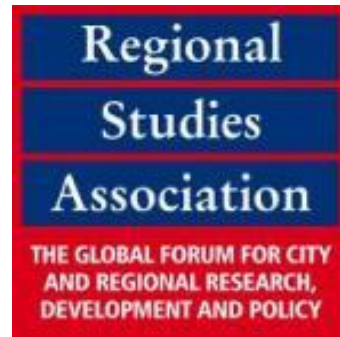




# TRAVEL GRANT

# EVENT REPORT



FULL NAME	Xuefeng Wang
DATE AND PLACE OF EVENT COVERED BY THE RSA TRAVEL GRANT	<b>RGS-IBG Annual International Conference</b> Manchester from 26-28 August 2009
TITLE OF PRESENTATION	
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**Promoting the RSA at RGS-IBG Annual International Conference**

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The Annual International Conference of Royal Geography Society with Institute of British Geography in Manchester this year was titled "Geography, Knowledge and Society". The Conference was very well organised. There were 247 sessions and more than 1000 papers were presented during the three days conference. It was very successful with over 1000 attendees from more than 40 countries and regions across the world.

Having won the RSA Travel Award, I was asked to promote the RSA and was given some leaflets for circulation. On the arrival on 25<sup>th</sup> August, I placed the flyers on two tables: one sits at the

conference information board, another one is on the gate to the ground floor corridor links to the lift hall where all conference participants would have to pass through to get into class rooms. I kept close eyes on them during the three days. The conference flyers were taken much more than the journals while there are many people, most of them are young researchers or PGRs who were interested in collecting the RSA cards. This perhaps was because that many people are interested in the information of future conference and young researchers would be interested in joining the association. During each coffee break, I was around the table and answered some questions. Unfortunately, we do not have hard copies of application forms available, which I would see a good chance to recruit new members.

In general, it was a very good experience for me to take the role promoting the association. I hope have the chance in the future.