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**FROM THE CHAIR**

I have just completed the Specialty Group report for the AAG and the RTS business meeting minutes. Reflecting on my year as chair, I realize that this is a very interesting group to be affiliated with. We often meet in beautiful cities that are tourism destinations, so over a number of years we have the opportunity to experience a variety of tourist attractions as well as exchange ideas on new areas of research. Of course, for me, a lover of tropical areas, the AAG meeting in Hawaii is a dream destination that I now have a chance to visit. RTS has invited the IGU Study Group on Sustainable Tourism to participate in the 1999 AAG meeting (focusing on the theme of Tourism and Migration: New Relationships in Production and Consumption) and also to co-sponsor RTS-themed sessions. We should appeal to a wider audience this way, and may even attract a few Pacific Rim geographers. Over to Bob Janiskee for the rest of the newsletter. I would like to thank Bob for his long years of service as newsletter editor and for keeping us well informed about RTS activities. It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Rob Bristow as the new editor of this newsletter. Please help us welcome Rob by sending him interesting material. Barbara Carmichael

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**EDITOR'S CORNER**

We need to remind ourselves now and then that the coordination of RTS-themed input to the annual meetings of the AAG is not the only vital function of our 225-member organization. The RTS Specialty Group came into existence nearly 25 years ago as an instrument for advancing RTS interests on the broadest possible front. RTS members have invested a huge amount of effort in the interrelated tasks of developing RTS themed courses, setting the RTS research agenda, selecting suitable research techniques, deriving and disseminating new knowledge, using RTS expertise to help solve real world problems, recruiting and training new RTS geographers, and helping others understand what the RTS research paradigm is and what it is good for. Participation in the annual AAG meetings has provided a strong stimulus and an intellectually stimulating setting for many of these activities, but much of the progress that RTS has made can be attributed to activities and events in other contexts. More of us have been publishing our research findings in books and refereed journals--an activity that is absolutely essential if we are to improve the subdiscipline's visibility. The RTS SG has assisted in the launch of several new RTS-oriented journals, most notably the Tourism Geographies project that Alan Lew spearheaded. We have forged strong and useful ties with the IGU and several other organizations. We have begun to play a much more active role in spotlighting and encouraging applied RTS (as with the new Rooney Award). We have made a very strong commitment to networking with projects like the RTSNET-L discussion list and the RTS Directory. To deliver the RTS message to a wider audience, some RTSers have been developing new RTS-themed courses and exploring the use of distance education and other underutilized or innovative vehicles and mediums. Many other positives can be mentioned, such as the new RTS doctorate offered by the University of South Carolina. In light of these and related facts, it is clear that our Specialty Group has much to be proud of .... and more incentive than ever to use RTS SG resources in as diversified and balanced a way as practicable. To put a finer point on it, we cannot afford to think of the annual meeting as the be-all and end-all reason for having this Specialty Group. We need to constantly find new and more effective ways to promote and facilitate RTS-themed research, teaching, and service. This is not just a challenge for the SG's elected leaders; all of us have roles to play. Do something constructive, and make a difference. Put on your thinking cap, generate some Useful Thoughts about what the RTS SG ought to be doing (or not doing), and share them with your fellow RTSers. Give the Chair and the RTS Board the benefit of your constructive criticisms and suggestions. Write up the gist of your thinking on some Relevant Matter and submit a blurb for publication in this newsletter. If you have not already done so, consider serving for a couple of years on the RTS Board (or maybe you'd prefer to be the Chair?). Since this is my last issue, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed over the years by sending Newsworthy Stuff and helping in other ways to make this newsletter possible. Like Dick Smith, Lisle Mitchell, Bill Cheek, Ted Goudge, Klaus Meyer-Arendt, and others who have edited this newsletter or its predecessors, I truly enjoy interacting with the many fine people who share my enthusiasm for all things RTS. Rob Bristow's decision to accept the editorship makes it a great deal easier for me to hand over the reins of a publication that I have

grown so very fond of. Being young (on the sunny side of 45, anyway), cyber-competent, connected, and as dedicated an RTSer as you will find anywhere, Rob will doubtlessly find many ways to make the newsletter more lively, informative, and in step with the times. Let's all help him by sending Newsworthy Stuffe for every issue. As long as it pleases the Board, I will continue to manage the RTSNET-L discussion list and publish the RTS Directory. By the way, please verify and update your Directory entry if you have not done so recently. You can check it on the RTS web site or by contacting me (janiskee@sc.edu or 803/777-6739). RLJ

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#### **THE BOSTON MEETING (1998)**

RTS maintained a high profile at the AAG meeting in Boston last March. The Specialty Group sponsored five paper sessions and two panel sessions. Six other sessions on the meeting program were RTS-themed. Lisa DeChano, a Ph.D. student at Southwest Texas State University, won the student paper competition (and a \$100 check) with her paper "Geographical Analysis of NHL Player Origins." There were no awards for 2nd or 3rd place this year. About 50 people attended the RTS business meeting, where a great deal of RTS business was attended to. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,447. A motion to change the name of the Specialty group to Leisure Geography died for want of a second [darn it!]. The relationship of the Specialty group to the new journal *Tourism Geographies* First issue due out in 1999) was discussed and clarified; in brief, RTS will be allocated an editorial board membership and will regularly supply reports of SG activities to be published in TG. Most of the other salient announcements, happenings, decisions, awards, etc., are reported in various parts of this newsletter. Consult the RTS home page for additional details about the meeting. After the business meeting, about 20 RTSers adjourned to a seafood restaurant for dinner. The dinner outing, which originated some years ago as a spontaneous sort of thing, is now an eagerly anticipated event that is held each year in honor of our annual award winners (who eat free). We'll do it again in Honolulu, of course.

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#### **1999 HONOLULU MEETING PLANS**

RTS is making ambitious plans for the AAG meeting that will be held 23-27 March 1999 in Honolulu. At the business meeting in Boston, members suggested the following paper sessions (organizers in parens): Malls and Tourism (Jerry Gerlach); Tourism and the South Pacific (Ann-Marie d'Hauteserre); Heritage Tourism (Charles Stansfield); Tourism and War (Rudi Hartmann); Sport Geography (Ted Goudge); and Special Populations and Recreation (Margaret Pawlick). These suggestions are on hold at the moment. Since the meeting, Lisle Mitchell has come up with a bold proposal to set aside the traditional paper session format and go to a poster and illustrated paper session format. It makes a lot of sense for this particular meeting, since concentrating the presentations will permit us to take maximum advantage of this marvelous Hawaiian venue. To put it another way, why tie yourself up in day after day of paper sessions when you can do the whole thing, including the business meeting, in one day and use the rest of the time for field-tripping and such? Everyone who wants to make an RTS-themed presentation at the Honolulu meeting should contact Lisle, who can provide up to date information about the status of the proposal and the relevant session themes, formats, and deadlines. Here is the gist of Lisle's proposal. The format for the Honolulu meeting of the AAG is for 100 minute sessions followed by a 20 break. The sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 and 10 AM and 1:45, 3:45 and 5:45 PM with a 2-hour lunch break. In order to maximize attendance and enhance the interactions between RTS member it is proposed that oral

presentations be reduced and poster or illustrated paper sessions be expanded. Poster and illustrated paper sessions differ in that Illustrated Paper presenters are provided a 3-8 minute time period to highlight the essence of their research, then, as with Poster sessions, all in attendance can sample research materials in poster format. Either of these two formats should give presenters and participants sufficient time to discuss research findings. In addition, the deadline for Poster and Illustrated Paper abstracts is 1 October rather than 4 September, which will provide more time for abstract preparation and session organizing. Specifically, the RTS SG proposes that two Poster and/or Illustrated Paper sessions be organized starting at 1:45 and 3:45 p.m., and that the annual RTS Business Meeting be scheduled for 5:45 the same afternoon. We further propose that these sessions be scheduled back-to-back on the same date. The AAG seems favorably disposed toward this proposal. Specific details about the meeting, fees, abstracts, participation forms, etc. may be found in the May 1998 AAG Newsletter (v33 n5). If you are interested in participating in one of these sessions, contact Lisle S. Mitchell, Dept of Geography, Univ of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208; voice (803)777-2986; fax (803)777-4972; mitchell@garnet.cla.sc.edu

#### **STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS FOR HONOLULU**

The Honolulu venue for the 1999 AAG meeting has a lot going for it, but cheap travel costs is not one of them. Knowing that students will be particularly hard pressed to come up with necessary green, the AAG Central Office and its affiliates have allocated funds for a number of student travel grants. The AAG Council is awarding a limited number of \$200 travel grants to students who submit, by June 30, abstracts of papers deemed to be acceptable for presentation at an AAG meeting. Note that the June 30 deadline for the AAG application is vital, because students normally must apply for the AAG grant to be eligible for grants from the regional divisions or specialty groups. An application form will be found in the May 1998 (Vol. 33, No. 5) issue of the AAG Newsletter. Additional details and the application form are available at the AAG web site (<http://www.aag.org>) The RTS Specialty Group will allocate up to \$1,000 to support student travel grants for the Honolulu meeting. Any student whose application for an AAG travel grant is unsuccessful will be eligible for an RTS grant, providing that the proposed presentation is RTS-themed. The AAG will give the RTS SG a list of qualifying applications and award winners. Like the AAG, the RTS SG will use a random selection process for the grants. Regional divisions such as the SEDAAG are also planning to make some student travel grants. Interested parties should contact their respective regional division officials.

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#### **ROY WOLFE AWARD**

**Klaus Meyer-Arendt** has been named the recipient of the 1998 Roy Wolfe Award for outstanding RTS research and service. Klaus, Professor of Geography at Mississippi State University and Director of the Mississippi Geographic Alliance, is well known to RTSers. His research on tourism and the environment, coastal resorts and resort cycles, casino gambling, and related subjects has substantially influenced the development of our subdiscipline. Over the years he has chaired our Specialty Group (1993-95), edited the RTS Newsletter, organized RTS paper sessions for the AAG meetings, and performed other valuable services. The fact that he has been designated to write the RTS chapter for the new edition of Geography in America attests to the great respect we have for Klaus and his work. Congratulations to Klaus Meyer-Arendt for landing the 1998 Roy Wolf Award--and the chairmanship of the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of West Florida, a position he will assume in August.

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#### **JOHN ROONEY APPLIED RTS AWARD**

**Mark Okrant** has been honored with the John Rooney Award for applied RTS. He thus becomes the second recipient of the award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of RTS-themed problem solving or policy- and decision-making. Mark, who was a student and advisee of John Rooney while at Oklahoma State University, received his Ed.D. from OSU in 1975. He is now professor of geography and coordinator of travel and tourism development at Plymouth State College. Since 1990 he has been coordinating research for the New Hampshire Office of Travel and Tourism Development. Over the years, Mark has received roughly a half-million dollars worth of grants and awards in support of his work, which has produced travel studies for a number of communities, resorts, states, and provinces (including New Hampshire, Georgia, Alaska, and Nova Scotia). In addition to serving on the Board of TTRA-International and as past-president of the New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society, Mark was the first director of Plymouth State College's North Country Resource Center, an outreach Research, technical assistance, and education center that was created to help sustain and improve the quality of life in northern New England.

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## CONFERENCES

2-3 April 1998. Third Annual Sport Tourism Conference "Getting Ahead of the Game: Economic Development Through Sport Marketing." Normal, Illinois. Includes Sport Tourism Research Symposium. Contact Doug Turco, (309)438-2160 or (800)877-1478, or [dmturco@ilstu.edu](mailto:dmturco@ilstu.edu)

27-31 May 1998. Seventh International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. Columbia, Missouri. (A one-day colloquium on sustainable tourism was included.) Contact R. Neil Moisey, (573)882-9518 or [moisey@showme.missouri.edu](mailto:moisey@showme.missouri.edu)

17-19 August 1998. Symposium on the Consumer Psychology of Travel, Hospitality, and Leisure Research. Hilo, Hawaii. Check at <http://www.ins.gu.edu.au/bhm/journal/sympo.htm> [or contact Martin Oppermann at ++(61) 7 5594 8142 or [m.oppermann@gu.edu.au](mailto:m.oppermann@gu.edu.au)]

21-22 August 1998. Second National Tourism Students Conference "Tourism in the Pacific Rim: Past, Present, and Future." Dunedin, New Zealand. Hosted by the Tourism Club at the University of Otago. Contact Brent Ritchie, +(64) 3 479 8057 or fax +(64)3 479 9034 or [britchie@commerce.otago.ac.nz](mailto:britchie@commerce.otago.ac.nz)

1 September 1998. Virtual Conference "Foundations of Sport Tourism." To be held over the Internet; duration three months. Sponsored by the Sports Tourism International Council and MCB-University Press. Five sub-themes: Rural Sports Tourism, Understanding the Sports Tourist, Pilgrimage Sports Tourism, The Sports Tourism Industry, and Sports Tourism and Urban Regeneration. STIC will publish a Proceedings. Contact [bhfc@interpoint.net](mailto:bhfc@interpoint.net)

15-18 October 1998. International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators Conference "Toward the Next Millennium: Travel Education Beyond the Year 2000." Cleveland, Ohio. Contact Cathy H.C. Hsu, (515)294-9945 or [cathyhsu@iastate.edu](mailto:cathyhsu@iastate.edu)

28-31 October 1998. Sixth Annual Australian national Ecotourism Conference "Developing Ecotourism into the Millennium." Margaret River, Western Australia. Contact Janet Payton or mary-Lou Barry, IDD +(618) 9791 2000 or [swdc@bis.net.au](mailto:swdc@bis.net.au); or see web site <http://www.bis.net.au/swdc>

19-23 October 1999. Sustaining Rural Environments: Issues in Globalization, Migration, and Tourism. Flagstaff, Arizona. Contact Alan Lew, [alan.lew@nau.edu](mailto:alan.lew@nau.edu) or see the conference home page at [www.geog.nau.edu/igust/rural/](http://www.geog.nau.edu/igust/rural/)

also see home page at <http://www.south-asia.com/icimod.htm> [for the section on "Tourism and Migration" (organized by the IGU Study Group on the Geography of Sustainable Tourism), contact C. Michael Hall at [cmhall@commerce.otago.ac.nz](mailto:cmhall@commerce.otago.ac.nz)]

November 1999. Second Pacific Rim Tourism Conference. Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Contact Martin Oppermann, ++(61) 7 5594 8142 or [m.oppermann@gu.edu.au](mailto:m.oppermann@gu.edu.au)

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## CALLS FOR PAPERS

**Tourism Geographies** Editor-in-Chief Alan Lew needs manuscripts for his fully-refereed international journal of tourism place, space, and environment. [www.geog.nau.edu/tg/](http://www.geog.nau.edu/tg/) for additional information or contact Alan at (928)523-6567 or [alan.lew@nau.edu](mailto:alan.lew@nau.edu). Bob Janiskee is still looking for manuscripts for his **Journal of Cultural Geography** special issue on festivals, fairs, and other special events. Contact him at (803)777-6739 or [janiskee@sc.edu](mailto:janiskee@sc.edu). If heritage tourism is your thing, contact Charles Stansfield at (609)256-4500 and ask him about the special issue of JCG he is editing. Klaus Meyer-Arendt has suggested a special issue JCG on the theme of gambling. If you'd like to discuss this with Klaus, contact him at Mississippi State. (After August 7th you will find him at (850)474-2746 or [kjma@uwf.edu](mailto:kjma@uwf.edu)). If you are conducting sports geography research, and especially if you have research results to report, **Sport Place International** editor Allen Finchum would love to hear from you. You can reach him at (405)744-6250 or [finchum@okway.okstate.edu](mailto:finchum@okway.okstate.edu); if you prefer, visit the web site, ([www.geog.okstate.edu](http://www.geog.okstate.edu)) or write Allen Finchum, Editor, Sport Place, Dept of Geography, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078. PS: SP needs book reviewers and additional qualified individuals interested in reviewing manuscripts or submitting short pieces and reports.

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## RTSERS AT WORK AND PLAY

Congratulations to **Geoff Wall**, who was recently elected President of the International Academy for the Study of Tourism. Whenever Geoff can wrest himself clear of his duties as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Waterloo, he likes to head for Exotic Places like Indonesia, China, etc. He recently returned from what he describes as a "frustrating" trip to Pakistan (I guess they must

have nixed his request to observe the underground tests?), just in time to host a Chinese delegation visiting in connection with his Hainan project.

Editor-in-waiting **Rob Bristow** has completed his semester-long Internet course "Recreation Geography Online." He presented a paper on that theme at the NERR Symposium last April. The Forest Service will publish the manuscript, but Rob will also post it on the web. {Be sure to check out the online course's web site, <http://bondo.wsc.mass.edu/dept/garp/recgeog.htm>}.

RTS Board member **Charles Stansfield** is guest-editing a special issue on the heritage tourism theme for the Journal of Cultural Geography.

**Tom Rumney** continues to gather information on articles, books, theses, dissertations, etc. for his ever-burgeoning sports geography bibliography; he asks that you send Relevant Info to him at [rumneyta@splava.cc.plattsburgh.edu](mailto:rumneyta@splava.cc.plattsburgh.edu).

Sport Place International editor **Allen Finchum** has finished another catchup edition (v9n2) and is moving with all due haste to bring the publication schedule up to date and make SPI a fully refereed journal. Our humble apologies to Allen for listing the wrong address for SPI in the last issue of this newsletter (see Call for Papers for correct information).

**Gordon Tichener**, who has taken over for Martin Oppermann at Waiariki Polytechnic, reports that his new E-mail address is [gordon.tichener@waiariki.ac.nz](mailto:gordon.tichener@waiariki.ac.nz).

RTS Board member **Simon Milne** has left McGill University in Montreal and is now ensconced at the University of Wellington in New Zealand.

**Chris Ryan** has left Northern Territory University and moved on over to the Tourism Programme at the University of Waikato, where he can be reached at [caryan@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:caryan@waikato.ac.nz).

**Alan Lew** has returned from Singapore and is once again holding forth at Northern Arizona University. Alan is busying himself with editing Tourism Geographies: An International Journal of Tourism Space, Place, and Environment, organizing a conference on sustaining rural environments, taking possession of the databases and >40,000-item archive collection of tourism-related materials recently gifted to him by the (now retired) master archivist **Jeanne Gay**, and doing other Interesting Stuff. Ever eager to please, Alan says that he can now "answer all your questions about Singapore's gateway tourism development, cruise industry, MICE industry, and its changing landscapes." (Here's a question for you, Alan: What's a MICE industry?)

When last heard from, pedal-to-the-medal gadabout **Michael Hall** had paused at the University of Otago (Dunedin, NZ) long enough accumulate yet another return address, but is apparently doing (or is planning on doing, or has done) a visiting professor stint in the School of Leisure and Food Management at Sheffield Hallam University in the UK (Did Dick Butler have a hand in this?). For those who may have lost count, Michael has just published his five-gazillionth book.

Speaking of books, **Klaus Meyer-Arendt** reports that the casino gambling book he and **Rudi Hartmann** did is out now. Speaking of Klaus, he continues to work in behalf of the Mississippi Geographic Alliance, and this July he will be producing an advanced GA institute on "Coastal Environments" for K-12 teachers. But he will soon be moving--lock, stock, and freshly-minted Roy Wolfe Award--to Pensacola, Florida, where he will become Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Studies, University of West Florida. After August 7th you can try to reach him at (850)474-2746 or [kjma@uwf.edu](mailto:kjma@uwf.edu). He may be too busy to answer, however, since he will probably be spending his spare time writing the RTS chapter for the new edition of Geography in America.

RTSers **Dimitri Ioannides** and **Keith Debbage** have edited a new book on the economic geography of the tourist industry; I haven't seen it yet, but I bet it's a dandy.

**Lisle Mitchell** recently warned the RTS Board that he will be retiring in about four years, thus leaving perilously little time to find and train a new Secretary-Treasurer. Members are urged to remain calm while the Board goes on an emergency footing.

**Bob "Fast Track" Janiskee** has been promoted to full professor after just 19 years as associate professor. Asked to explain the secret of his meteoric rise, Janiskee replied "Eat a sensible diet, exercise regularly, and outlive the competition."

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**RTSNET-L UPDATE:** The RTS Internet discussion list, RTSNET-L, has 160 subscribers. Traffic has picked up in recent months, and loads of Interesting Stuff is passing back on forth. To subscribe, send a request to [janiskee@sc.edu](mailto:janiskee@sc.edu).

**WAY COOL URLs:** Tourism Research Links (<http://www.tourism-montreal.org/tourism.htm> [English version] or <http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/tourisme.htm> [French version]). This is NOT a travel site; it

is intended for researchers and tourism professionals. 700+ links, categorized (Research, Industry, Technology).

MapQuest (<http://www.mapquest.com>). Good map and driving directions for auto travel; yields great directions and maps.

Internet Resources for Outdoor Recreation Research (<http://www.vt.edu:10021/Y/yfleung/recres.html>).

Well-linked to non-geography recreation/tourism websites, has embryonic section on "spatial perspectives of outdoor recreation."

Excite Travel Site (<http://city.net/>). Very good place to search out cheap airfares. You probably already know about the Best Fares site, <http://www.bestfares.com/>, which lets you browse the "hidden travel bargains" section even if you are not a paid subscriber. Also, for good links to the home page of just about every airline that flies, visit <http://www.airlines.com/>.

Tourism Industries Office (<http://tinet.ita.doc.gov/>). Good trends info and stats.

Arthur Frommer's Outspoken Encyclopedia of Travel (<http://www.frommers.com>). No B.S., tell-it-like-it-is approach; great foreign travel tips.

Recreation and Leisure Resources (<http://www.geog.ualberta.ca/als/rlsres.html>); research-oriented Singapore Tourism Board's "Cybrary" (<http://www.focus-asia.com/stc/>). Not just Singapore--global tourism stats, lots of neat links.

Rec. Travel newsgroup's homepage (<http://www.travel-library.com>). Award winner, lots of travel tips.

World Travel and Tourism Council (<http://www.wttc.org/>). Interesting stats, issue papers.

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### **RTS COURSES**

In 1995, RTS Chair Barbara Carmichael used a mail survey to gather information about recreation and tourism courses offered in the U.S. and Canada. She presented the salient results of her study at the STTE conference in Ottawa in 1996. Here is the gist of it. The AAG Directory indicated that there were 39 American and 15 Canadian geography departments with courses of that type, and four additional ones were listed in Schwendeman's. Most departments offered only one or two courses of the tourism and recreation type. Two offered more than four courses each and a specialization in travel and tourism. The most frequently mentioned courses were Geography of Recreation (8), Geography of Travel and Tourism (4), Geography of Recreation and Tourism (4), and Geography of Tourism (3). For additional information, contact Barbara Carmichael at <[bcarmich@mach1.wlu.ca](mailto:bcarmich@mach1.wlu.ca)>.

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### **BOOKS**

Ioannides, Dimitri, and Keith G. Debbage, eds. 1998. *The Economic Geography of the Tourist Industry: A Supply-Side Analysis*. Routledge.

Mawforth, Martin. 1997. *Tourism and Sustainability: New Tourism in the Third World*. Routledge.

Meyer-Arendt, Klaus, and Rudi Hartmann. 1998. *Casino Gambling in America: origins, Trends, and Impacts*. Cognizant Communications.

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### **MISCELLANEA**

**Michael Fagence** wants to contact people conducting research into climate/tourism interactions, such as the influence of climate on tourism patterns and tourist activities. Contact [m.fagence@mailbox.uq.edu.au](mailto:m.fagence@mailbox.uq.edu.au) or phone 61-7-3365-4103.

**Alyson Greiner** has been appointed assistant editor of the *Journal of Cultural Geography* and will be transitioned in over the next few years to replace current editor Lou Seig.

**PARTING FACTOIDS:** America hosted a record 24.2 million overseas travelers in 1997, a 7.5 percent increase over 1996. Number of MacArthur Fellow "genius grants" in the amount of \$235,000 awarded in 1998 to Syracuse University cultural geographers named Don Mitchell: one. Number of MacArthur Fellow genius grants won by RTSers since the beginning of time: zero. Fees that weather junkies are paying for 10- to 14-day storm-chasing tours offered by a half-dozen companies in America's famed Tornado Alley: \$1,500-\$2,000.