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Dear participants, dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to address a few words of welcome to you.

I am pleased to see the dynamisms and the willingness of the Romanian section of RSAI to organize scientific events and to bring forward regional science in Romania. I am sure knowledge in this field is of crucial importance for a wise implementation of spatial planning, for an efficient development of regional growth policies and for dealing with intra and inter national regional disparities, that still affect economic growth patterns of Europe and especially of Eastern Countries in Europe.

The dynamism of the Romanian section is highly appreciated at international level, and is an example for other national associations in European Eastern Countries that still have to learn how to organize events, and how to get synergies and advantages out of scientific activities of this kind.

Moreover, RSAI looks forward to a fruitful cooperation with the Romanian section for the organization of important international events. I am sure that a common effort in this direction would bring benefits and advantages to all of us.

I regret I cannot personally attend the meeting, but I am sure it will be a very successful one. I wish you all a nice conference, and on behalf of the RSAI Council Board, let me say that we are proud of our Romanian section!

Roberta Capello
President of RSAI