

The RTS Newsletter

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From the RTS Chair

It was good to see old and new faces in the RTS sponsored sessions at this year's AAG. There were a good number of RTS sponsored and co-sponsored sessions and generally the attendance was quite satisfactory. One slight concern I wish to express is my dis-appointment with the very low attendance at the RTS - specialty group meeting on the night of April 7th. I do not remember such a low attendance in the last 5 years. I would like to encourage those of you who are members to try to attend these annual meetings, as this is the only occasion when we can talk about issues that affect our group. Importantly, we listen to proposals for the following year's sessions, when appropriate hold elections for officers, and give out prizes. Speaking of prizes this year's winners are as follows:

Geoff Wall, University of Waterloo - *Rooney Award*

Alan Lew, Northern Arizona University - *Roy Wolfe Award*

Charles Copp, Florida Atlantic University - *Student paper award* for his paper: "Small Business Networks in Slovakia's Tourism Industry"

Congratulations to all three!

It is time to start thinking about next year's AAG to be held in New York, February 27 - March 3. At this stage I would like to encourage you to think about various sessions for what promises to be one of the best attended meetings ever. For a full list please check the RTS web site. If you are interested in organizing a session please contact me. If you wish to present a paper in one of the proposed sessions please contact the session organizers who appear on the RTS web site.

Enough of my ramblings. I would like to wish all of you a productive year until we meet next time in the Big Apple.

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PROPOSED PAPER SESSIONS and PANELS and their ORGANIZERS

- Contact the Session Organizer to participate in the session you are interested in.
- Volunteer to Organize a Session or Panel by contacting the RTS Chair, Dimitri Ioannides <dii608f@mail.smsu.edu>

Urban Parks - Rudi Hartmann <rudi.hartmann@cudenver.edu>

Tourism and Economic Restructuring - Allan M. Williams <a.m.williams@exeter.ac.uk> and Dimitri Ioannides <dii608f@mail.smsu.edu> - Cosponsored by the IBG/RGS Tourism Working Group and the AAG RTS Specialty Group

Community, Tourism and the Environment - Bryan Higgins <byran.higgins@plattsburgh.edu>

Labor and Labor Markets - Simon Milne <simon.milne@aut.ac.nz>

GIS, the WWW and IT in RTS - Simon Milne <simon.milne@aut.ac.nz>

Sport Geography - Ted Goudge <0100160@acad.nwmissouri.edu>

New York City - A Session Organizer is being sought -- in the mean time contact the RTS Chair: Dimitri Ioannides <dii608f@mail.smsu.edu>

Tourism and the New Urban Politics - (competition, promotion, imaging and commodification of cities) - Alan Lew <alan.lew@nau.edu>

Illustrated Papers Session - Alan Lew <alan.lew@nau.edu> - This session consists of combination posters and presentations. All topics related to Recreation, Tourism and Sport Geography are welcome. Each person will have 5 minutes to introduce their poster. Deadline for Illustrated Papers is one month after the deadline for other papers.

Proposed Panel Session:

- Geography and Sustainable Tourism - C. Michael Hall <cmhall@commerce.otago.ac.nz> - Cosponsored by the IGU Sustainable Tourism Study Group and the AAG RTS Specialty Group

- Seductions of Place: Globalization and Touristed Landscapes - Carolyn Cartier <cartier@usc.edu> - Cosponsored by the Cultural Geography Specialty Group and the RTS Specialty Group

Other Activities:

We are also planning on one or more Meet the Author session - suggestions and volunteer authors should contact Simon Milne <simon.milne@aut.ac.nz> or Alan Lew <alan.lew@nau.edu>

And we are hoping to have a Walking Tour to one or more of the museums near the conference site to discuss their tourism planning programs - organized by Richard Benfield <benfieldr@ccsua.ctstateu.edu>

From the RTS Newsletter Editor

Kinda' busy right now, so I suggest everyone go outside, take a hike or at least smell the roses! I am "prepping" for my Favorite non-geography conference: The International Symposium on Society and Resource Management.

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CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

Leisure Sciences Spring 2002

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON RECREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

A special issue of Leisure Sciences addressing "Multicultural Perspectives on Recreation and the Environment" is scheduled Spring 2002. The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2001. Contact:

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What are the Best RTS Journals?

David K. Anderson, Texas A&M asks us to rank the top ten journals in the subfield of recreation geography. If you would please make a list and send them to me. I will rank the journals according to the number of "votes" that they get, and will post a SUM at a later date. Thanks in advance.

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Conferences

The 8th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, 17-22 June 2000. Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington. <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~issrm8th/>

ECOTOURISM CONFERENCE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, JULY 2000

15-23 July 2000, the Commission for the Anthropology of Tourism of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), along with the Sustainable Tourism Study Group of the International Geographical Union (IGU) is organizing and co-sponsoring a number of panels and individual presentations in the "Feria Ecoturística y de Producción" or Ecotourism and Production Fair, at the Hacienda Muriel, in Hato Nuevo, Manoguayabo, near Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Contact: Dr. Jose Serulle Ramia at fund.ciencia@codetel.net.do, Dr. Gregory Teal at tealgreg@hotmail.com, or Dr. Michael Hall at cmhall@commerce.otago.ac.nz Abstracts may be received until June 1.

The 5th Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trends Conference. 17-20 September 2000. Michigan State University, Michigan. <http://www.prr.msu.edu/trends2000/>

The TEAMS 2000: Travel, Events, and Management in Sports conferenc will be held in Dallas, TX October 25-28, 2000. For more information visit www.sportstravelnet.com or Lisa Delpy Neirotti via e-mail delpy@gwu.edu

45h Annual International Festival and Event Association Conference, September 20-24, 2000 New Orleans, LA. Papers are invited which report either empirical studies or contribute to the development and refinement of conceptual and theoretical perspectives. Empirical papers must be completed research and must contain the following elements: Introduction, Method, Results and Discussion. Conceptual and theoretical papers should develop a comparable system of organization. All abstracts will be reviewed for appropriateness for the conference. For Details, contact either:

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Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium 200. Bolton Landing, Lake George, NY 1-3 April 2001. www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/b/e/bel/nerr/nerr.htm

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

2001 SPRE Teaching Institute

Building on a Tradition of Excellence . . .To Expand Tomorrow's Classroom

February 8 - 11, 2001, Marriott University Park Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Call for Session Proposals is available on the 2001 SPRE Teaching Institute Web Pages located at <http://www.health.utah.edu/prt/spre/>

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Editors needed:

Open Content Encyclopedia Seeks Editorial Staff for Sports and Leisure Category.

A major new encyclopedia project, Nupedia.com, requests expert help in directing and constructing an "open content" encyclopedia, planned to become the largest general encyclopedia in history. Articles will be peer-reviewed and carefully copyedited by means of a growing network of mailing lists. The project has significant financial support, and its leaders and owners are committed to a year-long, intensive effort. If you want to join us go to the Nupedia website at <http://www.nupedia.com/> and become a member.

Larry Sanger, Ph.D. expected May 2000 Philosophy, Ohio State, Editor-in-Chief, Nupedia.com, San Diego, California

Web Watch

<www.city.toronto.on.ca/council/environtf_clean_green.htm>

<www.virtualtourist.com>

<deadlegs.com/menu/>

<www.virtualtourism.com/demos.html>

<www.indiana.edu/~nca/>

Appalachian National Scenic Trail Web Sites

<http://www.atconf.org>

<http://www.nps.gov/aptr>

<http://www.fred.net/kathy/at.html>

<http://www.aldha.org/>

<http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/whites/at.html>

Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

<http://www.CDTrail.org>

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

<http://www.pcta.org>

RTSers in the Move!

"Shaul Krakover of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel has been invited by the Department of Geography at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand to teach 'Introduction to Tourism Studies' in A semester, 2000. The rare opportunity of visiting 'down under' is not restricted to teaching but is utilized for sightseeing and a research project on the characteristics of off-season international visitors to New Zealand."

Rooney Award recipient: Geoff Wall

Geoff Wall's illustrious career was recognized by the Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group with the Rooney Award at the AAG conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on April 7, 2000. While he attended several sessions during the first two days of the conference, owing to previously-arranged obligations in China, he was unable to accept the award in person. I was honored and pleased to accept it on his behalf. He expressed his profound gratitude for this honor.

Geoff has authored, co-authored, and edited 21 books and monographs, which have received international acclaim. His book with Alister Mathieson, *Tourism: Economic, Physical and Social Impacts*, for example, is still a bestseller in the academic world and has been reprinted 14 times, as well as published in Spanish, Japanese, Indonesian, and Chinese in recent years. Additionally, Geoff has contributed some 50 book chapters, as well as journal articles and other contributions in excess of 200. Quantity notwithstanding, the quality of his work is highly regarded worldwide, and his theoretical contributions to the field of tourism have been astounding. He has become a household name in the realm of tourism scholarship and, not surprisingly, within the industry among practitioners as well. His continual efforts to explore and understand the nature of sustainable tourism in Indonesia and China have won the respect and confidence of planners, business people, government officials, and many others in the private and public sectors.

It is for his past 30 years of scholarship and industry influence that Geoffrey Wall is most qualified and befitting to receive the distinguished John Rooney Award.

Now, on a more personal note, Dr. Wall has been a remarkable mentor. In 1993, I entered his tutelage as a Ph.D. student at the University of Waterloo. My three years there were a time of great professional and personal growth. Geoff always makes time for his graduate students; he treats them with respect, as colleagues and peers. Furthermore, he creates an environment that is highly conducive to academic success, and he can't help but instill a desire to work hard and aim high.

On behalf of everyone in the Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group of the AAG, thank you Geoff for your contributions to the field of tourism.

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Job:

***MISSOURI, SPRINGFIELD 65804.** Southwest Missouri State University. The Department of Geography, Geology, & Planning invites applications for a **Visiting Assist. or Assoc. Professor** position beginning in August 2000. The appointment will be for one year with the possibility of renewal, and will be made at the Assistant or Associate Professor level depending upon the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. The primary duties of the position will be teaching and advising students. Teaching duties will include the introductory course in Earth Science (for future teachers at the elementary and middle school levels) and existing courses in Tourism Geography. Advising duties will be in Tourism Geography. A Ph.D. must be held at the time of the appointment. Closing date is 10 April 2000. Send application letter, vitae, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Stan Fagerlin, Chair Search Committee, Department of Geography, Geology, and Planning, Southwest Missouri State University, 901 S. National Avenue, Springfield, MO 65804 Further information can be obtained at 417-836-5800 or fax to 417-836-6006, or visit our web site at <http://geosciences.smsu.edu>. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. SMSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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