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From the RTS Chair

The upcoming AAG promises to be one of the largest, if not the largest, in attendance and as such there will be numerous RTS sponsored and co-sponsored sessions (these are listed on the RTS web site www.geog.nau.edu/rts/sessions1.html). I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has been active in organizing a session and all those of you who have submitted abstracts. The best way to support our group is for all of you who plan to attend the AAG to attend as many sessions as possible. I would also like to invite all of you to come to the RTS business meeting, especially since in recent years attendance has been low. It would be great to see as many of you as possible since we are going to be holding the RTS board elections this year.

Yes my term is coming to a close and in addition to a new chair we shall be voting for treasurer, and board member positions. If you would like to stand for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone please send your nominations soon to me. We will actually hold the election at the upcoming conference during the RTS business meeting.

Positions on the RTS board will run for two years (2001-03).

RTS NOMINATIONS:

Chair: Dallen Timothy

Treasurer: Anne-Marie d'Hautesserre

Board Member: Keith Debbage

Board Member: Karen de Bries

Board Member: Bob Pfister

Student Rep: Anne K. Soper

Student Paper Competition

If you are a student and are planning to enter your RTS paper for the student paper competition organized by our specialty group please bear in mind that you will have to submit 4 copies of your paper to me postmarked no later than February 15, 2001. Full information on guidelines for submission, etc. appear at

www.geog.nau.edu/rts/stu-ppr.html

Please note that if you are a student who submitted your abstract directly to the AAG, you should send me a copy of this plus a note expressing your willingness to participate in the student paper competition as soon as possible. Awards for the competition will be presented at the AAG Awards banquet in New York.

With this I will sign off by wishing you and yours a Happy New Year!

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From the RTS Newsletter Editor

I'm putting the final touches of this newsletter on 01/01/01 and trying to think of something funny or informative to say. Let me offer this web site as a slight diversion to our vocation. Check out eBay.com and conduct a search for "Geography". Several hundred items are available for auction and include texts, software and maps. I have been eBaying for about a year and a half now, buying and selling 16mm films. While I do collect some films of a geographic nature (e.g., Map Reading) I really go after horror and sci-fi films of the fifties and sixties. Topping my collection, film classics like *Reptilicus* and *The Pit and the Pendulum* (original) offer an alternative for inviting friends over for a movie in the backyard.

So I look out in the backyard at the foot of snow and dream of summer movies.....

Robert S. Bristow, Westfield State College, <rbristow@wsc.mass.edu>

Sport Place needs your manuscripts

As many of you may know, Allen Finchum, editor of the journal Sport Place, has indicated that the journal may fold if he does not receive manuscripts. I have recently heard that the end of Sport Place is coming quickly if action is not taken soon. Please contact Allen at Phone: 405/744-6250, FAX: 405/744-5620 E-Mail: finchum@okstate.edu

<http://www.geog.okstate.edu/users/sprtplac/sprtplac.htm>

Web Watch

Journal of Sport Tourism <http://www.sptourism.net>

Leisure Information Network <http://www.lin.ca>

Xth ESADE International Symposium on Tourism and Leisure <http://www.esade.edu/cedit>

The Arts & Heritage Marketing e-list <http://www.mailbase.ac.uk/lists/arts-heritage-marketing/>

RTS News

World Tourism Association - Commission on the Geography of Tourism and Leisure

Several members of the IGU Tourism Study Group have been working to develop a new, international tourism research union (which we are calling the World Tourism Association). At the present time, the WTA is envisioned to be a union of associations and commissions (much like the IGU is for geography). We are also working to develop a Geography Commission within the WTA, which will have individual memberships. To see a draft of the WTA Commission on the Geography of Tourism and Leisure, visit this web site:

www.geog.nau.edu/igust/tourism/sample.html#cgtl

To get in on the ground floor discussions on forming this new group, join our e-mail list at:

<http://www.egroups.com/group/wta-cgtl>

"Tourism Geographies" Welcomes Two New Affiliated Organizations

"Tourism Geographies" has been gradually building affiliations with international tourism geography associations. The two newest organizations to become affiliated with the journal are from Germany/Austria/Switzerland and from China. They are:

Commission on the Geography of Tourism - China Geographical Society, Chair: Dr. Jigang Bao (Zhongshan University)
eesbjg@zsunlink.zsu.edu.cn Their next meeting will be in early July 2001 in Guilin, China.

German-Speaking Geographers Tourism Working Group - German National Geographical Union. Chair: Dr. Hans Hopfinger (Catholic University of Eichstaett); for information, contact Dr. Felix Juelg (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien) felix.juelg@wu-wien.ac.at Their next meeting will be in April 2001 in Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany.

To see a list of other associations that are affiliated with "Tourism Geographies", visit the web page:

www.geog.nau.edu/tg/associations.html

Submitted by: Alan A. Lew, Editor, "Tourism Geographies"

What are the Best RTS Journals?

David Anderson asked us on the RTS Listserv and our last newsletter to identify the best RTS related journals. Here are the journals that were listed, those with more than one vote have the number of votes in parentheses. It appears that there are multitudes of journals to which someone in this field may submit.

International Journal of Wilderness, Annals of Tourism, Tourism Management (2), Journal of Travel Research, Journal of Leisure Research (3), Environment and Planning D (2), Progress in Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality Management, Parks and Recreation, Leisure Studies (2), Tourism Geographies (3), Current Issues in Tourism, Annals of Tourism Research, Leisure Sciences (2), Cultural Geography, Sports Place, Landscape, Environment and Behavior, Professional Geographer, Geographical Review, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Society and Natural Resources

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Conferences

IGU - Study Group on the Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change

[Click Here](#) for forthcoming conferences in exciting location around the world!

Tourism in the City: opportunity for regeneration and development

INTA - the International Network for Urban Development
Turin, Italy, 20 - 22 February 2001
<www.inta-net.org>

Human Dimensions of Coastal Recreation Research Conference

Washington, NC Civic Center, 30 March 2001
<www.coastalwaters2001.ecu.edu>

Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium 2001

Bolton Landing, Lake George, NY 1-3 April 2001.
<www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/b/e/bel/nerr/nerr.html>

World Leisure Asia Regional Conference

Shanghai, China, 24-29 April 2001
<www.worldleisure.org> click "Shanghai Conference"

Annual Conference on Christianity, Sport, Leisure and Wellness

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan 7-9 June 2001
<www.calvin.edu/academic/pe/hperd/register.htm>
<www.calvin.edu/academic/pe/hperd/proposal.htm>

Journeys in Leisure -- Current and Future Alliances

Annual Conference of the Leisure Studies Association (LSA)
Department of Tourism and Leisure, University of Luton (UK) 17-19 July 2001
<www.luton.ac.uk/LSA2001>

NRPA Leisure Research Symposium

Denver, 3-6 October 2001
Abstracts must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2001. The complete call for abstracts is available at the SPRE web site found **deep** within:
<activeparks.org>

TEAMS 2001: Travel, Events, and Management in Sports

Chicago, 24-27 October 2001
<www.sportstravelnet.com> or Lisa Delpy Neirotti via e-mail delpy@gwu.edu.

Tenth Canadian Congress on Leisure Research

University of Alberta in Edmonton, May 2002
<www.eas.ualberta.ca/cclr10/>

Call for Papers

Channel View Publications is pleased to announce the launch of a new journal: Journal of Ecotourism, (ISSN 1472-4049). Manuscripts of articles are now invited, which should not exceed 7,000 words (including tables, figures and references). They should be prepared according to the guidelines of the American Psychological Association (APA), 4th edition. Further details can be found at <www.channelviewpublications.com/guidjnl.htm> Manuscripts to be directed to:

Editor David A. Fennell, Journal of Ecotourism, Channel View Publications, Frankfurt Lodge, Clevedon Hall, Victoria Road, Clevedon, England BS21 7HH

NEW LISTSERV

Lee Jolliffe announces the formation of an island-tourism Listserv. It is a public unmoderated list.

To subscribe email listproc@upei.ca with SUBSCRIBE ISLAND-TOURISM YOUR NAME in the body of the text.

To unsubscribe email listproc@upei.ca with UNSUBSCRIBE ISLAND-TOURISM YOUR NAME in the body of text.

To post a message to the list email island-tourism@upei.ca.

The list furthers the work of UPEI's Institute of Island Studies in the area of the study of small islands, building on previous island tourism research undertaken through the North Atlantic Islands Programme.

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New RTS Book

ANNOUNCING NEW BOOK (FORTHCOMING FEBRUARY 2001)

Mediterranean Islands and Sustainable Tourism Development: Practices, Management, and Policies

edited by Dimitri Ioannides, Yorghos Apostolopoulos, and Sevil Sonmez. London and New York: Continuum Publishers (formerly Cassell)

RTSers in the News!

In 1980, Plymouth State College of the University System of New Hampshire established the state's first academic program devoted to the study of travel and tourism. The program celebrated its twentieth year during AY1999-2000. The College has observed this milestone of providing a quality, liberal arts education to future tourism professionals, by formally changing the title of *Dr. Mark J. Okrant* from Professor of Geography with tenure, to Professor of Geography and Tourism Development with tenure. The Plymouth State Bachelor of Science program in Geography-Travel and Tourism Development has placed nearly two hundred student interns in tourism agencies and businesses, including the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development, many of the state's leading tourism marketing associations, and numerous attractions and accommodations. Other placements include the National Park Service, the White House, and Busch Gardens. Graduates from Plymouth State's program have staffed firms specializing in tourism research and marketing, as well as leading airlines, hotel corporations, and tour operators situated within New England and throughout the United States.

California University of Pennsylvania Faculty Job

The Department of Earth Sciences, California University of Pennsylvania, is seeking applications for a full-time tenure-track appointment, at the Assistant Professor level, for the Fall semester of 2001. A Cultural Geographer with a specialization in Hospitality Management is desired. A Ph.D. is preferred. The Department of Earth Sciences seeks an outstanding faculty member to complement an existing Planning concentration in Geography and a Parks and Recreation Management program, as well as to participate in the development of a Hospitality Management concentration in Geography. The candidate should have a broad background in geography, with an emphasis in hospitality management, tourism, and/or eco-tourism. The candidate should be capable of teaching geography courses from among the following: Regional Geography, Survey of Travel and Tourism, and World Cities, among others. The candidate must also be capable of teaching the following courses: Introduction to Geography, Introduction to Planning, and Hospitality Industry Management. Knowledge of and experience in hospitality management and associated technology is a necessity. In order to be a leading candidate in this search, in addition to the aforementioned requirements, the candidate minimally must be fluent in the English language, be able to communicate well, perform well in a teaching demonstration and successfully complete the interview process. California University of Pennsylvania is an equal

opportunity/affirmative action employer. Minorities, women and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Also, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the State System of Higher Education and APSCUF, the successful candidate may be assigned to perform work at off-campus sites, in the evening/weekend college and/or provide instruction through distance education. Send letter of application, full curriculum vitae, official transcripts and military discharge papers (if veteran), list of courses and the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of three professional references. Review of the applications begins 15 November 2000 and continues until the position is filled.

Apply: Dr. Thomas Mueller, Chairperson, Search Committee, Department of Earth Sciences, California University of Pennsylvania, 250 University Avenue, Box 55. Phone: (724) 938-4255; e-mail: mueller@cup.

Michigan State University, Assistant Professor

Joint Position with the Departments of Park, Recreation, and Tourism Resources and Geography

Description: Assistant Professor, tenure-stream, 9-month appointment with responsibilities functionally divided between PRTR (75%) and Geography (25%). Michigan State University is a research-intensive Land-Grant University dedicated to the missions of instruction, research and service.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a Ph.D. in geography, recreation, tourism or related fields with an interest and expertise in GIS technologies and their applications to the geography of natural resources, park, recreation and tourism. Teaching experience related to the geography of tourism and recreation is desired. Candidates should be willing to work on research teams, work across disciplines and be a member of the growing GIS capability at MSU. Research and outreach efforts should complement and draw upon the expertise in the departments and related units such as the Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center, the Center for Remote Sensing and GIS, and the Water Research Institute.

Application: Applications accepted through February 1, 2001, or until suitable candidate is found. Applicants should include a letter of application describing teaching and research goals and aspirations; a curriculum vitae; official university transcripts; three letters of reference, including complete address, telephone number, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses; and reprints of selected publications. Evidence of teaching performance should be sent as well.

Address: Applications and inquires should be sent to: Charles Nelson, Chair, PRTR/GEO Search Committee. Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources, 131 Natural Resources Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; phone: 517.353.5190, ext. 116, e-mail: nelsonc@msu.edu.

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