I. The 3rd Congress of EAAERE was held in Huangshan, China

The 3rd Congress of the East Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (EAAERE) was held in Huangshan, China in February 20-22, 2013. The School of Environmental and Natural Resources of Renmin University of China hosted the Congress under the local organizing committee led by Prof. Zhong Ma of Renmin University of China. The congress theme was “Environmental and Resource Economics in East Asia: Innovation and Development”. More than one hundred participants from 11 countries joined the Congress and 73 papers selected carefully by the Program Committee were presented. The Congress consisted of two keynote speeches and sixteen parallel sessions in addition to the General Assembly and BOD meetings. In the morning of Feb. 21, two keynote speakers gave interesting and informative speeches at the plenary session right after the opening ceremony. Prof. Zhongxiang Zhang gave the speech, titled, “Carbon Mitigation, Competitiveness and Leakage Concerns and Border Carbon Adjustments”. He is the distinguished professor and chairman of the department of public economics, Fudan University, China. He introduced the broad literature related to the subject of his speech title. Daigee Shaw, President of EAAERE, gave a talk “Sustainable Transition in the face of three Malthusian constraints: natural resources, climate change and technological breakthroughs”.

All participants participated in the discussion of many issues related Environmental and Resource Economics during the parallel sessions. These consisted of wide variety of topics, including Sustainable Development, Energy and Climate Change, Policy Instruments and Governance, Valuation and C/I Analysis, Food and Agriculture, Air and Water, etc. The General Assembly of EAAERE, chaired by Prof. Jong Ho Hong, Seoul National University, was held after the morning parallel sessions in Feb. 22. Prof. Young Sook Eom, the treasurer, reported business report and financial statement during FY 2012 to the General Assembly. Prof. Akihisa Mori, the secretary general, also presented a proposal on business plan and budget during FY 2013 to the General Assembly. All the attending members approved these reports and the plans for business and budget.

II. Three BOD Meetings were held and made decisions on some agenda during the 3rd Congress

Three Board of Directors (BOD) meetings, chaired by Daigee Shaw, President of EAAERE, were held during the 3rd Congress of EAAERE. Twelve directors participated in the meetings. The BOD made the decisions on some agenda, such as 4th Congress, election, Members’ access to EEPS, membership, etc. Decisions on some important agenda are as follows.

1. The 4th Congress
The 4th Congress will be held in South Korea in February 12-14, 2014.

2. Election for the Officers of the Years 2014-2015
The election for directors and auditors of the years 2014-2015 will be carried in December 2013, employing the same procedure as the one for the last election. Il-Chung Kim, VP of EAAERE, will take charge of the election procedure.

All regular members can access to the EEPS via the EAAERE website for free of charge, and the secretary general will notice new members to them whenever the association has new member.

4. The Membership Committee and dropping unpaid members
The secretary general organized the membership committee that would encourage recruitment of new members and payment from existing fees. Members are Oh-Sang Kwon, Oranpan Nabangchang, Kazihiro Ueta, Jinnan Wang, Lih-Chyi Wen. The BOD decided that the members who did not pay the annual membership fee would lose their regular membership.
III. Election for the candidates for the New Directors and Auditors of the Years 2014-2015

Il-Chung Kim, the VP and Chair of Election Committee, carried election procedure of the new candidates for directors and auditors of 2014-2015. He established the election committee which consisted of five Election Committee Members representing each country/region, Akihisa Mori, Chazhong Ge, Oh Sang Kwon, Arief Anshory Yusuf, Lih-Chyi Wen, Budy Prasetyo Resosudarmo, the VP, carried the voting process through Website Ballot in the EAAERE homepage under the guide of election committee. The election results will be proposed to the General Assembly to appoint the new officers during the 4th Congress.

IV. The 4th Congress will be held in Busan, Korea

The 4th Congress will be held at the BEXCO in Busan, Korea in Feb. 12-14 (Wed-Fri), 2014. Three co-organizers, Sang Hee YOO, President of Korea Environmental Economics Association (KEEA), Bung-Wook Lee, President of Korea Environment Institute (KEI), and Yang-Hoon Sonn, President of Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI) will host the Congress. Prof. Hoesung Lee, Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and Prof. Anil Markandya, President Elect of European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) will give Keynote speeches at the plenary session and about 115 papers will be presented at the 29 parallel sessions. The congress theme is “Toward the New Sustainable Economy”. The local organizing committee expects that around 200 environmental and resource economists from about 15 countries will participate in this congress. Detailed programs including agenda, time schedule and venue are posted at the homepage of the EAAERE.