take place in Buenos Aires November 2010.

Taking the above into consideration, we would like to be considered as a member organization of RSAI, with our assurance that we will work firmly and diligently to promote the RSAI objectives and goals. We appreciate a lot the encouragement and

support from you and many other members of RSAI to establish and consolidate our own national organization.

Sincerely yours.

Pedro Elosegui
President of SAER
Buenos Aires, Argentina