

President's Message

Dear and Esteemed Colleagues,

Greetings from Jaipur, India and Ishwar Modi.

It was such a great pleasure meeting a large number of our members at the Barcelona Forum. The Barcelona Forum not only provided a very timely opportunity not only to meet and interact among ourselves but also with a large number of members of our collaborating RCs with whom we organized more than a dozen joint sessions on a large variety of themes of mutual interest. Our experience of working with our partner research committees has been very fruitful and satisfactory and as such we can look forward to working with them in future also. Now that RC 13 is a large committee we will hopefully be allotted more sessions by the ISA on the occasion of its next **World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, July 11-16, 2010.**

I would also like to remind the members to check the status of their membership with ISA. I would like to request all those whose membership is expiring by the end of December 2008 to immediately renew their membership both of ISA and RC 13. Your continued membership matters a lot since the number of sessions at the ISA Congresses are allotted on this basis. I also appeal to you to motivate such other friends and colleagues who are interested in leisure research or who you think can co-relate their research work to leisure to become members of ISA RC13. Though we now already have members from more than 30 countries but still there are many empty spots on our globe. Let us make an effort to reach everywhere, so far as possible.

I also take this opportunity to remind all the Barcelona paper presenters that those who wish to revise their papers in the light of discussions on their papers in Barcelona and the suggestions they might have received to update their papers as early as possible but latest by the end of April 2009 so that the process of the selected Barcelona Papers may be undertaken at the earliest.

I would also like to bring it to your kind notice that the Mid-term conference of the ISA Research Committee on International Tourism, with which we share cross interest, was successfully organized in India at Jaipur on the theme "**Ever the twain shall meet; relating international and domestic tourism**" during November 24-27, 2008. Several RC 13 members also participated at this conference.

You will recall that in my previous letter I had hinted about the possibility of ISA RC 13 holding its Mid-term conference in China. I had then also mentioned that this issue will also be taken up in the business meeting of RC 13 in Barcelona. I am delighted to announce that RC 13 has accepted the invitation of our member from China, Prof. Ma Huidi, to organize the RC 13 Mid-term Conference in Beijing, China. The detailed Call for Papers will soon be in your hands.

We are pleased to announce that the Young Leisure Scholar Award from amongst the papers presented by young leisure scholars at Barcelona, were presented to Philippe Terral, France and Leena Mary Sebastian, India by the decision of the committee constituted for this purpose. A Certificate of Commendation was also given to Inna Piskunova, Russia. All the three papers are attached with this newsletter. I once again appeal to all the members particularly those below the age of 40 years to participate for the **Young Leisure Scholar Award** by submitting papers for the ISA RC 13 Mid-term Conference in Beijing, China as per the attached Rules of the Award.

I would also like to bring it to your kind notice that in my role as a Board Member of ISA RC 15 (Sociology of Health) I will be organizing the ISA RC 15 Mid-term conference in India at Jaipur during September 21-23, 2009 on the theme “**Health for All: Opportunities and Challenges**”. I extend a very hearty welcome to you all to come to Jaipur and be with us. Let me also mention that Jaipur is one of the most sought after tourist destination in India and the beauty of this planned ‘Pink City’ of great heritage and architectural value will enchant you and will make you cherish its memories for long. The Call for Papers of this conference is attached with this Newsletter for your consideration of participation. Hopefully, a session of this conference on “Happiness in the Afternoon / Leisure, Health and Wellbeing” will definitely interest you.

I am keenly looking forward to receiving lot of queries from you about the ISA RC 13 Mid-term Conference in Beijing, China hopefully to be organized in October 2009.

I am still awaiting to receive the CVs from those who have not yet sent.

Best Regards,

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