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From the RTS Chair

Happy New Year Everyone!

It has been a very interesting and challenging six months since the last RTS Newsletter was published last summer. The terror events of September 11 have left Americans and their international allies concerned for their safety and, even worse, their very mortality, leading to widespread apprehension on the part of travelers throughout the world. This trepidation has affected tourism in many ways, ranging from outright avoidance shortly after the events to a wide-spread, if nascent, show of solidarity and confidence manifested in renewed desires to travel as the year progressed toward the holiday season. I doubt that tourism ever before received so much media attention as it has during the past four months.

In direct response to the attacks, more people turned to short-distance travel (by car) and recreational activities closer to home. Common recreational pursuits were affected as well—people were less eager to spend time away from home and fewer dollars were spent on extra-curricular activities. Economic uncertainties led people to become more involved in less expensive pastimes, and insecurity in other areas caused consumers to spend more leisure time with family and friends. Sports were not exempt from the effects either. Despite sport places becoming potential new targets, nationwide athletic events became venues of unity, places of strength for both individuals and a nation.

Fortunately the tourism economy appears to be on the rise again. The layoffs in all sectors of tourism and recreation that so abundantly plagued the news headlines immediately following the events of September seem now to be giving way to mass hirings (e.g. Southwest and Frontier Airlines) and renewed attempts to create better product and place images than those that existed before.

These events give us plenty of cause to rethink our teaching and research of tourism and our own selves as tourists. Keep up all your good work in 2002, and may peace be with you all. I'll look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles.

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From the RTS Newsletter Editor

I am a Terrorism Tourist!

I spent a day with my sister touring lower Manhattan. I wanted to see, to experience, the massive loss of 911. A new form of tourism has developed in NYC all centered around the WTC. We have already experienced this kind of tourism since we have probably visited places like the Antietam Battle Field or Custer's Last Stand or Jim Morrison's Grave. I guess it is some kind of way to get connected with these events or people, some way to understand what it was like.

And as expected, there were the street vendors pawning off photographs of the aircraft smashing into the buildings. It reminded me of the vendors exploiting the rescue efforts of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave in 1925!

A whole new industry pops up to capitalize on the tourism created by some disaster.

I felt guilty, trying to get a glimpse inside the curtains that shield the public from the site. The City has even put up an observation stand off of Broadway, but the 3 hour queue was not for me. I did however, walk around the entire complex to get a sense of the emptiness.

And empty it was. How many people are still displaced from their homes? How many are out of a job? And these are the lucky ones.

Hug your family and friends and take a walk in the local park to see some trees and squirrels.

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RTS Webmaster Alan Lew reports the following updates to the 'Tourism Geographies' journal website (<http://www.geog.nau.edu/tg/>)

Tourism Geographies
Special Topic Cluster Issues
<http://www.geog.nau.edu/tg/special.html>

Tourism Geographies does not produce special issues on a regular basis. However, when possible similarly themed papers will be clustered in the same issue. This does not preclude the inclusion of other papers in the same issue as the special topic cluster of papers. Current and planned special topic clusters are:

Tourism in Mexico - vol. 4, no. 3 (August 2002)
Ecotourism in Asia - vol. 4, no. 2 (May 2002)
Place Promotion and Boosterism - vol. 3, no. 3 (August 2001)

Tourism in Mediterranean Europe- vol. 3, no. 1 (February 2001)
Tourism in Asia - vol. 2, no. 4 (November 2000)
Current Issues and Research in the Geography of Tourism - vol. 2, no. 3 (August 2000)
Tourism and Migration - vol. 2, no. 1 (February 2000)
Subsaharan Africa and the Caribbean - vol. 1, no. 3 (August 1999)

Alan reminds us that there are quite a few tourism and leisure geography conferences for 2002 posted on the IGU website:

<http://www.geog.nau.edu/igust/meetings.html>

Also, there is a new Asian Tourism Research email discussion list and resource website which Alan manages available at:

<http://www.geog.nau.edu/igust/asiatour/>

Association of American Geographers Meeting, Los Angeles, March 19-23, 2002. See WWW.AAG.ORG for Program

John Pigram and John Jenkins have put out a call for expressions of interest to contribute to 'The Encyclopedia of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation', to be published by Routledge (London) in 2003.

The commissioning of entries and their submission by authors is moving along smoothly. A small percentage of entries have yet to be 'commissioned'.

So, if you are interested in contributing to this publication, click on the following address [The page is a little large, so it might take a little while to load.]:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/department/lt/leisency.html>

The Encyclopedia of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Encyclopedia of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation will be international in scope. The Encyclopedia will include a broad range of concepts, theories, methods, issues and practices, encountered by people (academics,

students, practitioners in government and industry) researching, learning and working in leisure and outdoor recreation around the globe. Examples and issues will be drawn from many developed and less developed nations.

The Encyclopedia of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation will be cast in a multidisciplinary social sciences framework. Leisure and recreation journals and texts welcome contributions from a wide range of disciplinary fields, and this Encyclopedia will also draw on the expertise of scholars and other professionals working in disciplines such as: anthropology, ecology, economics, geography, history, management, marketing, planning, politics and policy analysis, psychology, religion, resource and ecosystems management, and sociology.

Content will include:

- explanations of the contributions and relationships of the 'traditional' disciplines (e.g., economics, geography, sociology) to the study of leisure and outdoor recreation;
- explanations of concepts - both general leisure and outdoor recreation issues (e.g., gender) and notions specific to the field (e.g., Limits of Acceptable Change);
- entries on industry sectors, government agencies, trade associations and academic bodies; and
- definitions of significant terms and acronyms.

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The George Washington University is now offering an Accelerated Distance Learning Masters in Tourism Administration with concentrations in either Sport Management, Event Management, Travel Marketing, or Destination Management. The program can be completed in 18 months. Two one-week residencies (one at the beginning of the program and one at the end of the program) are required either in Washington, DC or at a partner institution, the rest of the course work is completed via Internet and multi-media distance learning. For more information please contact Dr. Matthew Lonam at (202) 994-1092 or via e-mail at mtonam@gwu.edu.

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Colorado State University – Fort Collins, Colorado

POSITION: Assistant Professor in Parks and Protected Area Management

LOCATION: Department of Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism, College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

APPOINTMENT: Nine-month tenure track

QUALIFICATIONS: Required: 1) Completed Ph.D. 2) Experience in teaching/research/service related to the position. 3) At least one advanced degree in Parks and Protected Area Management or a closely related field. Highly Desirable Criteria: 1) Teaching and advising experience with demonstrated effectiveness in topics related to this position. 2) Skills and experience in modern teaching methods, technologies and media. 3) Publications in refereed, scientific journals on issues related to park and protected area management. 4) Demonstrated competency in recreation planning, management, and related tools and techniques. 5) Experience in international protected area management. 6) Ability to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS). 7) Ability to secure funding and build a solid research program. 8) Ability to develop an effective outreach program with management agencies.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) Teach courses in Principles and Management of Parks and Protected Areas (RR231 and RR331) and take leadership roles in college-wide courses including Natural Resources Ecology and Measurements (NR220) and Integrated Ecosystem Management (NR420). 2) Coordinate the undergraduate concentration in Parks and Protected Area Management, 3) Advise undergraduate and graduate students. 4) Establish a sound program of research and scholarly activities, including support for graduate students. 5) Participate in professional, university, and community service.

SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Sick leave per University policy, group health, life, dental, disability, and retirement benefits.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Send your curriculum vita, official transcripts from all universities attended, representative publications, examples of outlines from courses taught, scholarly work in the field, and list of four references including your Ph.D. adviser. Finally, please attach an essay that 1) outlines your philosophy of teaching, 2) summarizes the challenges facing protected area management (domestic and international) and 3) describes the aspects of park and protected area management you hope to address with your program of research. Faxed applications are not acceptable.

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DEADLINE: The Search Committee will start reviewing applications February 1, 2002. Selection will continue until an appropriate candidate is found. The position will begin in August, 2002.

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LARNet: The Cyber Journal of Applied Leisure and Recreation Research is an international online refereed journal, dedicated to the publication and distribution of scholarly research that makes an original contribution to the advancement of knowledge in leisure and recreation. The Journal encompasses a broad range of leisure and recreational topics, including (but not limited to); leisure behavior/theory, recreation and play, travel and tourism, government/municipal recreation, campus recreation, commercial recreation, Armed Forces recreation, employee recreation, recreational sports, voluntary/not-for-profit recreation, therapeutic recreation, outdoor recreation, parks, higher education/professional preparation, and recreation administration.

LARNet; The Cyber Journal of Applied Leisure and Recreation Research is now accepting manuscripts for consideration. Due to a lack of traditional publication and distribution constraints, LARNet has no deadline for article review and publication and can accept submissions in an "on-going" basis. Articles are reviewed in a timely and open fashion and can be immediately published at the conclusion of the review/decision/editorial process.

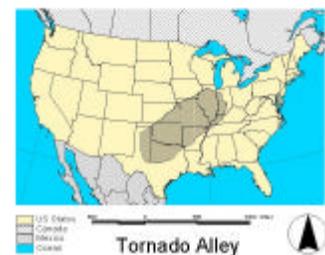
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Other conferences:

Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium 2002

www.esf.edu/nerr (new Website!)



International Symposia on Society and Resource Management



The rescheduled ISSRM 2001 in Sardinia, Italy will take place October 10-13, 2002. Revised and updated information about this event will be posted on the conference website soon:
<http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/NRRT/ssrm/>

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