

## **THE RTS NEWSLETTER - Vol. 25, No. 1 - May 1999**

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Robert S. Bristow, editor

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### **From the RTS Chair**

We are in for a number of changes this year. I will be handing over the chair position in RTS to Dimitri Ioannides. We have a new newsletter editor, Rob Bristow who has already put together the December 1998 newsletter and now this one. Bob Janiskee is remaining on the RTS board but is happy to relinquish his editorial role. Thanks Bob for your hard work in the past. We should also thank Lisle Mitchell for his long term role as treasurer. Anne Marie D'Hautesserre is the new treasurer and is looking forward to spending the money wisely.

This has been a year of achievements. Klaus Meyer Arendt is putting the finishing touches on the Geography in America chapter and according to his reporting RTS in North America is thriving and research output productive and interesting. The Honolulu Conference was a big success and we are grateful to the IGU Study group on sustainable tourism for joining with RTS to make this a large exciting and diverse meeting. There were 9 RTS sponsored paper sessions and 3 RTS sponsored panel sessions (48 papers, 21 panelists/discussants). Another 7 papers were RTS related (30 papers) and 5 sessions were co-sponsored with the IGU sustainable tourism group. This was truly an international meeting with delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Europe and North America. We have witnessed the birth of a new journal "Tourism Geographies" and it has been well received by library subscriptions and fills a definite niche in the market. Thanks to Alan Lew we have an exciting home page with links to RTS related teaching and research. The field of RTS is growing fast reflected in the abundant choice of conferences to go to (if only we had the time and money). I should encourage you to make the choice of Pittsburgh next year as there are already some interesting sessions proposed. Have a good summer.

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

Geographers were saddened to hear about the untimely death of Martin Oppermann. How many of us have used his writings in our classes and for our research? I dedicate this issue of the Newsletter in his memory.

I hope to have the snafus figured out with the mailing this issue and will make this general announcement. If you belong to the AAG and this SG you will get a hard copy of this. Otherwise, in order to keep our modest budget in line, the Newsletter will be available to download from the RTS Web Page maintained by Alan Lew.

One thing I noticed while putting together this newsletter is the abundant RTS themed conferences. Available around the globe, conferences are found nearly every month of the year. Yet, I caution organizers. If we saturate the market with conferences, we may reduce our collective attendance. Already this Spring, a leisure conference at Penn State was cancelled due to low numbers. We may try to piggyback

conferences in the future. For example, annual meeting attendees can hit Bolton Landing, NY for the Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium before Pittsburgh!

Next year will be a banner year for RTS related conferences, so read on!

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### **State of Geography Report**

Klaus Meyer-Arendt reports the chapter in the new book *Geography in America* is going well. It will highlight the advances over the decade.

The chapter for the millennial version of *Geography in America* on research and trends has been shipped off to the editors, who in turn has sent it out for review. The preliminary rough draft by Klaus Meyer-Arendt, which was distributed at the Honolulu AAG meeting, was twice the allotted length. With the assistance of Alan Lew, the chapter has been tightened up, rewritten, and trimmed, and it should reflect well upon our specialty group. Alan is hoping to include a condensed version in a year-end issue of *Tourism Geographies*.

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### **New Books**

*The Geography of Tourism and Recreation: Environment, Place and Space*  
C. Michael Hall, University of Otago & Stephen J. Page, Massey University  
Published by Routledge

The *Geography of Tourism and Recreation* presents an accessible, comprehensive introduction to tourism, leisure and recreation and to the relationships between them. Illustrated throughout, this accessible text includes a wealth of international case studies spanning Europe, North America, Australasia and China. Each chapter highlights the methods of analysis used by geographers to analyse recreation and tourism, and highlights the similarities and differences between the way recreation and tourism is analysed. Recent perspectives developed in human geography are introduced (eg. Gender studies and postmodernism) and a range of chapters examine the impact of recreation and tourism on key issues including: the demand and supply of recreation and tourism; the role of public policy, planning and management; the impact of tourism and recreation on urban, rural, mountain and coastal environments, and tourism and recreation in wilderness areas and other peripheral regions. Spanning the spectrum of recreation and tourism in a manner which is both internationally wide-ranging and student focused, this book introduces both landmark studies and the most recent contributions to the geographical analysis of recreation and tourism, and represents an invaluable contribution to those studying in this field.

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## **RTS Listserv Moves**

The Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers sponsors the **RTSNET-L** Internet discussion group/listserv. For information, visit RTS:

[www.geog.nau.edu/rts/rtsnet-l.html](http://www.geog.nau.edu/rts/rtsnet-l.html)

This list is not moderated, however, all subscriptions are forwarded to Alan Lew for approval, and only subscribers can post to the list. Alan Lew also set it up so that when you 'reply' to a message, the reply goes to the sender, not the entire list. You will need to add the list address if you wish to reply to everyone.

To Subscribe: Send an email message to

*listserv@lists.nau.edu*

with a single line of text in the body of the message that reads:

*subscribe RTSNET-L your\_first\_name your\_last\_name*

Example:

To: LISTSERV@LISTS.NAU.EDU  
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## ***CALL For Papers***

### **Wine Tourism Theme Issue of 'Tourism Recreation Research' vol. 26 no. 2 2001**

'Tourism Recreation Research' 26 (2) 2001 will focus on the theme of 'Wine Tourism'. Although some of the content for this issue will comprise papers presented at the International Conference, the call is now being made for expressions of interest for contributions to this issue. Please direct them to:

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### *Conferences*

#### **INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC UNION STUDY GROUP on the Geography of Sustainable Tourism**

30th August - 2nd September 1999

Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand

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

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TOURISM STUDENTS' CONFERENCE THE FUTURE OF TOURISM: FORAYS INTO THE MILLENNIUM**

31 August - 2 September 1999

Oamaru, New Zealand.

email: [rmitchell@commerce.otago.ac.nz](mailto:rmitchell@commerce.otago.ac.nz)

#### **CONFERENCE ON "INTERCONNECTED WORLDS: SOUTHEAST ASIAN TOURISM IN THE 21st CENTURY"**

6-7 SEPTEMBER 1999, SINGAPORE

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#### **13th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OUTDOOR RECREATION & EDUCATION, ICORE 1999**

**On the Edge: Discovery, Reappraisal and Innovation**

November 2-6, 1999

Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA

Rick Harwell, Conference Coordinator

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#### **SPORTS TOURISM IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM - A WORLD CONFERENCE**

**Theme: The New Millennium: Sports Tourism Explosion or Implosion?**

4-6 May 2000

Monpellier, France

Contact us at: [stic@winning.com](mailto:stic@winning.com)

#### **SUSTAINING RURAL ENVIRONMENTS CONFERENCE**

**Issues in Globalization, Migration and Tourism**

20 - 23 October 1999

Flagstaff, Arizona, USA

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

**The 7th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ECOTOURISM CONFERENCE**

14-17 October 1999

Fraser Island, Queensland

Convenor: Mr Tony Charters at [charterst@qttc.com.au](mailto:charterst@qttc.com.au), Fax: IDD+ (617) 3406 5483

**WORLD ECOTOURISM CONFERENCE AND FIELD SEMINARS**

18-23 October 1999

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Malaysia

Albert Teo [betsb1@po.jaring.my](mailto:betsb1@po.jaring.my), Fax: IDD+ (6088) 233688.

**The 2nd WORLD ECOTOUR CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION**

2-6 March 2000

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

Professor Dorival Bruni at [biosfera@mtec.com.br](mailto:biosfera@mtec.com.br) or Fax: IDD+ (21) 221 0155 or 221 7626.

**WINE TOURISM, The Second Australian Wine Tourism Conference**

15-17 August 1999

All Saints Estate, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia

[conforg@ozemail.com.au](mailto:conforg@ozemail.com.au),

Fax: IDD+ (613) 9521 8889

**The First International Wine Tourism Conference and Expo**

April 2001

Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River, Western Australia,

[wintourism@c-m-s.com.au](mailto:wintourism@c-m-s.com.au) or Fax: IDD+ (618) 9277 8448.

**THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SOCIAL ASPECTS OF RECREATION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

**Diverse Challenges of Our Times: People, Products, Places**

February 16-19, 2000

Tempe, Arizona State University

<http://www.rfl.psw.fs.fed.us/recreation/sarr2000.html>

**LEISURE STUDIES ASSOCIATION 1999 CONFERENCE**

**'Just' Leisure**

July 13 to 15 1999

Cheltenham, UK.

<http://www.chelt.ac.uk/el/lstru/lisa99.htm>

**1999 CONGRESS ON RECREATION AND RESOURCE CAPACITY**

November 29 -- December 2, 1999

Snowmass Village at Aspen, Colorado

<http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/nrrt/capacity>

**3rd SPORT TOURISM CONFERENCE (TEAMS '99: Travel, Events, and Management in Sport)**

September 15-17, 1999

Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

Lisa Delpy [delpy@gwu.edu](mailto:delpy@gwu.edu) or Tim Schneider

[tim@schneiderpublishing.com](mailto:tim@schneiderpublishing.com) or visit [www.sportstravelnet.com](http://www.sportstravelnet.com)

**LASA 2000 CONFERENCE (LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION)**

**TOURISM, COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

April 16-20

Miami, Florida  
<http://www.pitt.edu/~lasa/lasa2000.htm>

**NORTHEASTERN RECREATION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

2-4 April 2000

The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, on Lake George NY <http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/cashome/nerr.html>

**1999 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management,**

7 - 10 July 1999,

Brisbane, Australia

<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>

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trends Conference.**

17-20 September 2000.

Michigan State University, Michigan.

<http://www.prr.msu.edu/trends2000/>

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