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From the RTS Chair

Dear Group Members:

This year's annual conference of the Association of American Geographers was held in Los Angeles, 19-23 March, 2002. More than 70 papers were presented on topics related to recreation, tourism, and sport, many of which were organized in the five sessions sponsored this year by the Recreation, Tourism, and Sport (RTS) Specialty Group. The RTS-sponsored sessions this year focused on several themes, including Island Tourism Dynamics: Issues of Insularity and Culture; Tourism in the Developing World; The Human-Environment Interface in Recreation and Tourism; Tourism, Globalization and Culture; and Travel to the Promised Lands: Tourism, Space and Diaspora. The sessions were well attended and included many high-quality and interesting papers. Participation in this year's conference was notably global, including presenters from the United States, Canada, Austria, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Korea, Greece, and the United Kingdom. This trend toward globalization of the AAG conferences has grown notably in recent years. Let's hope that the RTS sessions of the AAG will continue to draw scholars from around the world. It seems to enrich our scholarly interaction.

I would like to thank all of you who worked hard to help organize and chair sessions at the AAG. By all accounts the sessions were a success. Thank you also to the individual presenters, who made the conference a success. I, the RTS Board and the group membership at large, wish to express our appreciation to Rob Bristow for his diligent service at the Newsletter editor over the past several years. Rob's efforts on the group's behalf have been valuable and timely. Our thanks also go to Bob Pfister, who has graciously volunteered to be our new newsletter editor. His work in this endeavor commenced with the editing of this June issue of the newsletter. Thanks go out to Bob too, for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

This newsletter includes important information about next year's sessions in New Orleans. I wish to invite all of you to read over the proposed sessions carefully and get in touch with the organizers if you have an interest in being a part of any session.

I will look forward to seeing everyone again next year in New Orleans. We're bound to have a marvelous time there.

Best wishes,
Dallen Timothy
Arizona State University

Many thanks to Rob Bristow for his guidance and support which made it possible for me to assume the Newsletter editor duties in a timely manner. Without Rob's assistance, the transition would have been chaotic. Along with organizing this edition, I am beginning a 3,000 mile journey across country to begin teaching at East Carolina University in the Fall. So if you have been corresponding with me, or sending material to me, in British Columbia, please note my new email address which will be active as you receive this RTS newsletter.

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Call For Papers:
Association of American Geographers Meeting,
New Orleans, Louisiana
Proposed Sessions for March 4-8 meeting

At the RTS business meeting, several paper sessions were recommended for New Orleans. The suggested topics and organizers include the following:

Tourism in the Aftermath of September 11

Organizer: Jerry Gerlach,
Winona State University, USA

Tourism and Rural Development

Organizer: Robert Pfister,
East Carolina University, USA

Tourism and Globalization Processes

Organizer: Allison Gill,
Simon Fraser University, Canada

Transport and Tourism

Organizer: David Duval,
Otago University, New Zealand

Cross-border Cooperation in Tourism

Organizer: Theano Terkenli,
University of the Aegean, Greece

Technology and Tourism

Organizer: Nicole B. Duerrschnabel,
University of Cincinnati, USA

Landscapes of Tourism

Organizer: Anne-Marie d'Hautesserre,
University of Waikato, New Zealand

Recreational Activity Space

Organizer: Lisle Mitchell,
University of South Carolina, USA

Commodification of Music in Tourism

Organizer: David Truly,
Central Connecticut State University, USA

Ethnicity and Urban Heritage Tourism

Organizer: Dallen J. Timothy,
Arizona State University, USA

Urban Tourism/Renaissance of Downtowns

Organizer Rudi Hartmann
University of Colorado

Please contact these session organizers if you have any questions or desire to send expressions of interest. Also, if there is interest in additional themes to be included in this list, please feel free to contact:

Dallen Timothy (dtimothy@asu.edu),
RTS Specialty Group Chair.

Roy Wolfe Award

While the student paper awards and the Rooney Award were not given this year, the Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group awarded its annual 'Roy Wolfe Contributions to RTS Award' to Keith Debbage, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Greensboro for his extensive contribution to scholarship in the geography of recreation, tourism, and sport. Congratulations go out to Keith for this well-deserved honor.

RTS Membership Fees

Beginning next year, RTS membership fees for faculty/professional will be \$5.00. The student rate will remain at \$1.00. This slight increase is to facilitate student awards, conference field trips, and other group activities.

Website Courses

Society of Park & Recreation Educators (SPRE) has a Directory for Web Courses. SPRE is committed to providing a forum for interaction among recreation and park scholars, and for disseminating information about matters related to educational issues in the parks, recreation and leisure field.

http://www.prm.nau.edu/spre_web_courses_directory

This directory is a voluntary listing of park, recreation, and leisure studies' courses, certificates, and degrees offered by Society of Park and Recreation Educators (SPRE) member institutions. The directory is offered as an informational and educational service, it is not intended as an endorsement of any institution, course, certificate, or degree.

New Orleans 1978 - Historical Item

Did you know that the general resolution to support the creation of Specialty Groups within AAG was passed 25 years ago at the annual meeting in New Orleans? Further details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor

Publications

The following new books, or monographs, by RTS members are now available:

Dr. Geoff Wall

The Vulnerability of Winter Recreation to Climate Change in Ontario's Lakelands Tourism Region and Contemporary Perspectives on Tourism

For additional information, contact Geoff Wall,
Department of Geography, University of Waterloo.
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Upcoming Conferences

ISLAND TOURISM - A conference being planned in Greece. Contact Theano Terkenli t.terkenli@aegean.gr and see the Website
<www.chios.aegean.gr/tourism/base_gr/htm>

2002 NRPA ANNUAL CONGRESS October 15-19 in Tampa, Florida, is the premier education, training opportunity and trade show for the Park and Recreation industry. The 2002 NRPA Annual Congress and Exposition will take place at the Tampa Convention Center.

I.G.U. REGIONAL CONGRESS - 4-7 August 2002 - Durban, South Africa - Theme: "Geographical Renaissance at the Dawn of the Millennium"

ECOTOURISM, WILDERNESS AND MOUNTAIN TOURISM: Issues, Strategies and Regional Development - 27-29 August 2002 -Dunedin, New Zealand - This conference will follow the IGU Regional Congress in South Africa (see below), enabling some participants at both conferences to take advantage of a round-the-world air ticket. For information, contact C. Michael Hall, e-mail: cmhall@business.otago.ac.nz

CHINA TOURISM CONFERENCE: Yichang City, Hubei Province / Yangtze River Three Gorges - with the Commission on the Geography of Tourism of the China Geographical Society - September 2003 - precise dates TBA - Jigang Bao (Zhongshan University, China; E-mail: eesbjg@zsulink.zsu.edu.cn) and Alan A. Lew (Northern Arizona University, USA; Email: Alan.LEw@nau.edu) - The conference will include a field trip to the Yangtze River Dam construction site and through the deepest of the three Gorges by boat.

MOUNTAIN RESORT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN AN ERA OF GLOBALIZATION - 25-28 September, 2002

- Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA - organizers: Rudi Hartmann, Alison Gill and Tom Clark. For further information please contact Rudi Hartmann <rudi.hartmann@cudenver.edu>.

Rudi reports an exciting program is prepared and details are available at www.cudenver.edu/gges/mtntour.

Keynote speakers, addresses and special sessions include:

- Myles Rademan (Salt Lake City Olympic Games Organizing Committee/Park City): *"Olympic Experiences and Sustainability"*
- Kurt Culbertson, (Design Workshop, Inc. Aspen): *"International Trends in Mountain Resort Planning and Development"*
- Terry Minger (Center for Resource Management): *"Organizing Mountain Stewardship: International Perspectives"*
- Simon Milne (Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand): *"Ski Areas and Sustainable Community Development: Experiences from 'Down Under'"*
- Friedrich Zimmermann (University of Graz, Austria): *"Cross-Border Cooperation in Tourism Planning in the Alps: Problems and Progress"*

Special Sessions on Ski Resort Development in Colorado/Western U.S. and Canada; Affordable and Employee Housing in Mountain Resort Areas; Community Development, Land Use Planning and Growth Management in Mountain Resort Areas; Preservation Issues in the New Resort Economy of the Rocky Mountain West; Amenity Migration; Transportation Planning; The New Urbanism Concept in Mountain Resort Areas; Globalization & Mountain Tourism; Globalization, Tourism and (the New War on) Terrorism: What Does it Mean for Mountain Communities?"

The conference offers five field trips including a ranch tour and an ecotourism hike in/near Steamboat Springs as well as a full day trip to Vail Valley. The deadline for *early bird* registration is July 15, 2002. For any further questions please contact Rudi Hartmann, University of Colorado at Denver rudi.hartmann@cudenver.edu.

Symposium on Experiential Education Research - Call for Abstracts

30th Annual AEE International Conference "Moving Active Learning Forward", November 7-10, 2002 Saint Paul, Minnesota www.aee.org

Canada-China Higher Education Project

Geoff Wall, University of Waterloo, reports on a project entitled "Environmental Training for Integrated Monitoring and Management in the Coastal Zone of Hainan Province, China". This project is now nearing

completion but forms the base of a new CIDA Tier 1 project, funded at almost \$4 million over six years, on "Eco-planning and Environmental Management in Coastal Cities in China" (Ecoplan China for short). Geoff is also providing input on ecotourism into a project on biodiversity protection and community development in Inner Mongolia. While these projects are not specifically on tourism but have a broader environmental orientation, all have substantial tourism components. Geoff was also recently awarded an SSHRC research grant for a project entitled -- *Authenticating cultural experiences in Hainan and Taiwan*.

The following theses have recently been completed at the University of Waterloo under Geoff's direction:

P. Xie, Authenticating cultural tourism: folk villages in Hainan, China, PhD, 2001.

K. Lemky, Linking information and decision making in Canadian National Parks, PhD, 2001

A. Giles, Exploring the social, environmental and economic aspects of trail surfacing decisions, MES, 2001

S. Kennedy, Protected area designation, conservation and community development: Dongzhai Nature Reserve, Hainan, China, MES, 2002

M.Stone, Ecotourism and community development: case studies from Hainan, China, MA, 2002.

A.Y. Liu, Human resources development and planning for tourism: Case studies from P.R. China and Malaysia, Ph.D., 2002.

Sustainable Tourism and Environment Program at University of Northern Iowa (UNI)

The U.S. Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education grant helps UNI expand program to provide service learning and research for tourism and the environment.

Dr. Sam Lankford obtained a Department of Education grant to implement a program that funds projects which connects tourism issues with environmental quality. STEP-UP (Sustainable Tourism and Environment Program-University Partnerships) builds collaborative relationships between students and faculty from diverse disciplines with industry and communities. The program will create opportunities for applied research and service projects that benefit Iowa's environment as well as its tourism planning process. UNI students are currently developing research proposals on a number of projects for tourism agencies in Iowa and beyond. Contact Dr. Lankford <sam.lankford@uni.edu> for further information.

Position Openings:

Research Associate - Recreation, Travel and Tourism Institute, Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina USA

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Presentation Options and Guidelines for the Annual AAG Meeting in New Orleans

For details and instructions on presentations refer to the latest AAG Newsletter (Vol 37 No. 6). For online information on New Orleans

- <http://www.geog.nau.edu/rts/sessions3.html>

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