

Editor's Note

Gothenburg with its numerous water bodies, gentle forests and traditional buildings proved to be ideal venue for the ISA Congress. The friendly trams making for ease of transport along with the possibility of walking to the venue at the well equipped Svenska Maasan made for easy interaction and exchange among the participants.

The Congress itself was overwhelming with thousands of delegates from all over the world, and more than 3000 papers presented.

RC13 itself with its phenomenal growth in the last four years offered a wide range of possible themes and topics for presentation. The number of Joint Sessions highlighted its interdisciplinary nature. Besides its own multiple sessions it held numerous sessions with other RCs that showed eager interest. This enriched the participating RCs by adding to the numbers of paper presenters as also to the variety of the themes they brought. Other than Health, Aging, Youth, Perception of the Body there were a number of sessions on Recreation, Sports, Tourism, Culture and many others.

The sessions of RC13 opened with the welcoming of old stalwarts in the field as mementos were given to them for their longstanding services to the cause of leisure studies.

A book, Leisure and Civilization: Interdisciplinary and International Perspectives, based on papers presented at the mid-term conference of RC13 held in Beijing, China in 2009 was also released. It was a very expeditious and good work carried out by Ma Huidi with help from Prof. Ishwar Modi.

With the growth in number of members it is now necessary that members keep the Secretary informed of their activities so that they may be posted on the Newsletter in order to elicit participation of other members who may be interested in those activities.

Efforts are on to bring out some publications based on the papers presented at the last few conferences of RC13. The papers will be selected by a small committee according to their value into the research being carried out in leisure studies.

I also want to thank all for the members for the new lease of Secretary-ship given to me through the unanimous election that took place at Gothenburg. Along with other members of the new Board I will try my best to help in making RC13 a more vibrant and interactive body so that it may maintain a place of prestige in the intellectual framework of ISA Research Committees.

We now look forward to active participation of all in the mid-term Congress to be held in Palermo, Italy in 2011. Detailed information about this Congress will be provided in the next Newsletter.

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