

Editor's Note

The Barcelona Forum, as expected, went very well so far as RC 13 was concerned. The dynamic President managed to get many more sessions organised than expected. Unfortunately due to a major surgery that I had to undergo at that very time I had to miss attending the interactive event.

Among the eventful things that happened at the Forum was the Young Leisure Scholar Award that was given to two candidates. This was the first time that such an award was instituted by RC 13 in its long history. Three young scholars were recognised for their contributions to the Forum. The Award is expected to encourage younger researchers to work on the theme of leisure.

A mid-term conference – to be held in Beijing in October 2009 – was finalised during the Forum. This will be a good follow up of the leisure discourse since the World Leisure Congress had been organised in China at an earlier time.

So, RC 13 members have much to look forward to in the time *before* the Congress to be held in Sweden in 2010. Young scholars can also gear up to participate in the next competition for winning the award. The mid-term conference to be held in Beijing will be announced soon. Do keep a lookout and do not miss the deadlines for various submissions!

Till then we wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

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