

# The RTS Newsletter

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## *From the RTS Chair*

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This is an interesting and promising year for RTS geographers, especially those looking for academic positions. It is encouraging that so many new jobs are available which ask for expertise in our specialty area. RTS has come a long way. With the approach of the millennium, it is important to weigh up the achievements of the group. Klaus's questionnaire will provide us with information on our activities over the last ten years. However, as part of the plans for the celebration of the AAG's centennial meeting in 2004 in Philadelphia, we want to respond by analyzing our achievements over a longer time period. I am planning to develop an archive of accomplishments, developments and events of the group which could be displayed or accessed by a variety of means. This could form part of the "time line" theme to be displayed in Philadelphia. Please help RTS by sending me a list of your publications since the start of the group in 1979. Don't be modest-you could email to [bcarmich@mach1.wlu.ca](mailto:bcarmich@mach1.wlu.ca)

(The folks at the AAG have my email address listed incorrectly- a source of annoyance for people in the group trying to contact me). Alternately, you could send hard copy or direct me to your webpage where all is revealed. Other possibilities for the centennial meeting might include constructing a special display of publications by the group. This is something that we can all get involved in and that other specialty groups are also considering.

To start us off, I have written a short report for the first edition of *Tourism Geographies* titled "History and Purpose of the Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers". Over the last twenty years, the RTS group has increased its membership, as courses taught and interest in RTS, particularly tourism, has grown. Membership for 1997 stood at 279 (AAG Newsletter, May 1998). In 1995, the AAG Directory indicated that there were 39 American and 15 Canadian geography departments offering courses in recreation and tourism and four additional ones were listed in Schwendemans Directory. Of course, there have been changes since 1995, with moves by top tourism geographers seeking pastures and programs new. The most notable changes form part of the Canadian brain drain.....Dick Butler, Peter Murphy and Simon Milne. I am happy to report that all three will be attending the Hawaii Conference. By the way, full details of the conference, which this year is jointly sponsored by the IGU Specialty group on Sustainable Tourism, are available on our homepage [www.for.nau.edu/geography/rts](http://www.for.nau.edu/geography/rts) In addition, there will be other papers presented on a similar theme but not sponsored by RTS.

RTS congratulates Alan Lew, the new Editor of *Tourism Geographies* for launching a journal in geography which allows for greater communication among tourism, recreation and sport geographers. The journal's stated goal is "to create a community of students, academics and practitioners with a shared interest and devotion to the geography of tourism". This has much in common with the goals of the RTS Specialty Group. Please consider getting involved more in the group. We need to have elections this year and we are seeking nominations for Chair and Board Member positions. See you in Hawaii, Aloha, Barbara Carmichael

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## ***From the RTS Newsletter Editor***

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It will be hard to match the talents of the last editor of this newsletter, Bob Janiskee, but like any one seeking a volunteer to undertake this kind of responsibility, Bob graciously encourages me from the sidelines. I dedicate my premier issue to Bob Janiskee!

That stated, let me use this forum to highlight some of the interesting things I hope to bring to this forum. For example, over the past three years, I have sought resources from Internet sites for my teaching and research and they are spectacular! Anyone who teaches in the RTS arena **MUST** have Internet access. Tourism related sites in particular are fantastic. So I hope to highlight some of these resources in this newsletter (and since Alan Lew will post this newsletter on the RTS homepage, the Internet links can be directly accessed from the document).

What issues will define RTS geography? Klaus Meyer-Arendt wants to know. Please see his request for information in this newsletter.

Let me ask the important question; what do you want to see in the newsletter? After all, this is *your* newsletter! While I try to figure this all out (and it may take a few issues), please feel free to write me with your thoughts and comments.

Now one last thing. Since I am the editor, I will exercise my editorial rights. In case you haven't heard, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education has proposed the abolishment of tenure for our next contract. And to further sweeten the pot, our employer has offered the faculty at the nine state colleges a financial package of 0, 0, and 0 for a three year contract. Since we are five months into the year, and without a contract, my efforts on this newsletter are strictly voluntary. I will keep you posted on this attack on higher education in the Commonwealth.

As most editors state, any error in this newsletter is my fault and if you want to volunteer for this job, please let me know.

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### ***Call for HELP!!!!***

Klaus Meyer-Arendt reports:

Greetings from the Florida panhandle! I've had a great time getting adjusted to a new job and a new environment. Hurricane Georges created some nice research opportunities, and I'm working on getting a Coastal Geography component into our Environmental Studies curriculum.

On a more somber note: It's time to get serious about putting together our state-of-the-art chapter on our sub-discipline for the new edition of Geography in America. There will be a set of special sessions at the Honolulu AAG, and I managed to get on the program. That means that a completed manuscript is due by early March 1999.

I need y'all to help me out by completing the following survey and mailing the results back to me. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I NEED THE SURVEY RETURNED!!!!** Remember, the focus is on America!

Some specialty groups interpret "America" to be only the USA, but we will include Canada as well. So research by North Americans or about North America will be relevant.

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- 1) In your opinion, what are the five (5) most influential RTS publications to come out in the last ten years? [please list in order of importance]
- 2) Please send me a list of all your RTS-related publications since 1988.
- 3) What research theme of RTS do you consider yourself to be most proficient in?
- 4) Based upon your knowledge of one or all of the RTS fields of recreation geography, tourism geography, and sport geography, how would you subdivide each of these subfields.

Please send this information to:

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### ***RTS Academic Jobs***

WYOMING, LARAMIE 82071-3371. University of Wyoming. Department of Geography and Recreation. Assistant Professor, tenure-track, beginning August 1999. Ph.D. is required. Research and teaching expertise in Tourism or Recreation, with a desired emphasis in (1) Recreation Resources/Park Management, or (2) Natural Resource/Cultural Tourism, or (3) Geography of Recreation/Tourism. The candidate is expected to develop linkages (e.g., extramural funding, internships) with governmental and other organizations. Duties include research, teaching, service, and student advising.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of graduate transcripts, statement of teaching and research interests, teaching experience information (e.g., courses taught and evidence of teaching quality), and copies of major publications or papers presented. Also have three letters of reference sent. Screening begins November 2, 1998 and continues until position is filled.

Apply in writing to: Professor William L. Baker, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Geography and Recreation. Phone: 307/766-3311;

Fax: 307/766-3294; E-mail: Web site: <http://www.uwyo.edu/A&S/geog/default.html>

CONNECTICUT, NEW BRITAIN 06050-4010. Central Connecticut State University.

Assistant Professor. Tenure track position, contingent on availability of funds. Competitive salary. Start 24 August 1999. Ph.D. or near completion required. Teaching experience required. Work experience in tourism industry would be a plus. A strong commitment to teaching and an active program of research are expected. Specialization required in: Tourism/Recreation. Ability to teach geography courses in tourism planning and recreation planning essential. In addition, regional specialty in the U.S. and Canada or the Caribbean would be desirable. Duties also include teaching introductory geography courses, supervising interns, and outreach activities.

Send letter of application with full current curriculum vitae, plus names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. Closing date for applications: 27 February 1998.

Apply: John E. Harmon, Search Committee Chairperson, Department of Geography. Voice 860-832-2785. Fax 860-832-3140. Internet [harmonj@ccsu.ctstate.edu](mailto:harmonj@ccsu.ctstate.edu).

AUSTRALIA. University of Canberra, Faculty of Communication Professor of Tourism.

Selection documentation is available by calling 61 2 6201 2607 (24 hour answer machine). Applicants must obtain the selection criteria before seeking further information about the duties from Professor Peter Putnis at 61 2 6201 5064.

Closing Date: 4 December 1998

Applicants should address the Selection Criteria, and include the names, addresses and fax numbers of at least 3 referees. Address applications: Recruitment Officer 1D107 University of Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

COLLEGE STATION, TX, Texas A&M University. Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences. Two open faculty positions. Review of applications will begin November 30, 1998. Further information about the positions can be found on the RPTS webpage: <http://www.rpts.tamu.edu/rpts/>

For further information please contact the respective search committee chairs listed on the announcements.

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## ***New Books***

THE PRESIDIO: FROM ARMY POST TO NATIONAL PARK, Lisa M. Benton, professor of Geography at Colgate University. For information, phone Northeastern University Press (617) 373-5480

FAX (617) 373-5483 [j.petty@nUNET.neu.edu](mailto:j.petty@nUNET.neu.edu)

DESTINATIONS: CULTURAL LANDSCAPES OF TOURISM. Editor: Greg Ringer

Routledge, London & New York (1998)

Authors include: George Hughes, Chris Rojek, Geoffrey Wall, Judith Cukier, Shelagh J. Squire, Simon Milne, Jacqueline Grekin & Susan Woodley, Richard W. Butler, C. Michael Hall and Jarkko Saarinen. For information, please visit:

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~gringer>

TOURISM AND GAMING ON AMERICAN INDIAN LANDS. Edited by Alan A. Lew and George A. Van Otten. Cognizant Communication Corporation, 1998 (Tourism Dynamics Series)

ISBN 1-882345-21-5 (soft)

[www.geog.nau.edu:80http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~alew/indianbook.html](http://www.geog.nau.edu:80http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~alew/indianbook.html)

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## ***Web Watch***

**Articles in Hospitality and Tourism (AHT)** is now available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.lib.surrey.ac.uk/aht2/>

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Faculty at Texas A&M have just completed a **series of technical** reports and a final project report for Texas Parks and Wildlife concerning future development needs to meet the outdoor recreation demand of Texans (and visitors) over the next 20 years. The study involved a number of components, including a telephone survey of 3000 Texans, as well as collection of input from park and recreation professionals, private landowners, and other representatives of the outdoor recreation, cultural and historical opportunities provision system in the state.

Documents associated with the project:

<http://www.wrpts.tamu.edu/tpwd>

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**Announcing the launch of a new email discussion list** which is linked to the Tourism Commission of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences.

The purpose of this list is to support and encourage communication amongst all practitioners with an interest in tourism, and in particular the anthropological issues associated with it. The list, entitled 'Tourismanthropology', also aims to promote both scholarly and applied research in the field of tourism and anthropology.

To join tourismanthropology send the following command, (typing your own personal names instead of firstname(s) and lastname)

join tourismanthropology firstname(s) lastname

as the only text in the body of an email addressed to:

mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk

Questions or problems? contact:

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Department of Business and Finance

University of Hertfordshire  
Hertford, UK  
n.s.carr@herts.ac.uk

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***Speaking of listservs:***

The Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers

sponsors the **RTSNET-L** Internet discussion group/listserv. It is managed by our retired Newsletter editor, Bob Janiskee, and exists to "facilitate the exchange of ideas and information among geographers and other scientists or practitioners who are interested in leisure research, especially that with a spatial (geographic) component." It is open to all interested parties, not just RTSers. It is not moderated, meaning that the messages are not screened. We have over 160 subscribers (Fall 98).

To subscribe, address e-mail to:

LISTSERV@UNIVSCVM.CSD.SCAROLINA.EDU

in the message area (not the "subject" line) type:

SUB RTSNET-L firstname lastname

With your subscription confirmation you will receive instructions for using the listserv.

If you experience difficulties in subscribing, contact Bob Janiskee and he will add you to the list.

**Now available** in electronic format - The Benefits Catalogue, published by the Canadian Parks/ Recreation Association. This essential tool is your guide to the personal, social, economic and environmental benefits of recreation, sport, fitness, arts, culture and parks.

To sample the catalogue and place your order, visit the Benefits Online web site:  
<http://www.lin.ca/benefits.htm>

The National Benefits Network and the Leisure Information Network (LIN) are pleased to bring you this convenient option. For information:

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<http://www.lin.ca>

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***CALL For Papers***

Dear RTSers:

Inviting contributions for an edited volume:

## Tourism in Frontier Areas

The Negev Center for Regional Development, at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, ISRAEL, is preparing an edited volume containing studies on the theme of Tourism in Frontier Areas. The book will be edited by Shaul Krakover and Yehuda Gradus, both of the Department of Geography at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Tourism in Frontier Areas will most probably be published by Kluwer Academic Publishers as part of the GeoJournal Library series.

Tourism is recognized as one of the economic branches with the most potential for alleviation distress in frontier and peripheral areas of developed and less developed countries. While tourism development in peripheral areas yields some benefits, it usually levies its price in terms of reducing authenticity, spoiling the environment, and endangering the remaining resources for eco-tourism. Papers on these and other related issues are welcome. Scholars in the fields of Tourism and Recreation are invited to submit scholarly works on "Tourism in Frontier Areas" for possible publication in this volume.

Potential authors are encouraged to send the title of their work and a short abstract by the end of December 1998. Full papers are due no later than August 31, 1999. Papers will be peer reviewed before final acceptance. Electronic submissions via e-mail are preferred. Please send them to the

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## Conferences

The **seventh Convention / Expo Summit** will be held February 21--23, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Convention / Expo Summit is an annual comprehensive, education-oriented meeting for all segments of the convention, meeting, and trade show industry. It was created to bring together the best minds in the field with the educators who are developing the curriculum and teaching the managers of tomorrow. It combines crystal-ball panels featuring industry experts discussing the future of the

industry with the latest convention, meeting, and trade show research. A research Proceedings will be published. The Conference announcement is:

<http://www.unlv.edu/Colleges/Hotel/Tourism/cex.html>

The Call for Papers can be found at <http://www.unlv.edu/Colleges/Hotel/Tourism/cexcall.html>

For additional information contact Wes Roehl at [roehl@cmail.nevada.edu](mailto:roehl@cmail.nevada.edu) or Patti Shock at [shock@nevada.edu](mailto:shock@nevada.edu).

**National Association of Recreation Resource Planners 1999 Conference**, Saratoga Springs, NY on 7 - 10 April 98. Bob Sammon (603) 271-2155.

**Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium**. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual NERR meeting will be held at the Sagamore, Bolton Landing, on Lake George NY on 11-13 April 98. For more information, please contact Rob Bristow [r\\_bristow@foma.wsc.mass.edu](mailto:r_bristow@foma.wsc.mass.edu)

**Tourism, Policy and Planning**. Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand 30th August - 2nd September 1999

This conference, which is a regional meeting of the IGU Study Group on the Geography of Sustainable Tourism, is hosted by the Centre for Tourism at the University of Otago. It is to be held in Oamaru, which is an historic port to the north of Dunedin, and which has a wealth of restored Victorian architecture and a nationally important colony of Little Blue penguins.

The theme of the conference is deliberately broad; part of its purpose is to follow on from the regional meeting held in Canberra in 1996 and part to address the new issues of tourism policy development consequent upon very rapid change in global and domestic markets. While the conference is geared primarily towards the core issues that surround the Study group, it will be of interest to tourism academics, geographers, local body and national government tourism officers and tourism operators and practitioners. It is expected that a strong thread of indigenous tourism and cultural tourism issues in general will run through the conference.

Papers from the conference will be considered for a second edition of *Tourism Planning and Policy in Australia and New Zealand* and for inclusion in journals including *Current Issues in Tourism*, *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* and *Tourism Geographies*, as well as other journal outlets.

A call for papers and formal registration will be issued shortly; details will be updated as required on the Centre for Tourism web site:

<http://divcom.otago.ac.nz:800/tourism/>

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**Sustaining Rural Environments Conference: Issues in Globalization, Migration and Tourism**. 20-23 October 1999, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA. For information visit their web site at:

[www.geog.nau.edu/igust/rural/](http://www.geog.nau.edu/igust/rural/)

**1999 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management**, 7 - 10 July 1999, Brisbane, Australia. One theme of the conference is Social Science of Parks and protected areas! Homepage:

<http://www.geosp.uq.edu.au/issrm99/>

**The 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management**, 17-22 June 2000. Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington. [Http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~natresco](http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~natresco)

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trends Conference**. 17-20 September 2000. Michigan State University, Michigan. For more information e-mail: [alampayr@pilot.msu.edu](mailto:alampayr@pilot.msu.edu)

**1999 World Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism "Re-Thinking Tourism: Choices, Responsibilities and Practices"**

April 25-29, 1999  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

**CONGRESS OBJECTIVES:**

Tourism systems are rooted in the relationships between the natural environment, tourists, local residents and brokers in both the private and governmental sectors. Therefore, we hope Congress participants will come prepared to re-think and discuss how tourism links society with the environment as it creates destinations and enhances the character of places. Abstract deadlines are approaching!! Abstracts of working papers are due on January 31, 1999--but early submission is highly encouraged. The deadline for abstracts of refereed papers has been extended to December 15, 1998. For additional information, visit:

<http://seagrant.orst.edu/cmt/cmt99.html>

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## **1999 Honolulu Meeting**

[RTS Paper Sessions in Honolulu](#) - Preliminary List - last updated 18 October 1998. Official details will be distributed by AAG.

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